

Majors Creek Progress Association Inc
C/O Post Office Majors Creek 2622
General Meeting 27 October 2015
Minutes

Meeting opened at: 7:31pm

Attendance: Chris James, Lynda Vezgoff, Brian McDonald, Sandra McCarron, John Spring, Kate Spring, Sarah Waters, Steven Waters, Majorie Lemin, Randall Lemin, Karis Mullen, Brian Sanderson, Tony Riley, René Robertson.

Apologies: Annie Clarke, Rebecca Bigg, Hannah Gillespie, Donna Blowes.

Presentation & Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as true and accurate record of the 1st September 2015 meeting.

Moved: Sandra McCarron.

Seconded: Brian McDonald

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence Inward:

1. Letter from the Hall Trust dated 02.09.2015 thanking the MCPA for our contribution towards the refurbishment of the toilet block at the Reserve.
2. Letter from the Hall Trust dated 29.09.2015 regarding soft-fall at the children's playground acknowledging our offer to assist with the cost, and that they were going to investigate whether the considerably cheaper product available at Tegra meets the Australian Standards.

Correspondence Outward:

1. Sarah Waters emailed Libby Lindsay on 20.10.2015 at National Parks Braidwood, to say that the Majors Creek Falls Lookout was originally a Braidwood Lions Club initiative, and that the Lookout is in a state of disrepair and unsafe.
2. Sarah Waters sent a similar email to the Visitors Information Centre on 20.10.2015 regarding the Majors Creek Waterfall Lookout.

Business Arising:

1. Letter of support for the local Postal Agency, has not been sent yet as we are still waiting for Kate Mitchell to give us a contact and an address. Remove from business until Kate attends to the application.
2. Randall Lemin reports the repair of picnic table and benches by the bridge is complete. The amount to pay Randall carried at last meeting is amended to \$213 to cover the cost of project materials.
 - Sarah Waters will send a letter on behalf of MCPA to Randall Lemin, thanking him for his work on the picnic table restoration.

3. Steven Waters reports that the repairs to Clark's Lookout will be carried out as soon as possible. The Lions Club agreed at their meeting to pass on the management/maintenance to MCPA.
 - Sarah spoke to Tom Clarke as to whether he was still interested in making the repairs. At that stage, we had still not received a quote. He was indifferent when Sarah mentioned possibly noting on the sign his family history. Tom was happy for us to pass the work to Steven Waters.
 - Brian McDonald says he will organise the replacement Clark's Lookout sign.
 - Chris James reports that the new Ben Hall sign was erected yesterday. Peter Smith from Araluen, who researched and wrote the book, 'The Clark Gang', arranged, paid for, and erected the Ben Hall sign.

Motion: To write to Peter Smith, and thank him on behalf of the MCPA.

Moved: Brian McDonald

Seconded: Marjorie Lemin

Motion carried.

4. New Years Eve Ball plans. A suitable band has not yet been found, and music alternatives will be explored.
5. Bush dance.
6. The link to the MCPA Minutes on the MC Community Website, and the MCPA Facebook page has been established.
7. We were to start thinking about the tasks required on the lead up to the Musical Festival BBQ on the weekend starting Friday 20th November.
 - Lynda Vezgoff has put up a roster at the pub inviting people to volunteer in a particular time slot over the Festival weekend. This has slowly been filling up, however more people are needed to fill all shifts.
 - Brian McDonald offers to clean up the BBQ area.
 - Since the last GM, Donna Blowes, Lynda Vezgoff, Chris James and Sarah Waters have met to discuss tasks regarding the ordering of food and drink, etc.
 - Lynda reported on the ordering to date.
 - Lynda and Donna will not be available on the Music Festival weekend. Chris will be back for the Festival weekend, and will get together to organise things before she goes away. We need a coordinator in the days leading up to the Festival.
8. Sandra McCarron proposed at the last meeting that a seat be installed at two locations in the village as a courtesy to walkers, pram brigade, etc. Sandra and Kate Spring have explored the village for the best locations, and offered photos of their preferred sites.
 - Sarah Waters researched seating options based on concerns of aesthetic appeal, and offered photos and some prices.
 - Brian McDonald suggested at the last meeting we consider the little triangle of land opposite the end of George Street owned by Rudi Stachow. This idea was dropped in favour of alternative sites.
 - Chris James happened upon two identical green steel benches on eBay. She purchased them for \$50 each on the chance that MCPA would approve of them, with a plan B in place if it

- didn't. Her company paid for freight.
- Brian Sanderson expressed concern that the benches may require council DA approval.

Motion: To accept the benches that Chris acquired, and pay her \$100 for them.

Moved: Kate Spring

Seconded: Majorie Lemin

Motion carried.

9. Last meeting, Annie Clark proposed that membership to MCPA be via application with annual renewal, that an appropriate membership fee be considered, or a free membership considered.
 - Brian McDonald suggested that this is in fact a rule we should be following.
 - Sarah Waters suggests that we could have a membership drive every Christmas Party. The usual \$5 per family could include membership to MCPA. Simple forms could be filled in on the day.
 - Chris James suggests the reason MCPA abandoned 'membership' was because of an issue regarding insurance coverage for members. Following discussion at the last GM, Chris James got a quote for insurance to cover volunteers. At the committee meeting attended by Chris James, Donna Blowes, Lynda Vezgoff and Sarah Waters to discuss the Music Festival BBQ, an executive decision was made to take out an insurance policy to cover volunteers so we have coverage in time for the Music Festival in November. Donna sent a cheque for \$266.10, and we now have a policy.

Motion: The MCPA Constitution to be amended at the next AGM.

Moved: Majorie Lemin

Seconded: Kate Spring

Motion carried.

General Business:

1. Motion: People wishing to act in a MCPA capacity, in the form of phone calls, emails, or face-to-face conversation, should only do so if they are given that task at a meeting following due process.

Sarah Waters, speaking for the motion: Other members should have an opportunity to advise for, or against, the action, especially if they consider the action inappropriate. This also protects members from backlash resulting from the action. There have been some recent incidents (three come immediately to mind) that have had a negative impact on progress in the village. This proposal is required if a healthy working relationship between MCPA and other groups, in particular the Hall Trust, is to be maintained.

Moved: Sarah Waters

Seconded: Brian McDonald

Carried.
2. Chris James reports that she has been asked by people what happened to the money given to the Hall Trust towards gravel for the road at the Recreation Ground (GM 24th September 2014).
 - Brian McDonald suggested that if the Hall Trust were formally asked in a letter, they would duly reply to it.
 - Sarah Waters to carefully draft a letter.

3. Hannah Gillespie asks MCPA (phone call to SW) what the progress is on the soft-fall for the children's playground on the lead up to the MC Music Festival?
 - Chris James confirms that the cheapest quote from Tegra's Queanbeyan yard is Certified, and complies with Australian Standards.
 - Chris James reports Canberra Sleeper Company quoted \$1532+delivery.

Motion: That MCPA covers the entire cost of \$1380 for the soft-fall from Tegra.

Moved: John

Seconded: Kate

Motion carried.

- Chris James will arrange delivery. People will need to lend a hand with their shovels when it arrives.

Motion: That MCPA notifies the Hall Trust of the arrangements regarding the soft-fall.

Moved: Majorie Lemin

Seconded: Lynda Vezgoff

Motion carried.

4. The MCPA section of the MC Community Website is outdated, and needs redeveloping, i.e.,
 - The MCPA blurb.
 - The President's Report tabled at each AGM could be displayed here, as well as our newly developed Constitution (pending the next AGM).
 - The Executive list displayed on the Website needs to be corrected. It was decided that contact details for the executives need not be displayed. There is an email address for the Secretary should someone need to contact us.
 - Department of Fair Trading requires contact details of Executives must be kept with documents.
5. The protocol for accepting Friend Requests to our Facebook page was discussed. Recently, there was a request to join the group from Andrew McIlwain, former CEO of Unity Mining. So far, his request has been ignored. It was decided to leave Andrew McIlwain out of the group.
 - Sarah Waters, the page administrator, has adjusted settings so the administrator must approve a friend request, even if a group member suggests the friendship.
6. Also, Sarah Waters has been the only Facebook page administrator since Annie Clarke relinquished the role. It may be wise to add a second administrator.
 - Chris James suggested Rebecca Bigg could fill the role.
 - Sarah will ask Rebecca.
7. Hannah Gillespie asked a question on the MCPA Facebook page that was directed to the broader community. She asked: Does anybody have a double bed for one of the Festival's headliners, Heath Cullen, and his partner? Sarah Waters is not aware if an arrangement has been found. Lynda Vezgoff informs us that Sue has put up her hand.
8. René Robertson suggested a shade structure be installed over the newly refurbished picnic table near the creek.
 - Sarah Waters will do some research, as it may be possible to combine several initiatives on

one council DA, i.e., the benches to be installed around the village, the shade structure, and possibly the information sign discussed at previous meetings.

9. Brian McDonald reported on the Hall Trust's grant success, securing picnic tables, park benches, and a shade structure for over the picnic table to the value of \$8000.
10. Randall Lemin suggested we take advantage of the Green Army, as advertised recently in the Braidwood Times. It was the Green Army that originally carved the track from the Falls to the Bridge, and they could be asked to revisit that project. Another potential project for the Green Army could be maintenance (spraying broom) in the Crown Lease, that we call the Common, between Uri's place and Bill's place.
 - Chris James offered to contact the Green Army and discuss their willingness to get involved.
11. John Spring reports of the trees planted along Majors Creek Road, six have died, but all the rest are looking good. John suggests the six casualties should be replaced in the Winter.
12. Tony Riley expresses concern over the speed of traffic along George Street and Hill Street.
 - René Robertson suggested a message on the chalk board reminding people to slow down.
 - John Spring previously reported the problem to Area Command at Queanbeyan. They were sympathetic, offered to count traffic, and did not follow up any further.
 - Chris James will chat to the local police and ask their advice on what can be done.
13. Brian Sanderson suggested that the rubbish (old cars, water tank, etc.) at the bottom of the gully up Red Hill Road on the left, which was the old tip, could be removed by council if it were brought up to road level. It was agreed this was a mammoth task, and may not be achievable.
14. Brian McDonald remarked there is a car parked on the nature strip on George Street that has been there for years. Brian suggests the car is not only an eyesore, but a traffic hazard, and it is not acceptable that it has been dumped in that location.
 - Sarah Waters will email records at the council, and ask what council can do about it.
15. Brian McDonald asked MCPA whether the Newsletter he writes is worth his effort as someone remarked they didn't read it. It was agreed that it certainly was worthwhile. The MCPA values the Newsletter, and Brian's contribution to the village.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1st December 2015 7:00pm at the Recreation Hall.

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm

Secretary:

Sarah Waters

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