

Minutes, Moonee Creek Co-Operative - 19 April 2008

Meeting commenced at 6.10pm.

Present: Graham, Julia, Garry, Shaun, John, Peter, Rhona, Tilman, Charlotte, Glyn Howells, Charles, Penny, Nobuko

Apologies: Tuyet, Annette

1. Succession Planning

Graham spoke to his notes in relation to succession planning. The notes are on the farm website (thanks to John).

2. Response to bike letter

Penny spoke to the response from DSE re trail bikes. Penny described the letter as a "bureaucratic" response. There was a general discussion about trail bikes. Penny to respond to DSE and thank them for the letter and indicate we are looking forward to contact from Neil McClelland and meeting with him to discuss the issue. We also recognise the blitz over Easter.

3. Glyn Howells and purchase of share

After a short discussion the members present unanimously resolved to issue 12,000 new shares to Glyn (to be allotted under Rule 8(6)(a)) and to admit Glyn as a member of the Co-Operative. Glyn to pay \$27,000 to the Co-Operative for the shares, plus \$2,500 gate fee. After some discussion it was resolved to pay each of the existing 7 share holders the money that they paid to the Co-Operative to cancel Grevis and Dee's shares in February 2001. This means that from the funds that the Co-Operative will receive from Glyn a sum of \$1,614.30 will be distributed to each of the current 7 shareholders.

The balance of the \$27,000 will be retained by the Co-Operative but each current member will not be required to pay further levies (other than levies already owing) until the "bank" is exhausted. In other words they will get a levy contribution holiday until the surplus funds (excluding the gate fee) are exhausted.

Graham to explore other options to allow farm members to access the surplus funds earlier if it is practically and legally possible.

Glyn will continue to pay the levies that are struck for each year and Glyn will not be eligible for a levy contribution holiday.

Penny will need to record the issue of the shares in the Share Register and give Glyn a Certificate after payment has been made. Treasurer to issue receipts to Glyn.

4. Water infrastructure

Shaun and Tilman provided a report and presented maps showing the water distribution on the Co-Operative and elevations for present locations of water storages.

Shaun noted that solar pumping is an option up to the level of Tilman's tank. This option would cost approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000 for panels and control and pump (not tank). This would allow 3,400 litres per day up to 70 meters in height to be pumped. In other words if a 36,000 litre water tank was installed it would take 10 days to fill.

Shaun said that it would essentially be a back up water supply.

Tilman emphasised that this was not a specific proposal, just information.

Shaun indicated that it might be possible to get a cheaper system (at nearly half the price) but its quality could not be vouched for. He noted that there may be a rebate on solar panels.

Existing system

Shaun noted that the back creek supplies water to the orchard tank which supplies the Roses, John Hamilton and Penny and Charles. The back creek has not been reliable in the last few years. The Ruff's have their own rain water system. The Murphys have one large rain water tank and pump up the hill which is connected to the turbine.

Penny noted that people need to think about what they need and what their expectations are regarding water supply. Do they expect the Co-Operative to provide back up or have an individual system?

Tilman noted that we don't fully capture current rain water possibilities from rooves and we need to think about better ways to capture rain water.

Charles noted that there seems to have been a permanent change in the climate and that we should look at rainfall and stream flow reductions. Charles to report back.

Actions

People are to send to Tilman their roof area and capture potential and Tilman is to report back to the next meeting.

5. Tennis court pricing

There is an email from Uki. She noted that Riverina Sports Services in Albury say the basic cost of a tennis court (synthetic) is \$40,000.

Agreed to defer the issue of a tennis court to another meeting and to thank Uki for her help.

6. Treasurer's Report

Rhona presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting to be on the weekend of July 19/20.

Facilitator: Rhona

Venue: Tilman and Charlottes

People to email Rhona with agenda items and work day tasks.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm

Treasurer's Report for Moonee Creek Co-operative

12.4.08

Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
19.01.08	Balance brought forward...			\$2663.18
28.12.07	Commonwealth Bank (audit certificate)	\$ 30		\$2633.18
21.01.08	Commonwealth Bank (safe custody)	\$ 27.50		\$2605.68
23.01.08	J. Furphy and sons	\$ 55.45		\$2550.23
25.01.08	G. Smith / J. Coffield (levies 07/ 08)		\$600	\$3150.23
22.02.08	G.J. Wallace (levies 07/ 08)		\$600	\$3750.23
22.02.08	P. and R. Rose (levies 07/ 08)		\$600	\$4350.23

Opening Balance \$ 2663.18

Total Debits \$ 112.95

Total Credits \$ 1800

Closing Balance \$ 4350.23

Levies paid for 2007/8 are:

*Wallace \$600

*Jones \$100

*Ruff/ Laemmle \$600

*Hamilton \$600

*Rose \$600

*Coffield/ Smith \$600

Thank-you to those members whose levies are up to date.

Levies owing for 2007/8 are :

* Murphy \$600

* Jones \$500 (Paid \$100- 14.11.07)

Please pay any outstanding levies asap.

Thanks, Rhona