

Moonee Creek Co-operative Meeting 10/11/2007

Present: Graham, Julia, Rhona, Tilman, Charles, Garry, Glynn, Penny, Nobuko, Shaun, John

Apologies: Annette, Tuyet, Peter, Charlotte.

Facilitator: Rhona

Minutes: Garry

Timekeeper: Penny

Location: John and Tuyet's

Meeting started at 8:15 after a delicious dinner.

Business:

1. **Motorbikes:** Penny said that motorbikes and quad bikes were having a significant impact on local communities. She suggested that we write to the DSE with our grievances and ask for a 'bike officer' and emphasise that they need to be available on weekends.

Charles said that we have had to put up with bikes every weekend. John suggested that we contact Ivanhoe to get their support. Graham said we should send a copy of any letter we write to the Minister. Shaun said that he thought the government recognised the problem and were working towards a program to address the issue. Julia pointed out that James Reserve was where many bike riders camped, and that a range of problems had occurred there.

ACTION: Penny to write a letter to DSE and the Minister that focussed the attention on this area. All our names and signatures should go on this letter.

2. **Tree Planting:**

Peter wanted to thank Charles and everyone involved in the planning and implementation of the recent tree planting. Also thanks to Shaun and Nobuko for the use of their house for the Bar-b-q.

3. **Farm Maintenance Plan:**

Charles wanted to bring attention to the longer term farm maintenance plan. He said that the slasher is working fine, but was 'iffy'. It had a refit 10 years ago but we may need to consider replacing the drive shaft and two universal joints for a cost of \$230.00. The alternative is a new slasher which is valued at \$ 2700.00.

The tractor also needed consideration and we needed to remember the risk factor associated with the tractor breaking down.

ACTION: Shaun to list maintenance requirements for the next meeting.

4. **Friends of the Farm:**

Glyn has been a Friend of the Farm for a number of years. He sent a letter to Peter indicating his interest in becoming a shareholder on Wednesday 5th September 2007.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
28.6.07	Balance brought forward....			\$ 3347.20
19.7.07	Beaurepairs- Tractor maintenance	\$150.00		\$ 3197.20
27.7.07	Gary Wallace- levies		\$1100.00	\$ 4297.20
15.8.07	FOF Glyn Howell		\$ 10.00	\$ 4307.20
20.8.07	P & R Rose Levies		\$ 500.00	\$ 4807.20
31.8.07	Sandy Rd. (trees)	\$ 625.00		\$ 4182.20
25.9.07	Benalla Rural City Council (Rates)	\$ 1827.70		\$ 2354.50
26.10.07	Penny Jones (food for tree planting)	\$ 140.35		\$ 2214.15

28.6.07 Opening balance \$ 3347.20

Total Debits \$ 2743.05

Total Credits \$ 1610.00

26.10.07 Closing balance \$ 2214.15

Outstanding Levies for 2006/2007

- Jones \$500
- Murphy \$500
- Laemmle/ Ruff \$500

6. Electrical Infrastructure:

Tilman said he had talked with TXU about an interactive inverter. He said the cost of connection to the grid is \$27,000.00.

The question was asked about how individual houses connect in.

7. Farm Water Infrastructure:

In answer to the question raised at the last meeting about the farm water tank set up and how to calculate the farm water usage, John mentioned that the household water usage for 5 people was on average 700 litres/day. A family of 4 with no garden would use 500 litres. 20 litres per day was the minimum. John provided a brochure that included all these figures.

John said he had included a link to this information on the farm webpage.

This would be looked at during the next meeting.

8. Apple Mint:

Shaun said that he believed that the best way to control the apple mint problem was to limit it's spread. This included cleaning out the slasher after cutting the mint. If the problem became serious then it would have to be treated with

Round Up, Brush Off, and a wetting agent. This would need to be done year after year and may be the cause of damage to water courses.
Penny mentioned that we would also need to clean the ride on mower after cutting mint.

9. Attendance at farm over summer:

The question was raised about when people were going to be here over summer. A paper was circulated for people to record their dates over summer. The question was raised about what would be done if there was no one here at some time over summer.

10. Update farm member's phone numbers:

[(John) Removed from web version of the minutes. See emailed copy sent by Garry.]

11. Graham and Julia's House and Shed:

Graham and Julia clarified their plans for their house and shed. It was pointed out to them that it was good to build the shed first.

12. Oak Trees:

Garry gave an update of the progress of the oak trees that he planted at the last work day. They were more than successful. There was discussion about the distance (7 metres each side) from the power line that trees needed to be to meet power company guidelines. Garry agreed to plant trees outside these guidelines.

13. Workday times:

Penny raised the point for clarification of the workday times. They are agreed to be 1:30 Saturday and 9:30 Sunday a.m.

Meetings are to be in the evening.

We are all to meet at the tractor shed at 1:30 Saturday, and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

ACTION: Garry (the current facilitator) is to co-ordinate the next workday. They must also put the agenda together and send it out 2 weeks before the next meeting. The facilitator is to make sure they are at the next workday.

14. Fire Preparation:

The question was raised about any changes that may have been made to individual fire plans. Shaun pointed out that fire restrictions start on Monday 12th November which is about a month earlier than usual. He also mentioned that the landline emergency number is still 000, but that if there is no reception on a mobile phone there is a satellite activated emergency number of 112.

Charles suggested that we go over individual fire plans tomorrow.

John mentioned that there is a link to the DSE and Current Fire Map on our farm website.

Shaun pointed out that in case of fire the best advice is 'Stay or Leave Early'.

Charles mentioned that in case of fire wear goggles and dust mask; carry a torch and/or put on a headlamp; wear leather gloves; wear a helmet; wear woollen clothes.

15. Tomorrow's workday.

An inspection of all houses and the individual site fire plans. Also inspect the tractor shed to see it's fire plan.

16. Next meeting.

January 19/20th. 2008

Workday Sat. 19th.January.

Venue: the Jones'

Meeting finished 9:30 p.m.

Moonee Creek Co-operative AGM 10/11/2007

Started 9:30 p.m.

Present: Graham, Julia, Rhona, Tilman, Charles, Garry, Glynn, Penny, Nobuko, Shaun, John

Apologies: Annette, Tuyet, Peter, Charlotte.

Facilitator: Rhona

Minutes: Garry

Timekeeper: Penny

Location: John and Tuyet's

Last AGM (in October 2006) minutes were read and accepted.

Budget: Proposed Budget 2007-08:

Rates	2600
Audit	900
Bank Fees	100
Insurance	600
Tractor	500
Office	50
Pests and weeds	200
Repairs and maintenance	1500
Trees (purchase and planting)	660
Sundries	500

Total 7610

Levies for 07/08 at \$600 are now due.

Charles reminded us that the AGM must be held within 5 months of June 30th.

Co-op Office Bearers:

Treasurer-Rhona

Secretary-Peter

Directors-Julia Coffield, Garry Wallace, Shaun Murphy.

Meeting closed 9:57 p.m.