

Moonee Creek Co-operative
Meeting 31 October 2009

Present: Graham, Julia, John, Shaun, Gary, Rhona, Peter, Charlotte, Tilman

Apologies: Annette, Tuyet, Charles, Nobuko, Penny

Facilitator- Julia
Minutes- Rhona
Timekeeper- John
Location- Ruff's

Meeting started at 8.30pm after a delightful dinner!

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Accepted - John

Seconded- Shaun

Business

1. James Reserve.

Rhona expressed concern regarding fires which are legally lit and kept alight at James Reserve, on non-fire restriction days, but which still pose a fire threat to our farm. Suggested writing to Benalla Council regarding the issue.

Shaun stated that the reserve is controlled by DSE, not the council. Shaun (as a CFA member) suggested he is happy to talk to those who have lit fires, explaining to them the need for vigilance.

Graham suggested we request DSE to carry out a fire risk assessment of James Reserve.

Action-

Peter to write to Neil Cleeland requesting a fire risk assessment of James Reserve.

2. House Permits

Graham wrote to Justin Madden. Graham met with Justin Madden's chief of staff and a member of the department. They were concerned about setting precedents for subdivisions. It was explained to Graham that if the permit had no time restrictions, then it would still be current. Benalla Council issued Peter a copy of the permit which has no indication of a time restriction. We expect the council will come back to us explaining that we do have permission to build eight dwellings and a community building.

Glyn expressed thanks to Graham for the work he has put into dealing with this matter.

Action-

Peter to go to Benalla Council to personally inspect a copy of the file to see if the original permit has anything on the file to indicate a time limit on the validity of the permit. Peter to email Graham with the outcome of the inspection as soon as possible.

3 Fire Bunkers

Charlotte has had discussion with Paul Haar. Fire bunkers are very expensive. Paul Haar has suggested that roof sprinklers and another water tank would be useful further fire protection for the Ruff's house.

Paul Haar would be willing to advise us further if we want.

Shaun stated that ideally fire bunkers need to be very close to the house for quick evacuation- a maximum of 40 metres.

Glyn stated that in a bad fire situation visibility may be as little as one metre.

Shaun discussed the possibility of having a large bunker for people to evacuate to if they were not able to stay and defend a house. Need concrete floor, concrete walls, a substantial roof, set into the ground, entrance facing the direction of least risk and have an air tight door. Oxygen would be sucked out and replaced with smoke, if door not properly sealed.

There was discussion about the advantages/ disadvantages of oxygen tanks.

Graham stated that the Rose's house is our designated fire refuge.

Shaun reported discussion at local CFA meetings regarding:

- The dangers of traveling on local roads during and after fire due to poor visibility, fallen trees, roadside fires, etc.
- People not able to fight a fire, should not be there.
- In open areas, people need protection from radiant heat.

Graham stated that the only limitation to the Rose's house as a fire refuge is the limitation of their water.

Charlotte suggested each house getting more water tanks.

Consensus was to continue using the Rose's house as the communal fire refuge.

4. **Treasurers Report** tabled the next day, see attached.

Work day tasks to focus on fire risk reduction- Creating bonfires to burn around houses and sheds. Clearing leaves, etc from machinery shed roof. Cut and poison cherry laurels. Slash grass.

Meeting concluded at 9.40 pm

Next meeting / work day

Feb 6th and 7th 2010

Venue- Rose's house.

Facilitator- Rhona

Minutes- John

Time Keeper- Gary

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Meeting commenced at 9.40pm
The minutes of the 2008/2009 AGM were presented and accepted.
Moved- Graham
Seconded- Peter

The audit for 2008/2009 was presented and accepted.

Office Bearers for the year 2009/ 2010 are
Secretary- Peter Rose
Treasurer- Rhona Rose
Directors- Julia Coffield, Gary Wallace, Shaun Murphy

Budget for 2009/2010

Rates \$2,200
Audit \$900
Fees \$100
Insurance \$700
Tractor \$1,000
Office \$50
Pests/ weeds \$400
Maintenance/ Repairs \$500
Track maintenance \$3,000
Trees \$200
Sundries \$200
Diesel \$600

The meeting set the levies for 2009/2010 at \$800
Moved John
Seconded Shaun

Meeting concluded at 10.35 pm

Treasurer's Report for Moonee Creek Co-operative 31.10.09

Operating account				
3/07/2009	Opening balance			\$4,142.92
		Debits	Credits	
6/07/2009	chq from Murphy		\$100.00	levies owing
6/07/2009	cash Glyn levies		\$600.00	levies owing
8/07/2009	postage	\$11.35		
31/07/2009	bank fee	\$0.20		
18/09/2009	farm audit	\$924.00		
18/09/2009	SAS Agriculture	\$917.80		tractor hydraulics repair
23/09/2009	cheque book fee	\$3.50		
27/09/2009	Rates	\$2,018.33		
27/09/2009	bank fee	\$27.50		safe custody
27/10/2009	Benalla City Council			doc search \$30 unrepresented
TOTAL		\$3,902.68	\$700.00	
5/11/2009	Closing balance			\$940.24
Investment Account				
	Opening balance			\$17,433.83
		Debits	Credits	
21/08/2009	interest		\$164.79	
TOTAL		\$0.00	\$164.79	
5/11/2009	Closing balance			\$17,598.62
FARM BALANCE				\$12,638.98 (Total of both accounts less pre-paid-levy kitty - see below)

BUDGET			
	2009/10 budget	\$9,850.00	
	Surplus		\$2,788.98 (Farm balance less budget)

Pre-paid levies				
		Debits	Credits	
	Opening balance		\$15,699.88	\$2242.84 x 7
2008/09	levy payments	\$4,200.00		\$600 x 7
2009/10	levy payments	\$5,600.00		\$800 x 7
2010/11				
TOTAL		\$9,800.00		
	Closing balance			\$5,899.88 (Kitty - pre-paid levies remaining)

* It was agreed to set the levies at \$800.

* Our **term deposit** money is about to mature. I have indicated that we want to transfer \$2000 of this to our everyday account. Most of our larger expenses are expected in about 10 month's time, so it seems fine to leave the bulk of the money in our term deposit.