



Montville Village Association Minutes of General Meeting

October 26, 2009

7 pm

Quorum not met informal discussion only

Welcome and Apologies

Alison Rexa, Heather Lewis, Barry Brady, Matt Roy, Brian McLennan

Minutes of Last Meeting – September 28, 2009

Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising

New Members

Correspondence Inwards

- World Vision Gift Options for Santa night and Carols Night
- Heritage Council
- Range Crier
- Encompass magazine
- Margaret Cook email –notifying work is on track deadline expected to be met for submission of draft Heritage Conservation Management Plan at the end of November
- Arts Connect regarding the masterplan project for the sportsground

Correspondence Outwards

- Event applications and risk assessment to SCRC for Santa and Carol Nights
- Invitation to Margaret Cook to attend local produce markets in November
- Fax to Les Gittens ordering sportsground signage



Business Arising from Correspondence

None

Treasurers Report

Bank Reconciliation Statement of MVA				
For the Period 28 Sep - 26 Oct 09				
Credit Balance as per bank statement - 30 September 09				14890.06
Add deposits not yet credited	October market		1342.55	
	Float return		200.00	
	Hall proceeds -			
	Christian Outreach Centre	350		
	AT & JA Fish	500		
	JW & MW Norton	300	1150.00	2692.55
				17582.61
Less Unpresented cheques/Accounts to be paid				
	1684	Deborah Davis - reimburse for rum for Anzac Day		29.99
	1803	Registration of trailer - replace lost - reimburse A Rexa		22.75
	1816	Hall Caretaking		240.00
	1819	Reimburse Judith Sinnamon for Sept & Oct market		340.44
	1820	Float for market		200.00
	1821	Reimburse Deb Davis for sausages for market		79.30
	1822	Sharyn Peacocke - Web maintenance		66.00
	1823	Gregory's Fire Service		41.80
	1824	AGL for hall		384.90
	1825	Montville Village News		12.25
	1826	AGL for Sportsground		575.43
				1,992.86
		Balance as at 26 October 2009		\$ 15,589.75

Business Arising from Treasurers Report

Pam Maegdefrau commented that it is terrific that the markets and hall have been extremely successful in making the organisation sustainable. Congratulations to all involved. Colleen Brady agreed.

General Business

- **Purchase of Data Projector**

The executive has been considering purchasing a data projector for movie nights, conferences, as a way of making income. Commented that projectors vary between \$500 and \$5000. Probus just bought one for over \$1000.



Consider the cost of replacement of the bulbs as well as bulb life.

Michelle Felmingham asked if the projector would be hired out to other organisations because there will be a great responsibility on the MVA to maintain and operate the equipment for other organisations. There is also the risk of damage if the MVA did not keep direct control of the projector.

It was the general view of those present if a projector was purchased, it would not be wise to lend it out. Pam Maegdefrau mentioned the Maleny Film Co-Operative (contact - Leanne Farmiloe) a group of upcoming film makers would be worth approaching to discuss the viability of a projector and perhaps a joint effort for purchase and use.

- **Sportsground**

Following survey of sportsground, committee believes it would be wise of the MVA to seek nominations from the community to participate in the development of the Sportsground masterplan. A community wide appeal for interest to develop a masterplan to guide development into the future. Not only where and how it could be occupied but also the conditions on which community groups would occupy the grounds mutual obligations are currently not very clear. If anyone is interested personally in this issue please let the committee know and all community groups will be invited to participate.

- **Santa night and sausage sizzle on 9th Dec**

- **Carols Night on 21st December**

- **Time of Meetings / Membership**

Jenny said meeting quorums had been a problem and asked if the committee could compare attendances on Sunday afternoons and Monday nights. Colleen said this had been a problem in the past where meeting attendance declined as at times where there were no controversial issues in the community. It is possible to change the quorum with a change of our constitution, however as pointed out by Allan Felmingham this matter arose at the August General Meeting and it



was agreed to leave the quorum requirement unchanged. Allan suggested a smaller management committee. Ron Geyl said the larger committee was wiser to represent the community more fairly. Syd said his personal opinion was that a larger committee was preferable. From the floor it was suggested that the Executive Committee consider the possibility of alternating meeting dates and times to increase attendance and allow attendance from a diverse section of the community. Syd suggested a membership survey which will be considered at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Pam suggested having the meetings during the markets on Sunday. Pam also wanted to look at the membership procedure, the requirement to attend two meetings before becoming a member is unreasonable. Ron agreed that ownership of property or operating a business within the MVA boundaries should be sufficient adequate grounds for membership.

Syd proposed that these issues be looked at in future meetings.

- Relaxation of membership requirements being acceptable – strongly supported
- Survey of membership for preferred date and time of meetings
- Possibly alternating meeting times
- Advertising meetings put it in What's on
- Seeking editorial in local papers informing people that we OWN the hall and sportsground
- Put meeting notice in the hall window and posters in various places
- More contact with Jenny Mackay. Ron to ask.
- Colleen suggested November meeting be a Christmas meeting and bit of a celebration
- Organisation needs a “publicity officer” including letters to the editor
- Welcome packs for new Montville residents – come to first meeting and collect two new tubes
- Possible membership subcommittee to coordinate a membership drive.
- Not everyone is getting notices
- **MVA contribution to planning scheme**



- Allan Felmingham asked if the MVA intended to participate in the SCRC Planning consultation?
- A letter was read from correspondence out files stating MVA's intention to participate as a stakeholder
- Ron suggested that the MVA write a letter stating MVA priorities
- Pam suggested contacting Andrew Melville and BRLUPA about sending a letter working together
- General discussion on Iconic Place legislation boundaries, implications etc

Ron asked if a letter could be sent. Syd said a letter could be drafted but not sent until voted on. Syd clarified that this group does not want to see a change of planning other than that which is already legislated with iconic legislation. Ron would provide the letter from BRLUPA for a **discussion paper** to be distributed to membership.

- **Discussion of creating Montville biodegradable bags for local business and markets**
- Would have to work with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Judith already recycles Montville Coffee bags for sale at the Local Produce Markets.

- **How did the Festival of Walks Go ?**
- Ron reported that the inflow for business probably offset what would have been a poor trading period however he believes there is already positive flow on benefits and the festival suits the area – “this is why we live here”.
- Allan Lewis said the Maps were popular.
- General discussion on tourism promotion was held.

- **Richard Hill asked has the MVA had any input into the “Nature Based Plan”**
- Ron said he was aware of the plan. Richard said the plan would be published soon and a draft plan was sent to the EPA some time ago.



Reports

Fund-raising and Events Report

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

In order to accommodate a wedding at the hall as well as our market on our last October market day, we moved all of the indoor stallholders outside to the Eastern side of the hall. The new marquees arrived just in time to accommodate the displaced stall holders. The two 3.5m X 7.5m marquees fitted in to the landscaping perfectly, and the crowds seemed to follow the trail of bunting over to that side of the hall. Although they are quite heavy, requiring preferably 2 or more people to erect, they can be up in a matter of minutes. As the weather warms up we anticipate we will use this area more.

The markets grossed \$1342.55 for October. Expenses are not finalised as yet but are close to \$300. So the profit will be around the \$1000 mark.

It was great to have the rural fire brigade at the market to provide information to the public leading up to the bushfire season. So thank you to Mark Roderick and John Greer for organising this and for giving up their valuable time.

Thank you also to all of the volunteers who turn up every month to set up the markets and help with the breakfast.

SANTA NIGHT

As the school community has grown too big to have the Santa night inside the hall, the committee have decided to have it on the Village Green using the St Mary's hall verandah as the stage for the evening of Wednesday 9th of December. We have a few people from the school community involved in planning for the occasion. There is plenty of room for other people's input if anyone is interested in becoming involved.



AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

Tuesday 26th January is the date for Australia Day 2010. We are currently looking for more people willing to be on the committee responsible for putting on the breakfast and composing a program of events for that morning. If you are interested please let Matt Roy know.

POSSIBLE FUTURE FUND-RAISING AND EVENTS OPPORTUNITIES

The sub-committee are hoping that the MVA will purchase a new film projector and screen so that movie/information nights could be a possibility. They could also be used for "Rokwiz" trivia nights which have previously had to pay \$150 for hire of the projector on the night. A sum of money was donated by the Montville School P&C last year to the MVA to assist in the purchase of such equipment.

Montville State School Report
(see attached)

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm

Next Meeting: November 30, 2009 at 7 pm