

Executive Minutes 8/1/09

2/15 Sand St
Port Douglas

Meeting Opened 6.45pm.

Present

Alex Mateer, Meredith Walsh, Michael Rees, Qamar Schuyler.

Financial

Michael \$200 float

Alex spent/receipted \$14 for keys to the cottage

Michael gave Meredith \$50 for internet access

Executive Roles

Discussion and confirmation of Executive Roles will be forwarded to the next meeting.

Memberships

We moved to have all memberships current to Sept 1 with all renewals to be closed at the end of the month. In line with our constitutional responsibility to hold the AGM within three months of the end of the financial year, this will enable all members that wish to be current will be able to be so for Annual General Meeting. Due to membership renewal dates varying greatly, no members will be required to renew until this date. In the event, that the AGM is delayed (for reasons beyond our control) the closure date can be extended to accommodate the delay.

Website.

Meredith has obtained the up-load information from Tim and Australian Brides. The Executive will ratify all minutes through googledocs, and the minutes up-loaded to the website. Members will be let know when they are available.

In the near future, we will consider the possibility of updating the website, as well as setting up a LIPS gmail account.

Mailbox

Check Deborah Eastop's contact details.

Zach Wilson and Eliza Ryzner have made direct deposits. Alex will give Michael their completed membership forms.

Emails

CC'd emails to the executive will now be limited to those which the secretary decides is important for us all to view.

Computer

Meredith updated the insurance issues regarding the LIPS computer suffering water damage. She is making it a priority to have it returned to a Dell technician. (She is also prioritizing fixing her own computer which has a corrupted partition/hard drive failure.)

T-Shirts (quick version)

There's a seven day turnover for the t-shirts to be printed.

They will be jade green.

At the next BBQ we will take a group photo

If possible we will aim to provide them free of charge for the officially trained.

Roster and Volunteers Training (Alex)

The January roster is almost full. There are only six free days.

Meredith will check if the on-line roster is openly modifiable. If not, an email will be sent to all, so members can view it and get in touch with Alex to book.

The island and land based training have been a great success.

The most commonly asked question by trainers is about the weather. Meredith has drafted some basic information for volunteers which she will provide to Alex to distribute. BOM may run a weather workshop for LIPS. Alex asked BOM about the quality of the LIPS weather reports, and got a thumbs up from the experts.

Alex suggested that she run an update course for the volunteers Steve trained so all volunteers are on the same page.

When the Executive goes out to the island together, we will put together a list of "to do's" for the cottage.

Turtle Letter

Qamar will have a look over the letter, and it will then be sent out to Kathleen Swalling for her comment. If we have not heard from her in a week it will be sent out to the contacts Steve Edmonson suggested in his email with GBRMPA that he forwarded to us.

Incident Reporting of Turtle Hunting

Doon McColl has asked if volunteers will fill out an incident report form and ring the EPA twenty four hour compliance officer to notify GBRMPA when turtle hunting is observed at the island. Gathering this data is extremely important as it helps to understand current levels of hunting and may help to make the case for negotiating a TUMRA stronger. If volunteers are uncomfortable with ringing the EPA, please make a note of the incident and leave it on the island so that at least we can start to keep track of the numbers of occurrences. If you feel comfortable with taking photos, that is also helpful, though most helpful is to record the registration number of the vessel, if possible. Currently indigenous hunting is allowed under the Native Title Act, for anyone who belongs to the sea country in question. Alex's training will also include ways to sensitively record information when on the island.

Meredith will draft a letter to the membership generally, outlining the same.

Full Moon BBQ

A BBQ is planned for Wed 11th.

Next Executive Meeting
Low Isles Feb 7th/8th

Meeting Closed: 7.25pm.