

**MINUTES OF LIPS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT PORT DOUGLAS
ON WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: Qamar, Andrew, Jan, Nicole, Valda

APOLOGIES: Alex, Julia, Danny

AGENDA ITEMS:

New Treasurer

The committee was pleased Nicole has decided to continue on as Treasurer, supported by Danny and Carie to assist with banking and post office mail collection. Julia will do the membership data and membership correspondence. Nicole is to supply info to Julia when membership fees are received by bank transfer, mail or cash.

In future should an executive position be vacant, the executive committee should discuss nominations or volunteers before making decisions. This discussion should take place in person, not over email.

Correspondence In

- A letter from Terrain inviting LIPS to nominate an Industry member to be appointed to the Standing Independent Selection Panel. It was agreed that we were not in a position to nominate a member to this Panel.
- Cairns Regional Council sent a copy of the Master Plan for the Port Douglas Waterfront, as adopted in November. Andrew took the plan to read and will report back at the next meeting.
- Cairns Regional Council sent a letter seeking feedback on the attached proposal for the Four Mile Breach upgrade. The plan was viewed with positive feedback, and it was felt no further action need be taken.
- Annual PO Box renewal cost \$201 and Gazette bill for advertisements was \$74.20. It was agreed that next year, we should discuss changing the size of the mail box, which should be a considerable saving.

Correspondence Out

- We would hold off on the proposed letter to Mick Bishop, as Alex has been advised a decision has been made on the future of Low Isles, but does not yet know the outcome.
- A letter to be written to the Gazette regarding the Coastcare Walk. Alex to revise and send.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Report on Public Talk

The public talk given by Qamar was hugely successful with over 70 people in attendance. The Committee congratulated Qamar on her excellent presentation.

Report on Terrain NRM meet and greet

Andrew and Qamar attended this 'meet and greet' and had nothing to report.

Cheque signatories

Danny and Valda to become signatories, along with Nicole and Qamar.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Turtle Education Project

Qamar had a meeting with Hazel who is very keen to assist with the above project in taking thirty adults and children to Low Isles. Quicksilver has quoted \$1200, and Undersea \$1200, but Qamar to follow up other options to transport people to Low Isles.

There will be a talk on cultural practices, stories, snorkel with turtles, a BBQ and other activities. It is hoped this will take place in six weeks and Qamar is currently working on the logistics.

Qamar has a grant of \$500 from the Combined Club which she could use towards the cost of transport. Donations would also be sought and it was agreed that LIPS could cover the balance.

GRANTS

Past grant acquittal

- The Combined Club donated \$500, which can be used for the Turtle Education Project.
- The Mossman Bowls Club donated \$200 which was put towards signs. \$88 was paid to the sign writer and Nicole to follow up with Sally to see what amount is owing to her.

Future grants

Both the Combined Club and Mossman Bowls Club will be advertising current grant money in the near future.

- LIPS could apply for a Combined Club grant to assist Julia with her research project. Julia is to advise information and cost needed to apply for a grant.
- Qamar would like to apply for a Mossman Bowls Club Grant to produce and print a facts sheet 'on ten things to do to help turtles'.
- Caring for Country grant is due on 15th April and Qamar will put together a proposal for producing a children's book.

NEW BUSINESS

IGA Donation system

Nicole is submitting a form to IGA requesting tags for all LIPS members. If members do not shop at the IGA in Port Douglas, they could hand these tags on.

Participation in Carnivale Street Parade

Julia to email all LIPS members asking for interest and ideas if we are to be involved.

Island Management

As Alex was not able to be present, there was no further discussion on the management of numbers of the island. To be discussed at the next MC meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Ordinary MC Meetings

It was agreed that the date of the MC meeting be scheduled at the previous meeting. The next meeting to be held at 7.30 am on 8th April at the back of the Central Hotel.

Retreat to Low Isles

It was suggested an overnight retreat of MC members be held on Low Isles to discuss Island management issues at length. A suitable date is to be set after contact with members.

Full moon BBQ (Tuesday March 30th)

Patrick has advised he will organize this BBQ, which will be held on either the Esplanade or Stinger Park, depending on weather conditions.

Next Public Talk (July 10th?)

Qamar advised Dr. Alastair Birtles would be available to give a talk on Minke Whales on the above date, and she will provide further information at the next meeting, so arrangements can be made.

Valda to approach an operator for tickets to the outer reef which we can raffle prior to and on the night. Nicole to purchase raffle tickets.

It was agreed a sausage sizzle would be held prior to the talk.

General Meeting –

Qamar to set date, ideally in May, after MC retreat and before Carnivale.

OTHER

Bulletin board at Combined Club - We need to check with Alex whether the Notice board at the Combined Club has any LIPS information).

Bring skype for long distance participation

Qamar to organize.

Nomination of new members

Welcome to new members since last MC meeting: Carie Scott, Rupert & Juliana Russell, Margot Gordon, Diana Weyland, Maria Conway & Vlad Zajaz, Volker Bagdahn.

The meeting closed at 6:05