

Minutes of LIPS MC meeting on 7 May 2010 at Low Isles

Attendance: Alex and Jan

Apologies from Nicole, Julia, Andrew, Danny, Valda

Apologies from Qamar at the last minute

Minutes include input on some topics received by email from Qamar, Julia, Valda, Nicole

Meeting opened at 10:30 am

Financial matters

MC had not recorded a final costing for children's education trip and had not formally approved a specific amount to be spent on this project. While the trip was postponed due to weather, the matter of expenditure of a potentially large sum needs to be properly addressed before the trip is rescheduled.

A summary of the discussion that took place - March minutes quoted price of \$1200, with the plan of exploring some other options; On April 30, Q emailed Julia that the charter price for Undersea was \$1700. Everyone on MC needs to agree re spending \$1700/\$1200 before we proceed. Can everyone please email back their response to Julia, and she will collate? Are we committed to Undersea, or could we look at using private boats, as some LIPS members have boats ?

It was felt that in the future, with all significant expenditure, that everyone on MC should be emailed re final price before the decision to proceed is given, to avoid misunderstandings.

Suggested levy

MC asked to consider a suggestion from a member who proposed a \$10 levy per night to be paid by vols staying overnight in the cottage on the island and that resulting funds be used for renewing or adding to equipment in the cottage.

Jan and Alex thought we should avoid this for now - it makes things too complicated re deciding what to buy and administering the collection. People seem happy to donate items so far. For example we have had 2 offers of microwaves.

Julia and Valda opposed to a levy.

Nicole liked the levy idea, if the caretakers agreed.

Qamar thought it merited consideration.

Outboard service

On advice from Rick that urgent servicing was required on LIPS outboard motor, the service cost estimate of approx \$160 plus parts was circulated to MC by email on 30 April. Responses in favour received from Jan, Qamar, Nicole, Julia, Valda, Alex, hence this expenditure was approved. Subsequently the job was completed by Making Waves, cost including parts is \$217.80, Nicole requested to prepare a cheque.

Storage of LIPS barbecue

Proposed vote of thanks to Nicole and Sam for past storage of LIPS bbq.
Proposed vote of thanks to Heather and Cameron for providing a new storage place for the bbq at Port Catering.
Julia requested to write and thank all above.

Potentially an additional advantage in storing the bbq at Port Catering as they asked if they could use the LIPS bbq for functions and give LIPS a hire fee. We would simply advise them in advance when bbq unavailable due to a planned LIPS function.
This arrangement approved by Alex, Qamar, Jan, Nicole, Julia
Julia requested to advise Port Catering of the decision.

Master Plan for the Port Douglas Waterfront

Email report expected from Andrew on his review of the plan received from Cairns Regional Council.
No report received -deferred to next meeting

Grants

Gov't volunteer grants scheme - application for beach trolley cost submitted on 15/04/20, received confirmation of lodgement
A & R have ordered trolley. LIPS can reimburse when they find out re grant.

Qamar to present her ideas for book project and potential grant for this.
This item deferred.

Combined Clubs grant scheme expected soon. Alex, Qamar & Jan were all in favour of submitting an application for a grant to help pay for equipment towards Julia's project. Suggest Julia write grant proposal when announcement comes out, and circulate to rest of MC for comment and approval.
Julia wanted to defer action, seeking to discuss further with MC due to her concerns about conflict of interest.

Mossman Bowls Club - Qamar has submitted a proposal to create 1000 bookmarks with information on threats to turtles and ways to protect them.

Plan for GM 12 May

Advance apologies received from Julia and Nicole, both away.
Attendees have been asked to bring a plate to share.
Valda has booked the Community Hall
Julia has placed newspaper ad and requested mention in 'what's on' column.
Qamar may be away. If so, Jan has agreed to run meeting in her absence.
Alex to buy 'Post it' notes, Jan to bring pens and photos.

Jan couldn't see anything about photos in paper. Alex to ask Michael to announce on radio on Wednesday.

Julia requested to email all members and past members about the night, stressing photo aspect.

Valda to be asked if she could do tea and coffee.

MC meeting in June

Scheduled for June 8th at 5:15 pm (advance apologies from Jan)

Fullmoon barbecue

Scheduled for 26th June.

Patrick has volunteered to coordinate.

Julia to advise Patrick of the new date.

Nomination of new members

MC needs to confirm the following new members:

Rachel Akers, Louise Oliver, Solveigh Brandhorst, Kristen Bellerio, Lewis Butterss, Daniel Coulthard, Rose Coysh, Maddison Molcanovs, Justin Morris, Ellen Ottenhof-Neller, Samantha Pidgeon, Annie Rose, Kate Sheean, Charlotte Stannard, Simone Tesch, Keno Trebesch, Salome Villiger, Mathew Werner, Nadia Zigas, Angus McColl
New members nominated by Jan, seconded Alex, all confirmed.

Review of 1993 Low Isles Management Plan see next email

Alex and Jan discussed possible ammendments/additions to 1993 Plan, considered SWAT analysis of current situation on the island and strategic planning for the island. Prepared a draft of ideas to be presented to the next LMAC meeting (May 11th) & Stakeholders meeting (possibly Aug), which was circulated to all MC members by email for their input.

Meeting closed at 2:30pm
