

Minutes of General Meeting of the Amiens History Association

Held on Sunday 26 September 2021 at 2.00 pm

At the Amiens Legacy Centre

Present: Colleen Willis, David & Marlene Muir, Morwenna Harslett, Frank Arcidiacono, Denise Harslett, Karen Klemm, Peter Klemm, Heather & Don Dux, Barry Creed.

Apologies: Deb Wheeler, Alex Harslett, Roger Willis,

Confirmation of Minutes: Moved Marlene Muir seconded Colleen Willis that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence: As per list

Business Arising from Correspondence: Regarding the letter from Jenny Sherrin re the painting of a mural on the Cold Store at Pozieres. We felt that we had enough projects at present.

Treasurer's Report: as per attached report, which shows a reconciled balance of \$36575.13

Moved Peter Klemm, seconded Heather Dux. Carried

Correspondence: Inward:

Outwards: Volunteer roster by email

Moved Denise Harslett, seconded Marlene Muir. Carried.

Reports:

Memorial Park: Nothing further

History: Soldier Settler Passports are progressing slowly. Denise is creating a folder for each person on AHA laptop into which the passports and any supporting documents can be filed. Families need to fill in personal stuff. Denise cannot source suitable software to make this any easier.

Grounds and Landscaping:

The fire pump is installed. The RACQ grant has been acquitted.

John and Barbara Bowyer donated an 8x6ft awning, which is in Alec's shed. It is well made and could be of use to us if desired, perhaps to shelter the mower. The garden and lawn look well. Watering will soon be necessary. A roster needs to be drawn up. The heap of timber has been burnt. Will remove remaining bits soon. Roger is organising a meeting with Jade to discuss the merits of applying for grants so fund some track building in forested land.

Tour Groups:

While visitor numbers to the carriage on Sundays remain steady they are only a trickle. However we have been averaging a bus visit every 2 weeks from various groups including Masons, Probus, Alan from Maxitaxi and Jim Barnes with VIC groups. These patrons who call in out of hours time slots pay \$5 or 10/ head (depending on if they have morning tea) generating a steady income. Trinket sales are good (especially when Karen is our salesperson) as evidenced by the need for another working bee. President Morwenna will trial a general script for volunteers, to ensure some consistency.

Membership: Kaye McCullough and Toni Nandi were approved as new members. At our next AGM it was decided to extend membership to March.

Building and Maintenance:

Carriage deck has been oiled (& then walked on by someone with muddy feet)
No progress on the new build but a development is that council has brought it to a standstill with numerous questions & requirements. Ranbuild are trying to find solutions but also coming up against a brick wall just like I have. One issue is that the new build does not match the December 2018 Development Approval. Suggested we re-submit with Scott Cobon. I need to have a meeting with the Planning Dept of council to find out how to resolve this issue. Barry Creed spoke on Stage 1. We cannot have buses parked on sewerage pipes. We need to mark out car parks. Current driveway needs to be 8 metres.
Report was moved Karen Klemm seconded Marlene Muir. Carried.

Legacy Centre Stage 2: The BBRF grant process has been slowed by the virus, and the large number applications submitted. A decision can now be expected mid-October. Previously it was the 3rd quarter. As they have not attempted to 'negotiate' with us in any way. I assume we did not get that far in the process. Detailed feedback will be available for unsuccessful applicants who ask for it. Round 6 is now confirmed, but the conditions are not yet decided.

Publicity: Notice placed on Facebook for Belgian Lunch and posters distributed around town and at Sam's fruit Shop. Appreciation of outstanding effort on RSL, Terry and catering staff also acknowledged in Facebook. Ongoing requests for photos and stories of soldier settlers have been posted with results to be sent to Deb's email address.

Moved Heather Dux seconded Denise Harslett

General Business:

SDRC has appointed a consultant to put together their annual calendar. We need to pick another time for a luncheon/dinner to be put on the calendar.

The last weekend of October is the G/Bart weekend. We will open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. We need to make up a roster.

Signage: Morwenna Arcidiacono and Alex Harslett to do this. We should apply to council for tourist sign. Roger applied to change the entry to Armistice Way from Thulimbah to Cottonvale as there is a lack of signage at the entry. We need a more significant entrance. 7 metre silhouettes were mentioned. Frank Arcidiacono and Morwenna Harslett will follow up and approach Les Gladhill re the rail signs.

Next Executive Meeting will be held on Monday 1 November at 2.00 PM here.

Meeting closed at 4.10 pm.

AHA Treasurer's Report 26/09/2021

- . Bank Balance as at 25/09/2021 was \$36,575.13.

- . There will be 3 further payments to RANBUILD totaling \$27,170.00 (Delivery payment \$11,807.00, Concrete payment \$10,792.00 & Erection payment \$4,571.00).

- . Financial Report PDF is attached.

- . Significant Income since last meeting :
 - . Received a grant from SDRC for \$5000.
 - . Bus tours \$620.00

- . Bills paid since last meeting :
 - . Solar Blessing Pty Ltd \$5,399.99 (remaining cost of solar panels)
 - . Reimburse R & C Willis 170.36 (Trinket supplies)
 - . Reimburse R & C Willis \$104.50 (Freemason's lunch supplies)
 - . SDRC Rates \$45.30 (Lots 144 & 11)
 - . Reimburse P & K Klemm \$11.49 (trinket supplies)
 - . Reimburse P & K Klemm \$14.70 (small paper bags for sold trinkets)
 - . Ergon Energy \$46.12 (Electricity 30/6-30/7/21)
 - . A Betterway to Print \$176.00 (Ad in Granite Belt Magazine)
 - . RanBuild \$9,446.00 (Manufacture Payment)
 - . P & K Klemm \$117.48 (Decking Oil & Applicator, turps & concrete)
 - . R & C Willis \$220.49 (Trinket supplies & nurse material)
 - . A & D Harslett \$20 (morning tea supplies)☐

- . Bills still to be paid (\$1435.00)
 - . Belgian Lunch \$1435.00

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 - . Still waiting for some people to pay for their auction items approx. \$800. Previously published profit could be slightly higher due to some sales after the event. Hopefully have a final figure at the next meeting.

