

BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF THE ACT (Inc)

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2018

Attendees:

Cormac Farrell – President

Dermot Asls Sha'Non – Vice President

Phil Andrews – Secretary

David Segal – Treasurer/Assistant Training Manager

Alan Wade – Apiary Manager

Frank Derwent – Training Manager

Christine Joannides – Assistant Hive Manager

Introduction

1. The meeting was opened by the President at 1815.

Conflicts of Interest

2. No conflicts of interest were declared by attendees.

Treasurer's Report

- 3. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- 4. The Treasurer advised that a stocktake needed to be undertaken of equipment including suits. Books can be easily audited, as they are in the custody of the Librarian.
- 5. The Treasurer advised that Xero was being trialled for use to manage the Association's finances. The Treasurer advised that it could be linked to the Association's bank account and therefore, made managing transactions easier. The Treasurer will provide an update at a future meeting as to the status of the trial.

Action: Treasurer

Association Equipment

6. It was agreed that in addition to the audit of the Association's equipment, the state of the equipment was to be assessed. Any items that were beyond their economic life, beyond economic repair or no longer required were to be disposed of. A list of replacement or new items to augment the existing stock of equipment for loan to members was to be compiled for the Committee's review (and approval).

Action: Dave Segal

Community Grant update

7. The Secretary advised that the Association has had to withdraw from the Community Grant that had been approved by the Commonwealth Government. This was on account that access to the land required to site the proposed shed at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands site could not be guaranteed. Grant funds needed to be expenses before 30 June 2018, and a decision over whether the ACT Government would grant access to land would not be made until next financial year (FY18/19) at the earliest.

Website

- 8. Dave Segal proposed that the website be upgraded to a more modern and robust system. The Committee agreed that a new website was needed to improve the myriad of activities that were currently being conducted in a variety of web applications.
- 9. It was agreed that the new website together with a demonstration of its functionalities needed to be shown to the Members so that they knew what information the website contained and how to use the site. The Committee also needed a demonstration so they knew how to access the administrative functions. The demonstration to members would occur at the February 2018 meeting.

Action: Dave Segal

Toni Childs

10. The President advised that Toni Childs was interested in discussing future opportunities to collaborate with the Association. The President would provide an update at a future meeting.

Action: President

Other Action Items

11. It was agreed to hold an ad-hoc meeting on a date to be advised by vidcon or telecon on account that a number of agenda items had not been covered.

Action: Secretary

Meeting Close

12. The President closed the meeting at 1850.

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Cormac Farrell President

10 February 2018

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Phil Andrews, JP Secretary

10 February 2018