



Lenswood and Forest Range Community Association Inc.

Minutes for AGM
7:30pm Wed 8th Sept 2021
Forest Range Hall, 1263 Lobethal Road, Forest Range

Committee

President: Peter Stafford Vice-President: Chris Grant
Secretary: Chris Grant Treasurer: Danny McMahon
Committee members: Brittany Norris, Hayden Smith, Emily Brodie-Tyrell, Roger Schultz.

Chair Peter Stafford

Present Peter Stafford, Chris Grant, Danny McMahon, Brittany Norris, Hayden Smith, Rose Milton-Head, Cam Stafford, Irene Filsell: guest Melanie Selwood from Lobethal Community Association

Apologies Prue

Minutes of previous AGM put DM, sec BN passed minute accepted

President's report: 10th anniversary. Had a presentation last AGM by Kym Jordan on the Pocket Garden project. We have continued caring for Lenswood Centennial Park (LCP); maintain heritage trail, got AHC to mow, we have been weeding. AHC got Fed Grant for Bassian Thrush threat abatement works inc LCP. Wrote to Minister Enviro re junkyard at Lenswood. Ran outdoor cinema events to abide by COVID restrictions – Storm Boy, Babe, Young Einstein, Happy Feet and the Castle. Planning for Goldrush event 10th Oct. Thanks to FR Hall Committee. Moved PS, Sec HS report accepted.

Financial report: DM: less activity this year when we had a big turnover. Last year cleanout out the balance. Membership, cinema takings and costs, web cost. \$274.67 in the bank. To circulate membership form after the meeting to avoid handling cash. Put DM, sec Cam S

Positions declared vacant and election of Committee Members and Office Bearers (max of 8)

Chair: Chris Grant nominated by PS elected

Vice-chair: Hayden Smith nominated PS elected

Secretary: Peter Stafford nominated by CG elected

Treasurer: Danny McMahon nominated by CG elected

Public Officer: Chris Grant continue

Web Manager: Mal nominated pending his acceptance

Committee Members: Prue, Brittany Norris, Cam Stafford, Rose Milton-Head & Irene Filsell.

Signatories: DM, PS, CG.

Other Business

Next meeting

Chairperson's Report Lenswood & Forest Range Community Association 2021

This report marks the tenth anniversary of our association. Despite continuing difficulties and restrictions with the pandemic we have managed to have quarterly meetings and hosted several events and activities during the past year.

The year began at the last AGM when Kim Jordan, the president of the Lobethal Community Association gave a presentation on the "The Mill Road Pocket Forest, a bushfire recovery project which aims to establish an innovative demonstration site showing how home gardeners/property owners (including those who have been fire affected) can create a fire safer/fire retardant garden.

Our focus has been to continue our involvement with the Lenswood Centennial Park, with a view to caring for the Heritage Trail and improving the amenity for visitors.

We maintain the Heritage Trail by cleaning the information plaques and remove fallen timber. We were given a big help early in the year when Adelaide Hills Council staff brought in mowing equipment. Weed growth was removed adjacent to the trail, returning the area to its former parkland landscape.

We have gained approval from Adelaide Hills Council to attempt the control of weed growth on the eastern side of the park. We have registered our association with the Landscapes SA Board. We have been recognised as a volunteer group and are now covered by their volunteer insurance for activities including pulling weeds, cut-and-swab, brush cutting and the like.

Adelaide Hills Council has been successful as a key landholder in a Federal grant for Bassian Thrush threat abatement works resulting in a \$20,000 grant allocated for watercourse restoration at 4 key sites across Bassian Thrush habitat range – including the Lenswood Centennial Park. Our involvement in the park has assisted the council in gaining additional grant money for the project

A subcommittee met to discuss putting forward a proposal to AHC for a Nature Playground at Lenswood Centennial Park. It was felt that just a couple of elements build of timber, such as a swing and a climbing fence was sufficient and these could be complimented with features using the timber lying around in the area.

We sent a letter to the minister for the Environment putting forward a proposal that the SA Government make an offer to purchase the degraded property adjoining the Lenswood Centennial Park to extend the park. The proposal was supported by a letter from AHC councillor Chris Grant and the member for Kavel, Dan Cregan MP.

In contrast to our environmental conservation at the park, we adopt a scorched earth policy at Fred's Tank. We keep the ground clear so that our paint work is well on display but more importantly, drivers can have a clear view and see oncoming traffic from the left

We supported and promoted the AHC's Your Hall Your Hub campaign by having a display at the Lenswood Memorial Park Hall which included a presentation by CFS.

Covid plan restrictions during the year limited the size of indoor crowds so we ran a programme of outdoor cinema events.

The first outdoor pandemic version of the Forest Range Cinema was well attended by young families. Sited next to the hall on a cool evening, the unique setting was complimented by fire pits, bean bags, rugs, cushions, popcorn and hot drinks. The first film, Young Einstein, about a Tasmanian apple grower who discovered how to put bubbles into beer was well received by the local apple growing community.

Our thanks to Adelaide Hills Council for providing funding for the sound system which helped to make a great show.

Subsequent screenings through the summer, also on cool evenings, included BABE, STORM BOY, And HAPPY FEET.

When we were able to return indoors for a screening in May, featuring THE CASTLE, the attendance was not so good.

We had a joint executive member's meeting with the history group and the community association regarding the Gold Rush Event. Our task is to provide outdoor entertainment and cook sausages. The event is planned for 10th October 11am to 4pm at the Forest Range Recreation Ground. Planning is continuing on the understanding that pandemic restrictions could, once again, cause postponement.

We continue to maintain our website which aims to provide information about our district's organisations and promote the area as a place to visit.

We place a weekly post on Facebook to celebrate our part of the world, promote community events and activities and promote our community to a wider audience. The page also reminds people we exist.

We thank the Forest Range Recreation Ground Management Committee for allowing us to use the Forest Range Hall for our meetings and the cinema events.

I thank our association members for supporting us financially and the members of the committee for their commitment.