

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Blackburn on Saturday 19 July 2008.

Opening and Attendance

The president Helen Langley opened the meeting and welcomed Shirley Duffield to her first committee meeting. Present: Ann Andrews, Shirley Duffield, Norma Garlick, John Gregurke, Helen Langley, Rob Moors, Joan Pitaro, Noel Schleiger, Dick Southcombe.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2008 were confirmed on the motion of Rob Moors, seconded Ann Andrews.

Business arising from Minutes

SEANA Autumn Camp 2010, hosted by Ballarat – date will be available at SEANA Spring Camp.

Correspondence

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Grace Willoughby: "Wildlife" monthly magazine by Crosbie Morrison, 1951, 1952, 1953. Copies to give away.

Environment Victoria: Green Action News, Autumn & Winter 2008; Membership Renewal \$25.

Trust for Nature: Conservation Bulletin, March & April 2008.

Birds Australia: Appeal.

VNPA: Appeal.

Bush Heritage Australia: Bush Heritage News, Autumn 2008.

Australian Conservation Foundation: Appeal.

Threatened Species Network: The Web, Autumn & Winter 2008.

Victoria Naturally Alliance: Land and Biodiversity green paper.

City of Greater Geelong: Hearing Panel re Kyle Avenue, Belmont, 3 April 2008.

Latrobe Valley FNC: Membership renewal; Repayment of Loan.

Upper Goulburn FNC: Membership renewal.

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Consumer Affairs Victoria: 2007 Annual Statement

Ern Perkins: Thanks for service on SEANA Committee and as Web Site Coordinator.

5 Business arising from Correspondence

Dick Southcombe will contact Grace Willoughby re "Wildlife" monthly magazine. The magazines will be placed in Geelong FNC library housed at Geelong Botanic Gardens and accessible to several community groups.

Environment Victoria membership, \$25, be renewed. Moved: Noel Schleiger; seconded Dick Southcombe; Carried.

6 Reports

Treasurers Report:

SEANA Account: Opening Balance at 12/02/08 \$6645.26; Receipts \$4581.00; Expenses \$312.42; Closing Balance at 11/07/08 \$10,913.84

ANN Camp Account: Balance \$3080.93; No transactions.

Report received on the motion of Rob Moors, seconded Norma Garlick.

Web Site Coordinators Report:

Ern Perkins sent the following:

ANN Get-together. Material from Val, Rosalind and John. Nothing from interstate. Privacy issues were raised at the get together. The problem is posting photographs of people without their permission. I gained approval from most of the aboriginal people (but not the Culture Camp). We need to think about this for future campouts. My policy at present is to avoid photos of individuals, but use group photos unless there are unflattering elements.

Naracoorte. A small response and very sparse coverage. The material in the exercise books was often impossible for me to decipher.

My report to Naracoorte Meeting. I asked for clubs to appoint a liaison person to give material, for excursion localities, for interesting sightings, for records of research/surveys.

Total response since then: nil.

Minutes. If minutes from committee meetings are provided I will continue to add these to the site.

Healesville. I had already arranged to speak to a land care group on the weekend. So I will miss this campout also.

Newsletters. I get the newsletter from Albury-Wodonga. I will start to add some material from this to the site. Other clubs may wish to send a copy of their newsletter to me also, and a statement giving what material can be added to the web site, and under what conditions. The newsletter in electronic form is ideal.

Received on the motion of Ann Andrews, seconded Joan Pitaro, Carried.

Business arising from Web Site Coordinators Report

Camp Reports: suggested that Ringwood FNC, organisers of Spring Camp, ask a carload of people to prepare a report on each excursion. The report should cover the interesting highlights. It is not necessary to include details such as complete plant or bird lists.

Information will be included in the next mail out to encourage clubs to contribute to the web site as outlined in the report.

General Business

8.1 Camp program

Year	Autumn	Spring
2008	Naracoorte-Lucindale Field Naturalists Friday 7- Monday 10 March	Ringwood FNC Friday 17 - Sunday 19 October
2009	Warrnambool FNC at Port Fairy Friday 20 – Monday 23 March	Hamilton FNC Friday 2 – Sunday 4 October
2010	FNC Ballarat	Latrobe Valley FNC
2010	Australian Naturalists Network Get-together hosted by Chinchilla FNC 24 August to 3 September	

8.2 That FNCV be invited to host a SEANA camp during the Labor Day weekend in March 2011 or a camp during Spring 2011. A second letter will be sent to the Club as no reply has been received to the previous letter.

8.3 Unfinancial Clubs will be sent a reminder notice in the next mail out.

8.4 That the “Statutory Requirements in respect to Incorporation, ABN and GST” as prepared by auditor, Bruce Adams, March 2008 be endorsed and sent to the president, secretary and treasurer of all clubs in the next mail-out.

Moved: Dick Southcombe, seconded: Joan Pitaro, Carried.

8.5 That the host club of SEANA Camps record the financial transactions according to the “Guidelines for SEANA Camp Treasurers (2008)” as updated to include:

Host club supplies own stationary.

Host club forwards an audited copy of the financial records to SEANA within 3 months of the camp.

Secretary to prepare and circulate updated draft for approval at the next committee meeting.

Moved: Rob Moors, seconded: Noel Schleiger, Carried.

Safety on excursions. The committee discussed the preparation of guidelines for clubs conducting excursions. It was agreed that no action be taken at this stage.

Victorian Volcanic Plains Biosphere. Information will be sought from Stuart McCallum of the VVPB Committee of how FNC’s from western Victoria could obtain more information about the proposal. A speaker will explain the Kanawinka Geopark project during the Autumn 2009 SEANA Camp.

Future ANN Get-togethers: Dick Southcombe is working on possible host clubs for future Get-togethers:

2012	Field Naturalists Society of South Australia
2014	Field Naturalists Association of Canberra
2016	Queensland Naturalists Club

Next Meeting

11am on Saturday 7th February 2009 at FNCV Hall, Blackburn.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.