

**South East Australian Naturalists' Association Incorporated (SEANA Inc)**  
**ABN 23 918 778 150**                      **Incorporation No A0044963D**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Blackburn on Sunday 8 February 2009.**

**1. Opening and Attendance**

The president Helen Langley opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the meeting which had been delayed one day due to the extreme heat.

Present: Shirley Duffield, John Gregurke, Helen Langley, Rob Moors, Joan Pitaro, Noel Schleiger, Dick Southcombe.

Apologies: Ann Andrews, Norma Garlick.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Minutes of Committee Meetings held on 19 July 2008 and 17 October 2008 were confirmed on the motion of Noel Schleiger, seconded Rob Moors.

**3. Business arising from Minutes**

"Wildlife" monthly magazine by Crosbie Morrison from Grace Willoughby have been accepted by Geelong FNC for their library.

**4. Correspondence**

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- 4.1 Bruce Adams: Audited Financial Statement for Naracoorte-Lucindale FNS SEANA Camp March 2008.
- 4.2 Environment Victoria: Green Action News, Summer 2008.
- 4.3 VNPA: Appeal.
- 4.4 Trust for Nature: Conservation Bulletin, Dec 2008.
- 4.5 Bush Heritage Australia: Bush Heritage News, Summer 2008.
- 4.6 Australian Conservation Foundation: Appeal.
- 4.7 Birds Australia: Appeal.
- 4.8 Threatened Species Network: TSN News, Summer 2008.
- 4.9 FNCV: Offer to host SEANA Autumn 2011 camp over the Labor Day weekend. Based at Eumeralla Scout Camp, Anglesea.
- 4.10 Australian Natural History Medallion: Invitation to sponsor ANHM.
- 4.11 Bordertown FNS: do not wish to continue to be part of SEANA.
- 4.12 Consumer Affairs Victoria: 2008 Annual Statement Reminder.
- 4.13 Rosalind Smallwood: Transfer of mailing list to Ray Walls.
- 4.14 Ray Walls: Copies of letters sent to Treasurer re Healesville camp; format of Treasurers Financial Statement for SEANA camps.
- 4.15 FNCB: Application for loan.

OUT

- 4.16 Portland FNC: Congratulations on nomination for finalist in the *Pride of Australia 2008* award.
- 4.17 Warrnambool FNC: Camp information.
- 4.18 Rosalind Smallwood and Ray Walls: Mailing list.

**5 Business arising from Correspondence**

- 5.1 Australian Natural History Medallion: The Committee recommends that SEANA sponsors the Australian Natural History Medallion with donations of \$500 per year for the next 3 years. Moved: Dick Southcombe; seconded Joan Pitaro; Carried.
- 5.2 The committee recommends that a loan of \$2801.60 be made to FNC Ballarat for Printing *Wattles of Ballarat*. Printing will occur in June 2009. The money will be repaid as funds become available from the sale of books. The maximum loan period will be 5 years.

**6 Reports**

• **Treasurers Report:**

SEANA Account: Opening Balance at 10/10/08 \$10883.84; Receipts \$1532.82; Expenses \$1920.74; Closing Balance at 12/01/09 \$10,495.92

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

Term Deposit \$32,698.85 reinvested on 6/09/08 @ 7.5% p.a. compound, to mature on 6/03/09.

Report received on the motion of Rob Moors, seconded Noel Schleiger.

• **Web Site Coordinators Report:**

Ern Perkins sent the following: Reports on the Healesville camp received from Ringwood have been added to the website. Ern will talk to Warrnambool FNC to organise reports from Port Fairy camp.

Newsletters have been received from  
Warrnambool and Angair. Comments

would be welcome as to the best way of dealing with these.

## 7 Business arising from Web Site Coordinators Report

- Interesting items from club newsletters could be added to the website.

## 8 General Business

### 8.1 Camp program

	Warrnambool FNC at Port Fairy Friday 20 – Monday 23 March	Hamilton FNC at Grampians Retreat and Field Studies Centre, Dunkeld Friday 2 – Sunday 4 October
	FNC Ballarat Friday 19 – Monday 22 March	Latrobe Valley FNC Friday 16 – Monday 19 October
2010	Australian Naturalists Network Get-together hosted by Chinchilla FNC. 24 August – 3 September	
	FNCV at Eumeralla Scout Camp, Anglesea Labor Day Weekend	

The offer by FNCV to host SEANA Autumn 2011 camp over the Labor Day weekend is accepted. FNCV to be advised that some camp participants may wish to arrange alternative accommodation in Anglesea.

- 8.2 Guidelines for Host Clubs organizing SEANA Camps as updated were approved.
- 8.3 Excel spreadsheet format for Cashbook and Treasurers Financial Statement was approved.
- 8.4 The Committee endorses Ray Wall as coordinator of the SEANA mailing list. Moved Rob Moors; Seconded: Noel Schleiger. Carried.
- 8.5 Development of privacy guidelines re SEANA mailing list: A preamble will be included on the list when it is sent to host clubs organizing a SEANA Camp

*The SEANA Mailing list has been sent to your Club to assist with the organisation of the SEANA camp. Please respect people's privacy and use this list ONLY for this purpose. Do not pass this list on to any other entities. After organizing the SEANA camp, advise the Mailing List Coordinator of any additions, deletions or other alterations which need to be made. When your Club has finished using the list for its intended purpose destroy the list.*

Moved Shirley Duffield; Seconded: Joan Pitaro. Carried.

- 8.6 Recommendation to AGM that SEANA membership fees for 2010-2011 remain at the present rate: Clubs \$15, Individual \$10.
- 8.7 That a donation of \$50 be made to FNCV for the use of their hall for SEANA Committee Meetings. Moved: Dick Southcome; Seconded Joan Pitaro; Carried.
- 8.8 Monitoring Change in Ecosystems: Ern Perkins presented a paper suggesting a workshop on Monitoring Change in Ecosystems. The committee agreed that monitoring of ecosystem over time is a necessary tool for making informed management decisions. Work done by naturalists could be useful to policy makers if it was collected using suitable methods and made available in a appropriate form to a wide audience

The following motions were resolved:

- That the Committee recommends that make available up to \$1000 organize a seminar on Monitoring Change in Ecosystems and ways of conveying that information to policy makers. Moved: Joan Pitaro; Seconded: Dick Southcombe.
  - That the SEANA secretary will convene an organizing group of at least 3 people to organize the Monitoring Change in Ecosystems seminar. Moved: Shirley Duffield; Seconded: Rob Moors.
- 8.9 That SEANA consult with EDO for advise to write letters to the Victorian and Commonwealth Ministers for Environment (copies to be sent to Ararat Rural City Council and Hamilton FNC) protesting about the cropping of a roadside in the Ararat Rural City which damaged native grassland. Moved: Shirley Duffield; Seconded Dick Southcome; Carried.

8.10 That the SEANA Spring Mailout only be sent to financial Clubs. Moved: Dick Southcome; Seconded Joan Pitaro; Carried.

**9 Next Meeting**

11am on Saturday 15th August 2009 at  
FNCV Hall, Blackburn.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.