

Minutes of the Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting

Held at Wauchope Country Club, Tuesday 10th July 2007

Attendance: Debbie Jones, Sue Carson, Jenny Pursehouse, Emilie Cooper, Gary Robinson, Carolyn Fowler, Rex Fowler, Ross Prince, Ann Pereira, Matt Lowe, Robert Hinkson, Mohamed Henoukin, Patty Cust, Garrick Gabriel, Adrienne van Spanje, Ken Wisemantel, Sherral Carney, Robert Chapman, Yvonne Chapman, Rob Drew, Lyn Drew, Marlene Hawkins, Colin Amos, Gary Jones, David Cane, Karen Cane, Loris Hendy, Peter Daniels

Apologies: Myrna Hitchcock, Sue and Colin Turner, Dianne Amos, Rebecca Jones
Moved: Marlene Hawkins 2nd: Adrienne van Spanje

Minutes from last meeting are correct and true Moved: Ross Prince 2nd: Karen Cane

Business Arising from Minutes

Do the General members receive minutes from the executive meeting? It was decided at the last executive meeting that the minutes for the executive committee would only be circulated to executive members. Debbie to check with old constitution to see what the procedure should be. A summary of discussions from executive meetings would be given by the president at each general meeting.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasury is absent therefore no report.

Correspondence

All correspondence is available from the secretary – Sue Carson

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IN: Tourist to Wauchope concerned with state of toilets in Bain Park
Northcorp Accountants – notification of PM office move
4 x PM Council minutes/business papers
NSW Business Chamber x 2 – updates & info
Hastings Rotary Clubs – involvement in Carnival of the Pines
Tafe – Invitation to School & Industry Leaders Forum

OUT: Wauchope Show re fee increase for Lasiandra Field Days
Lasiandra Committee – re Chamber's intention to write to Show Society

Membership Report

No report

Social Report

Black Tie Ball held on the 7th July was enjoyed by all. Approx. amount raised was \$2400.00. Final figure to be advised. Thankyou to all sponsors for their support. Congratulations to Karen Cane for arranging a great night. A letter will be sent to sponsors in thanks.

General Business:

1. Myrna Hitchcock has emailed through a copy of an agenda/minutes/action register that the Chamber may be able to use.
2. Carnival of the Pines: A parade to be held in Port Macquarie over the weekend of the 6th/7th October. Timbertown will have a float. The Carnival Committee is also looking for other floats to participate. Wauchope Rotary is in charge of the King and Queen of the Pines, with proceeds going to Rotary Lodge. Timbertown has put forward Jenny Hamilton as a Queen of the Pines contender. For further details please contact Melinda Baker at Timbertown.
3. October Business Expo. Last year's expo promoting Chamber member business' was very successful and it was raised as to whether the Chamber will be holding the event this year. A sub committee was formed to make the arrangements – Sue Carson and Marlene Hawkins. Anyone else interested in helping out please contact Sue.
4. Wauchope Brochure: Peter Daniels has been in contact with M&S Print. We are waiting on a proof copy.
5. Bain Park signage: Will follow on from the Brochure once it's finalised, in particular the use of the map from the brochure will be carried over to the Bain Park sign.
6. Combined Chamber and Rotary meeting: To be advised at a later date
7. PR Consultant – Gabrielle Brewer An update to be given at next meeting- draft figures will then be available of amount of advertising costs if it was paid for. Also a reminder that if you have any info/stories/events that may be useful for Gabrielle to use to promote the Wauchope area can you please let Debbie Jones know.
8. 5 Year Strategic Plan: Debbie to email the plan out to members to look at and to make suggestions on. Particularly if there are any other issues that members may want the plan to address. The plan is a 5 year plan for the Wauchope Chamber of Commerce to ensure continuation of activities through changes in the committee. There is also the possibility of working in conjunction with Port Chamber "Work for the dole scheme" to carry out works in the plan.
9. AGM – to be set for Friday 10th August, however in the current constitution the financial year runs from 01st October to the 30th September, and as such audited financial reports need to be presented at the AGM so Chamber will be advised of AGM date later. It was raised as to why the Excellence in Service awards are held on the same night as the AGM. This was to encourage greater numbers to the AGM night, and also to give the Awards a level of prestige. It was advised by Jenny Pursehouse and Peter Daniels that the Awards were not being held this year as it was presumed that the AGM would be in July/August therefore not giving enough time to make satisfactory arrangements.
10. Fig Trees in Hastings Street: Chamber was represented by Karen Cane and Debbie Jones at a meeting held by Council to discuss the problems/future of the fig trees. It was suggested that the fig trees be taken out and replaced with other trees. There will be a further meeting at Timbertown on the 16th July where there will be experts to discuss this issue. Reminders will be sent out to members.
11. PR Consultant – Gabrielle Brewer: Garrick Gabriel commented that he was unsure of the accountability of Gabrielle just based on a comparison of paid advertising against

advertorial space. It was advised that Chamber would wait and see what the report from Port Tourism contained.

12. John Meldrum Advertising package: There was a lot of positive feedback regarding the advertising package that John Meldrum had co-ordinated. Chamber to write a letter to thank him for his efforts in promoting Wauchope Business. Moved: Adrienne van Spanje
2nd: Sherral Carney

Meeting Closed at 6.56 pm