



BRTB Draft Minutes April 2013 Meeting

Date: 23/04/2013

Meeting type: Ordinary

Attendees: D Wilmshurst, B Powyer, S Brett, W Goonan, J Reilly, S Rees, J Longton

Apologies: A Williams

Absentees:

Conflict of Interest: Yes

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1.2 Additional items

Item 3.1.5 Tracks and Crossings project was added to the agenda

1.3 Conflict of Interest

W Goonan declared a potential for conflict of interest with regard to item 3.2.1

1.4.1 Acceptance of Minutes of February Meeting

130401

B Powyer W Goonan *That the minutes of the February meeting be accepted*

1.4.2 Acceptance of Minutes of March Meeting

130402

Because the March meeting did not have a quorum, the resolutions made are to be ratified at this meeting.

B Powyer D Wilmshurst *That all resolutions made at the March meeting be ratified*

130403

B Powyer D Wilmshurst *That the minutes of the March meeting be accepted.*

1.4.3 Matters arising not already on the agenda

There were no matters arising from previous minutes not already on the agenda.

2.1 New host needed for email and/or website

130404

S Brett spoke about the future of web hosting becoming very competitive and the loss of many providers from the market. The Trust's current website and email address hosting are about to be closed due to the closure of Bluebeez . Options were discussed for alternatives including email only, like for like transfer, facebook etc. It is considered vital to maintain the email address at the very least.

D Wilmshurst W Goonan *That B Powyer manage the transfer of the website and email addresses to a new host, DomainRegistration, at a cost of \$218 per year.*

2.2 Bushfire Grant Application

130405

W Goonan described the funding application process for bushfire mitigation works in 2014.

B Powyer D Wilmshurst *That all APZs and the Heidi Pl Trail be nominated included in the funding spreadsheet for 2013-14*

3.1.1 Powerful Owl Project

W Goonan described progress so far with this project, and will follow up with Dragonfly Environmental about opportunities for volunteers

3.1.2 Coachwood Creek Crossing Project

A subcommittee including S Brett, W Goonan, D Wilmshurst, and B Powyer will progress this project. S Brett will liaise with council staff.

3.1.3 Signage - installation of bollards

130406

W Goonan will visit the Mens Shed to confirm the design of the bollards. Discussion was held about potential sources of volunteers to install the bollards, however it was considered that it would be better to engage a contractor for this work.

B Powyer

W Goonan

The Trust will engage a contractor to install bollards in the reserve at nominated sites from signage budget.

3.1.4 Signage for Blue Gum Creek bushcare site

This is waiting for a volunteer to accompany the manufacturer to site to choose installation place. W Goonan will organise this installation

3.1.5 Tracks and Crossings project

W Goonan reported the brief for this project is in progress. Discussion confirmed that crossings should be traversable 1 day after a one in 5 year rain event. S Rees recommended that Soil conservation Services be consulted for advice on the brief.

3.2.1 Determine best option to employ a Ranger

W Goonan tabled her discussion paper showing options for obtaining the services of a ranger for inspection, supervision, maintenance and remediation works in the reserve. The subcommittee will proceed to developing a specific proposal for the contractor model and submit an application to the PRMFP for funding up to \$30000.

3.3.1 Caring for our country EOI

No news on this project as yet

3.3.2 Have your Say - Local Land Service Boards

Trust members are encouraged to have a say via the website for this proposal <http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices>

3.4.1 Insurance covers for Trustees and Board

No further news on this topic

3.4.2 Trustee Vacancies

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S Rees reported that council s355 committees have not and may or may not be renewed; A report to council is due in May or June. The application for J Longton to represent The Hills S355 Bushland Conservation Committee will proceed with this information.

3.4.3 Training for Board members

No further progress on this topic.

4.1 DPI Report

S Rees reported that a surveyor (Peter Richmond) has been appointed to the Parramatta office. A response has been received about the Rifle Range and potential for transfer to Bidjigal Reserve. Grants for weeds and feral animal control are now open. There is also another weeds funding system through Sydney Weeds Committee.

4.2 Chairman's Report

S Brett reported a meeting with Council about the progress of the installation of demountable buildings adjacent Bidjigal Reserve.

4.3 Treasurer's Report

130407	B Powyer spoke to his report.
B Powyer J Reilly	<i>The Treasurer's report be accepted</i>

4.4 Correspondence report

The Correspondence report was considered. No questions were raised.

4.5 Volunteer Activity Report

No report was made at this meeting.

4.6 Bushfire Report

W Goonan spoke to her report about APZ works carried out this year by DPI and SCS. A request for assistance to inspect further APZs was made, with no offers forthcoming from members present.

5 Time and Date of next meeting
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B Powyer gave his apologies for the May and June meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 28 1:30pm in the same venue.

Signed as a true record by

Date