

LIONS CLUB OF GREATER MOUNT GRAVATT- MANSFIELD

President: Peter Matthews Secretary: Lynn Evans
Treasurer: Iain Meers

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE HOLLAND PARK HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY, 10th January 2018

President Peter declared the meeting open at 7:18 pm and welcomed the members.

Apologies: Kath Weller, Howard Groffman, Alison Smith, Ron Fish, Bob Meadows, Tony Cook

13 members were present.

Two LCI awards were presented at the start of the meeting by President Peter –

A Gold Key to John O'Donnell

A Gold Centennial Award to Lynn Evans

The club also received a Banner Patch from LCI for membership satisfaction

Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous board meeting on 8th November had been circulated and it was moved that they be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Lynn Evans

2nd: Barbara Purcell

Carried

Correspondence:

Inward:

Thank you email from Mt Gravatt Community Centre

Request from Pet City for a SS on the 9 Dec

Confirmation of details for Mackenzie State Special School SS

Letter received from LCIF District coordinator re donations from the clubs.

Notification of the new Board of Directors for LMRF and vacancy of the Company Treasurer position

Membership and Retention survey from PDG Wayne OAKES Global Membership Team Area Leader (forwarded to Peter)

Thank you/ receipt from Connecting Communities for \$500 donation

Receipt from Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation

Letter informing clubs of the cancellation of the LMRF Personality Quest 2017

Request for donations from the Southport Club to assist in sending a child to America for treatment

LMRF Newsletter (circulated)

District newsletter for December

Invoice for 2nd order of Christmas cakes

Hearing Dogs Newsletter (circulated)

Request for 13 of our pens

Membership satisfaction award for 2016 – 2017 from LCI

Request for confirmation of dates and other details from Holland Park Hotel

Receipt from Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship for \$200

Lions Australia Newsletter (circulated)

Minutes from 66th the Lismore convention (circulated)

Invitation to the Centennial Celebration Dinner 16 March at Acacia Ridge Hotel

Update on the 66th National Convention in Townsville in May

Information from Queensland Gov. on the Queensland Greats Awards

LCI Lions Key award for John O'Donnell

Outward:

Order for Byron Bay Cookies

Email to the My Gravatt Community Centre about the increased donation for Christmas hampers

Bunnings applications for 2018

Jan 20; Feb 10 & 23; Mar 10 & 23; Apr 14 & 27; May 12 & 25; Jun 16 & 29

Dates for Jan – June requested for meetings at Holland Park Hotel

2nd order for Christmas Cakes

Reply to Holland Park Hotel

Membership and Retention survey returned

It was moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence adopted

Moved: Lynn Evans

2nd: Dennis Purcell

Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Iain presented the Report for December 2017 to advise members of the income and outgoings of the Club's accounts.

Fundraising A/c

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| Receipts | \$ 12,515.00 |
| Payments | <u>\$ 3,615.35</u> |
| Bank Balance | \$16,057.42 |

Unpresented Cheques

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| Byron Bay Cookies | \$264.26 |
| George Weston | \$2,016.07 |
| R. Fenton | \$256.32 |
| Bunnings – cash | <u>\$44.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,580.65 |

Administration A/c

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| Receipts | \$00.13 |
| Payments | <u>\$00.00</u> |
| Bank Balance | \$1641.91 |

Unpresented Cheques

Nil

Treasurer Iain presented two further bills waiting for payment

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| Bay Taxation Service | \$572.00 |
| ICL International dues | \$383.74 |

It was moved that the Accounts be accepted.

Moved: Iain Meers

2nd: Gerard Beuers

Carried.

Treasurer Iain raised the possibility of District fees rising and whether, given our shrinking Administration account, the club can afford to keep the half yearly fees at \$70. Using last year's figures of \$1,433.91 with only 18 paying members the account would be even further reduced. After discussion it was decided to revisit the situation at the February meeting by which time the District dues will have been received and we will have a clearer idea of the situation.

Fund raising requests:

Southside Community Care requested assistance with the purchase of school uniforms for 4 children from three families who will be attending new schools. We assisted the Centre in the same way last year. It was moved the club donate \$1,000

Moved: Barbara Purcell 2nd: Lynn Evans Carried

Mt Gravatt Community Centre Donations

At the Dinner meeting last November it was agreed to continue with \$400 donation per month for the purchase of food for the period Jan – Jun 2018. This was confirmed.

A request was received from Southport Lions asking all Q1 clubs to donate money to enable three year William Dickinson to go to America to receive treatment to save his leg. Club members agreed to donate the proceeds of the Bunnings SS on 21st Jan to this cause.

Moved: Dennis Purcell 2nd Michelle Hill Carried

Secretary Lynn asked for a clearer policy from the club on donations to large well organised national charities following the DG's comments at the District Convention. Several requests are received through the mail each month from these organisations and Lynn asked if she can automatically bin these and not bring them to meetings. Members agreed they did not need to see these requests.

However this decision also raised the issue of the same sort of charities who come to talk to us often with the expectation of receiving a donation. This was more difficult to resolve, but it was decided to look more closely at the speakers we invite and consider more carefully when we would be willing to donate.

Membership

President Peter advised that he had received a very nice letter of resignation from Ian Walker.

Christmas Cakes

Dennis presented a report on the sale of Christmas cakes which unfortunately showed a rather large drop from last year.

| | 2016 | 2017 |
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| Plaza | \$5,543 | \$3,912 |
| Bunnings | \$1,445 | \$1,571 |
| Corporate | \$6,782 | \$5,772 |
| Total | \$13,770 | \$11,255 |

Dennis offered several reasons for this; two we can do nothing about – the increase in cake price and competition from major retailers. The other two reasons we can change - we only did 2 weeks at the Plaza not three as in previous years and we only filled just over half the

Bunnings shifts. Considering the Bunnings sales showed an improvement what would have happened if all shifts had been filled? The whole issue needs to be considered before next Christmas.

As a result we have a stock of 110 large and 22 small cakes plus the Byron Bay Cookies

Christmas Raffles

Dennis thanked everyone for their contributions particularly Michelle for the organisation of raffles and roster & Bob and Alison for their contributions to the raffles

Bunnings BBQ

Michelle confirmed that the roster for Sunday 21st January is full
Friday 26th January one volunteer is needed both for the morning and the afternoon

Ongoing Business

Camping trip to Camp Duckadong still on track for October 2018. The Club should apply for this weekend as soon as possible.

DG visit to the Club on February 28th

Zone Christmas party Sat January 20th for morning tea at Lions Park Grenadilla St. Macgregor. Assumed you provide your own eats.

Zone is to take up with District the Insurance cover for people who turn 90 as at present the cover ceases.

Date for movie in the park not yet decided.

The club assisted at the Mt Gravatt Rotary Carols by Candlelight in December. We had a cake stall but few cakes were sold and most of those to Rotary members. Peter will attend a meeting with Rotary next week about the event.

New Business

Treasurer Iain raised the option of using a system called SquareUP as a means of allowing customers to pay by credit card. The cost of the card reader is \$19 and the payment is made via mobile phone, the phone must be IOS9 or Android 4 or later. This is operated by a commercial company and they have a 1.2 to 2.2% charge depending on the volume of traffic and the money is automatically transferred to the club account.

The club would need to purchase a new compatible phone. Iain will investigate the costs.

We have three requests from guest speakers wishing to visit: Heart Foundation; Sisters of Mercy; Mercy Ships. The members decided they would like to hear from the Heart Foundation and Mercy Ships.

The raffle dates for the coming year were discussed. It was agreed we would like two weeks for Easter; one week for Mother's Day; three weeks for Christmas. Peter will write to the Plaza management after which exact dates will be confirmed.

Dawn asked everyone to save their stamps and give them to her.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next Meeting: Board Meeting Wednesday 14th February
 Dinner Meeting Wednesday 28th February