



Tuesday Dec 2nd
2014

Venue: Tuckshop café Bussell Hwy, Margaret River

Time: 8.45 am meeting opened

Present: MT, LMc, NMc, KL, RW, TB

Apologies: Denise Edgar & Dave Carter

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes correct however Terri Bettenay will amend slightly as she feels a couple of items need clarification. TB will put these amendments forward and the minutes will be revisited next meeting in January 2015.

Treasurer's report- LM provided. RW moved NMc seconded- all in favour.

Business arising:

1. Shire Lawn – RW says it is time to move on from this issue. The committee feel it is too difficult to pursue a more fair deal for the MRRPA even though little damage was done by the MRFM to the Shire Grounds. The committee accepts the approx. fee of \$2500 by the Shire for the lawn works to avoid any further conflict and controversy. RW to write a letter to Johan Louw in Infrastructure and CC Lyn Serventy. RW to ask that the sign posts at the northern end of town get some maintenance so that the MRFM signage can be seen more clearly.
2. Lawyers – RW sent a letter to Bob Castle's lawyers in regard to the MRRPA stance on the Castle's Legacy matter and at this stage have heard nothing back. RW has written a letter to Fre Jac directly to try and maintain the want to deal with Fre Jac directly, not through a law firm. Awaiting a response.
3. Rules and guidelines timeframe for independent review – RW says a review is necessary due to the two issues being dealt with currently (Castle & Fre Jac). R&G are important and must be adhered to. KL to ask Nic BS to create a banner to more clearly communicate that the MRFM is a true farmers market- It comes down to educating the public about what that is and why it is important. RW suggests that each committee member to review the R&G so to start a discussion to update the R&G to clarify them further.
4. LMc suggests that quarterly Local Seasonal produce list for local chefs and anyone in food industry. The list would outline availability of produce for coming season and producer contacts. A discussion concluded that in spite of this being a good idea that there is not really any value in creating an ongoing document. KL says that the MRFM Website is a good resource for all to use when she gets phone calls and that she often takes phone calls and emails in regard to this anyway.
5. Stream lining stallholder application process- After a discussion LMc moved a motion for all MR Region applicants of primary produce the MRFM manager can decide on. All MR Region value adders and all other out of the area producers (primary producers included) must be addressed and decided by the MRRPA board. KL has already given approval to a prior stallholder (who has missed a year) from Manjimup with heritage vegies to attend with primary produce. KL to ask Nic BS to change the Stall holder Application Form to inform applicants of this new process. Seconded by MT- all in favour.
 - a. Herbal Emporium application- RW received a phone call and allowed a one off for the Gourmet Escape weekend. After much discussion, RW moved a motion to accept the new Herbal Emporium owner as a stallholder, LMc seconded- all in favour.



Tuesday Dec 2nd
2014

6. Electricity – LMc SWIT charged us \$100.85 over 10 weeks. Very large costs (\$7661) to set up electricity access. LM moves a motion for a \$10 a week charge for each stallholder for access to electricity with no back payment thus starting from beginning of December 2014. Seconded by NMc- all in favour.
7. Newsletter- KL to create a newsletter-, RW to write a seasons greetings msg for the document. The Newsletter will include info on-
 - a. Summer hours and reminder about setting up with these new hours.
 - b. New electricity charges.
 - c. FM Seminar –let’s set a date for February.
 - d. Thank Kat’s helpers and encourage more.
 - e. Bags – A summary of company that makes them.
8. Nat McGrath would like to put in an application for Lotus Blue to create a second stall with ready to go healthy food incorporating a locavore theme and her own products. General discussion ensued; the committee would like more information and a new application for this proposal. NMc to put in a new formal proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Storage in the Sea Container** - A general discussion was held in regard to others storing items in the sea container. LMc worried about the fridges and hygiene- are the fridges being cleaned sufficiently?. RW says the container is there for the MRRPA more than for stallholders. KL says not many stall holders use the space, but the few that do, it is important for them. RW moved a motion to charge \$10 per week for storage, LMc seconded- all in favour.
- **LMc needs to be reimbursed for some costs she covered due to the MRRPA Credit card issues.** The costs come to \$205. RW moves the motion for this reimbursement, seconded by NMc- all in favour.
- **KL says that for the GE Ben Aitken worked 5 hours for the MRFM.** All agreed for Ben A to invoice the MRRPA for his time.
- **MRRPA future- Survey for members-** There has been much discussion over the past few meetings in regard to the MRRPA’s future and the direction it should take to support its members as best it can. RW suggests that each committee member come to the next meeting in Jan 2015 with 2 or 3 suggested questions for such a survey. The committee will discuss and choose the most relevant questions for the survey.

Communication in:

- Bob Castle’s Lawyer- Dennis Beere
- Fre Jac’s Lawyer- Shaddicks Lawyers

Communication out:

- RW sent a letter to Dennis Beere in regard to Bob Castle

Next meeting: January 12th Margaret River Bakery- or the MR Tuckshop.

Meeting closed: 10.40am