

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Held at Merricks Yacht Club

2 January 2022

1. Introduction

There being a quorum, the meeting commenced at 10.00am with a welcome from the President, Peter Cash, as chairman of the meeting in accordance with rule 37(1).

2. Attendance

The following members (and, in accordance with rule 13(3)(b), member designates) were present in person:

Alan Bell, Janet Bell, Phillip Fox, Glythyn Campbell, Alec Campbell, Graeme Crossley, Greg Sutherland, Ian Jeffery, Kathy Clarke, Kirsty Richards, Leigh Rylie, Grattan Fitzgerald, Lucille Fitzgerald, Megan Douglas, Peter Cash, Nick Williams, Rosanne Pittard, Trevor James, Simon Jaski, Fiona Cornwall, Alison Rechner, George Arapoglou, Ken Rowe, Rosalie Machlin, Jane Wilson, Ian Breadon, Sue Rutley (guest), Eric Lindner, Warren Stokes, Geoff Webster, John Hollander, Robert Johnson, George King, Sidra Moshinsky, Sandy Richards, Penny Roberts, Kriston Symons, James Wilson, Carole Milton, Naomi Levin.

In attendance by invitation– Cr David Gill; CFA: Jason Kerr and Kevin Berry

3. Apologies and proxies:

Lindsay Duffield, Lindsay Sutherland, Richard Wallis, Barb Davey, Charlotte Limb, Roy Wiedemeyer, Chris Davey, Barbara Davey, Gay Wilson, Peter Otto, Susan Carden, Di O'Neill, Pam Drake, Bernard Barrett, Brad Vann, Sharon Muhleisen, Mary Daley, Tim Dickinson, Jenny Dickinson, Joyce Lawrence, Gaye Wilson, Peter Otto,

A proxy was received from Elizabeth Levin for Naomi Levin

4. Minutes of previous general meeting

Motion: The minutes of the 2020 AGM be approved, proposed Simon Jaski, Seconded Grattan Fitzgerald, passed unanimously.

Matter arising from the Minutes:

Roadworks at the corner of Foam and Minto Sts. (to be discussed under the Roads and Drains Report).

5. Correspondence.

No correspondence was received.

6. Committee Report

Peter Cash presented the committee's report, distributed in the meeting papers.

The items commented on included:

Merricks Beach Residents' Association Inc

The plant giveaway was held again on the June long weekend. Thanks again to Richard Anderson for all his assistance. There is a focus on planting river gums to encourage koalas.

The Davies Cup was held again on Thursday, Peter Cash was the winner.

The Sand Modelling is due to be held on Friday but given the weather prediction, it may be postponed to the reserve date on Sunday.

Traffic speeds remain a concern. The chicanes are partially successful. The option of closing Bayview Rd at the Balnarring end has been considered but is very difficult. The committee is exploring the option of the area being designated as a shared zone.

The issue of dogs off leash on the beach outside permitted hours is also being considered in cooperation with the Foreshore Committee.

The tennis court renovation project is progressing well with 80% of funds sought from the Community being already pledged. A \$ 5000 grant was received from the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

The MBRA website is not functioning and will be revamped.

The issue of electricity blackouts was raised to ascertain community interest in generators and community batteries.

There are a number of members retiring from the committee; Peter Cash thanked Greg Sutherland, Megan Douglas and Mary Daley for their service and presented each with a gift to recognise their contribution.

Peter also thanked Ian Breadon, Bernard Barrett and Kathy Clarke for their work in their respective roles.

Q&A: Queries to power supplies especially United Energy are usually answered quickly. Grattan Fitzgerald raised the impact of blackouts on the sewerage system.

Roads and Drains – Peter Cash on behalf of Bernard Barrett

Road maintenance has performed well for the past year. There are still some issues with drainage to be addressed but this also depends on individual properties maintain clear crossovers so that water can flow along the drains. Speed indicator trailers have been promised by the MPSC for the summer.

The intersection of Foam and Minto Sts, the MPSC has suggested it will look into the feasibility of establishing a chicane at this site.

Merricks Beach Rd intersection with Frankston Flinders Rd is considered dangerous and was highlighted in the RACV survey of potential danger spots in Victoria. David Gill stated that he was pushing for a speed limit of 80kmh and a flashing yellow light. Others suggested a double line to prevent overtaking in the vicinity of the intersection or a reconfiguration of the layout of the intersection.

Members were encouraged to use the Council's Snap, Send, Solve program if they saw any other problems.

Q&A: John Hollander raised the issue of inadequate drains on the beach side of Wave St. others raised problems in Palmers Hill Rd and Minto St.

Glythyn Campbell raised the issue of the straightness of Palmers Hill Rd and Bayview Rd when compared to the serpentine course of years ago. The maintenance of the roads is now under the control of the MPSC with some consultation with the MBRA.

7. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were distributed to members as part of the papers for the AGM.

Motion: That the financial report for 20/21 be accepted

Proposed: Ken Rowe

Seconded: Phillip Fox

Result: passed unanimously.

Motion: That the maximum amount that can be set by the committee for subscriptions for 2022/23 be set at \$130.

Proposed: Peter Cash

Seconded: Kirsty Richards

Result: passed unanimously

Motion: A donation to the CFA of \$850 was proposed by Graeme Crossley and seconded by Carole Milton. It was approved unanimously.

Peter Cash raised the opportunity to form an affiliation with Tennis Victoria, not as a tennis club but as an association with a tennis court. This would save over \$1000 on insurance costs and give access to opportunities for low interest loans and other supports for association activities.

Motion: A motion was put to for MBRA to affiliate with Tennis Victoria.

Moved Peter Cash, seconded Leigh Ryrie.

Passed unanimously.

8. Election of Committee for 2021

There were 7 renominations for committee members and one nomination each for President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The 2021 committee and office-bearers as follows were declared re-elected unopposed,:

President: Peter Cash
Secretary: Kathy Clarke
Treasurer: Ian Breadon
Committee
Bernard Barrett
Grattan Fitzgerald
Rosanne Pittard
Ken Rowe
Brad Vann
Simon Jaski
Sharon Muhleisen

Friends of Bill Carroll Reserve

Peter Cash advised that the annual Picnic in the Park would be held on Sunday 23th January 2022.

The BCFR committee also wished to thank Bendigo Bank and MPSC for their support during the year. They are also looking for volunteers to work with their new Nature link project.

CFA Presentation

A presentation on bushfire planning relevant to Merricks Beach residents was presented by members of the CFA. Thanks to Jason Kerr.

Presentation on behalf of the Foreshore Committee by Nick Williams

Nick presented an update on the progress of DELWP project seeking to amalgamate the foreshore committees along Westernport Bay. Discussions and consultations are progressing.

The Foreshore Committee has received grants to improve the vegetation work along Cliff Rd and a major grant to improve the fire track along the top of the cliff.

The issue of dogs on the beach was raised and concerns noted.

Q&A: the need for markers along the foreshore to guide ambulances to the right location in case of an emergency on the foreshore was raised.

Invited Speakers

David Gill, Red Hill ward Councillor, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council outlined the current issues that he as Councillor for the Red Hill Ward is focussing on including traffic speeds, walking/biking tracks, dogs on beaches and lobbying for a wild life management plan.

Prize

Montalto lunch prize for early payment of subscription, generously provided by John and Wendy Mitchell, was won by Gary Fowler.

The meeting was closed at 12.30 pm