

Friends of the Library Byron Shire  
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 11 December 2019  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Anna Middleton, Samantha McGrath, Janene Jarvis, Anne Gilmore, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Sue Ash, Sally Bunyan, Margaret Wills, Catherine Short, Fred Schack, Lee Rogers, Val Audren

Apologies: Brenda Anderson, Margot Wright, Fiona Butler, Bette Beresford, Barbara Barrett, Caroline Adams, Gerda Roche

2. Librarian's Report

No report for this meeting as Brendan is involved in a meeting in Sydney.

3. Minutes from October Meeting:

- Correction to November minutes: Possible purchase of a new 'sandwich board' for event advertising. **ACTION:** Sue to investigate the cost of a new board.
- Moved Janene that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded Margie.

4. Business Arising from November Meeting: all actions completed.

5. Presidents Report November 2019: No Presidents report this month.

6. Correspondence Incoming: See General Business

7. Correspondence Outgoing:

- Only financial correspondence this month, 2 bank statements and 1 membership renewal.

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance at 8 December \$48,454
- Term Deposit was rolled over.
- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Anna.

9. Membership report:

- One new member Helen Johnston. **ACTION:** Sue will send a thank you to Helen. There are now 61 members.
- It was discussed if a member of FOLBS must also be a member of the RTRL library system. **ACTION:** Anne to determine if being a member of the Library is a requirement of joining Byron Shire FOL.
- Renewals will be due in December; membership is \$10 and can be renewed at <https://byron-bayfol.com/> then under the heading 'FOLBS' there are the bank details required to renew.

10. General Business:

1. Victoria Alexander event was enjoyed by those who attended. Out of this event a few issues were raised that needs to be considered to ensure the success and smooth operation of future events:
  - There was a problem with the A/V equipment at Heritage House. **DECISION:** Payment of the invoice for the hire of Heritage House is not to be paid until the matters of the poor information provided on the A/V system and its limitations is discussed with Trisha Bleakley. **ACTION:** Beryl and Mary will speak with Trisha about this matter. Beryl will then let Richard know when to pay the outstanding invoice.

- A few people who intended on coming to this event were unable to get tickets at Bangalow Newsagency on the day as ticket sales had closed early. **ACTION:** Mary to speak with Caroline to see if ticket sales could remain open until 3pm on the day of an event.
  - It was a disappointment for some who were unable to buy the book on the night due to a lack of copies available for sale, however, you could place an order with Bookworms and Papermites.
2. Beryl received confirmation from Jo Carmody, Regional Manager for RTRL that Ballina and Kingscliff Friends have made their donation towards E-Resources. Tweed Friends are organising their \$2000 and Lismore Library is going to also raise the required \$2000. Jo thanked the Byron Friends for their support for this project. Once the funds are finalised RTRL will match the \$10,000 raised by the local FOL associations with \$10,000 to go towards improving E-resources. **DECISION:** That BS FOL's go ahead with our \$2000 contribution. Moved by Beryl, seconded Geoff. **ACTION:** Beryl to contact Jo Carmody to see if she would be interested in there being an article written about this combined effort as it would be great for positive publicity. A cheque was prepared and signed at the meeting.
  3. The Mobile Library will be next to Heritage House for the next six months as of January 18. If patronage remains at the current levels it will remain in this location; if patronage drops it will return to being outside the primary school.
  4. Mark from the Brunswick Heads Library has provided Brenda with a list of items to be purchased with the \$2000 donation from Seachange which includes new soft chairs for children's area and computer chairs. He is currently getting quotes. **DECISION:** We pay the \$2000 donation to the appropriate library a/c. Moved by Beryl, seconded Geoff. **ACTION:** A cheque was prepared and signed at the meeting.
  5. Possible future book events:
    - Georgie Brooks, *A Year in the Mud and the Toast and The Tears (My (semi) rural kind of life)*
    - Nick Richardson *1956 The Year Australia Welcomed the World*, Peter Spearritt to review and send comments to Mary re suitability for an event.
    - Dr Claire Weekes, *The Woman Who Cracked the Anxiety Code*, Beryl Main to review and send comments to Mary re suitability for an event.
  11. Other Business
    - Book fair 2020, everyone to keep their ears to the ground regarding book collections being cleared out that would be suitable for the book fair. Also, if anyone knows of book collections in schools, kindergartens or libraries lost due to the fires in the area to let FOLBS know.
    - Mary suggested we do something for Ben who has been preparing the posters and flyers for FOL events. **DECISION:** We get Ben a gift voucher for his favourite coffee shop **ACTION:** Mary to organise this.

Meeting closed 10.55am

Next meeting Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 10am.