

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire
Minutes of an ordinary meeting
Wednesday 20th March 2019
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay library

1. Attendance: Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Barbara Barrett, Lee Rogers, Samantha McGrath, Anna Middleton, Richard Hodgson, Margot Wright, Sue Ash, Carolyn Adams.

Apologies: Beryl Main, Janene Jarvis, Fiona Butler, Pam Hughes, Bette Beresford.

2. Librarian's Report: Nil

3. Minutes from February meeting:

Moved Richard that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded Lee.

4. Business arising from February meeting:

Richard Hodgson renewed Writers Festival membership.

Sale of online raffle tickets not to proceed at this stage.

Sue Ash emailed a reminder to outstanding members.

Ongoing discussions re renewal process and receipts.

The use of Google sheets still to be advised.

Geoff Meers still to talk with Stone and Wood re raffle prize.

5. President's report March 2019: Attached below.

6. Correspondence incoming: Nil

7. Correspondence outgoing: **Action**. Geoff Meers to send a letter of thanks to Barry Pratt.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Balance from March \$39,961.77. Total income \$122.06. Total expenditure \$123.32.

Richard Hodgson moved to continue the FOLA subscription, cancel the lost cheque and pay by transfer, seconded Anna Middleton.

Arising.

A question arose as to what amount should be held/left in the FOL bank account on an ongoing basis.

Action. To be placed on next months agenda.

Treasurers report moved by Richard Hodgson and seconded Anna Middleton

9. Membership Report.

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Action To discuss at an executive meeting, the defining of an “active” member.

10. General Business:

Book Fair, a reminder book fair date 13th July 2019, venue and dates confirmed, book sorting up to date, with a steady flow of books coming in. An additional shed will be necessary.

Transport trucks still to be organised, a few possibilities, once again the generosity of Dennis maybe called upon.

Action Christopher Wright to research other means besides plastic to cover books in the storage shed.

Action. Beryl Main to purchase 2 additional large signs plus date change of existing ones.

Anna Middleton moved to purchase another large banner with Book Fair and logo printed on it, seconded Sue Ash.

Action Margot Wright to place notices in local paper re book collection emphasis on childrens and art books, clean and quality books.

Action. Barbara Barrett to make signs for categories to be placed in alphabetical order, a help when book sorting. Check with Janene Jarvis.

Raffle prizes, Sue Ash presented the updated spreadsheet.

Author events

‘The Yogic Kitchen’ by Jody Vassilo May 30 or May 31st to be held at the Heritage House 5pm for 6pm. Price to be determined and wine to be organised by Richard Hodgson. Cheese and biscuits to be advised. As well as Jody preparing something delicious.

‘Candidates Disease’ a political memoir by Peter Breen, late April with Mick O’Reagan. venue library, Ewingsdale Hall, or Marvell Hall. **Action.** Janene to check with Peter if he can supply his books as Carolyn Adams is away.

‘The Rosie Result’ by Graeme Simson to be advised.

Mary Nelson has ordered 3 tablecloths with logo on them.

FOL potential fundraiser ‘Sea Change Series’ to be filmed in Brunswick, an idea Mary Nelson may well check out.

Meeting closed 11.45am

As we all continue with our busy lives, it is pleasing to report that many of you still find the time to volunteer with our programs.

The raffle prizes are coming in nicely and the list is beginning to look as good as ever. Booking sorting is being well supported for the Book Fair. Please keep a look out for donations of good quality and clean books. Remember that we also have a special section for antiquarian books which Barbara Barrett diligently researches for best value.

Barry Pratt, the retired driver of the inter-library delivery service has sent me a message to say that 'he needs to step down from Membership of Byron FOL for two reasons – one being the distance to travel from his home and to attend to health related issues. He wished Byron FOL well in their future endeavours for the betterment of library services in the Shire.' I would like to suggest that an email be sent to him thanking him for the assistance and support he gave us for several years transporting Book Fair books.

On behalf of Friends of Libraries Byron Shi

Thank you for your wonderful support for the libraries in our Shire. You all help to make them the best places they can be for our residents and visitors.

