

DRAFT MINUTES
ACT RED HILL BUSH REGENERATORS INC
Annual General Meeting 2009
11 am, 1 November 2009 at Red Hill

1. Attendees

Peter Franklin, Michael Mulvaney, Julie Toms, Ian Smith, Ton McLeish, Robert McLeish, Ross Kingsland, Paul Ratcliffe, Fred Knowler, Sue Skermer

2. Apologies

Sandy Berry

3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM

The draft Minutes were accepted

Moved: S. Ross

Seconded: M Mulvaney

The motion was carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

- a) Web site – after some discussion about the Southern Catchment web site content, links and accessibility for updating etc the group decided that:
 - i) Julie Toms would email the url for site updating to Paul Ratcliffe.
 - ii) Michael Mulvaney to try to contact Cliff Bott who set up the original, now superseded, Red Hill Regenerators web site and ask for that page to be deleted.
 - iii) The meeting agreed that Paul Ratcliffe could establish a new website for the group and that about \$200 per annum be made available for maintenance and development of the site. Suggested content to include a statement of significance, material included in the proposed signs and the group's work program.

Moved: M Mulvaney

Seconded: P Franklin

The motion was carried.

- b) Membership list – updating the list is progressing. Membership forms to be completed by all new members plus current members who have not already done so. The group decided to apply membership fees to formalise membership lists. The first payment will be for the 2009-10 financial year. Fee options to include multi year payments.

Paul Ratcliffe tabled a draft membership form for the meeting's consideration. There was some discussion about the need for a disclaimer statement on each form given some members' advice about the 'umbrella' insurance cover provided by the Southern Catchment Group. Also, Toni McLeish to send Paul the 'definitive' RHRBR logo.

- i) Motion: Sue Ross to email all members and others on the email list with details.

Moved: P Franklin

Seconded: R Kingsland

The motion was carried.

- c) Tools – Peter Franklin has made the inventory. New tools may be required.
 - i) Peter to check whether Parks, Conservation and Lands or the Southern Catchment group has any equipment available.
- d) Revegetation plan – no further action until the drought breaks.
 - i) Action remains as for last AGM - Michael Mulvaney to bring forward a proposal when the current drought has broken.

5. Correspondence addressed to the AGM

- a) Nil

6. Other reports

- a) Tools storage – Peter Franklin continues to store and carry tools but would still prefer an alternative arrangement if one is available.
- b) Interpretation signs – a number of draft proposed signs were circulated for information and comment, \$5,000 has been allocated for these. The cost of the original draft signage and logo developed by Alex Spinkoski was \$1,000. The design of the signs has now been incorporated with similar work being undertaken by Parks, Conservation and Lands who required a simpler logo than the one previously prepared. Toni McLeish to get a digital copy of the previous logo design so it can be used for other purposes. No date has been set for installing the signs.

7. President's report

- a) The group has spent much of past year weeding different areas across the reserve.
- b) The Golf Course proposed development has also required, and will continue to need, a lot of input.

- c) Peter Franklin noted that there have been 10 working bees with an average of 12 attendees each time – Peter noted that this is seen as an excellent result compared with other like groups. A total of 346 hours of voluntary work has been recorded. This does not include the work on the signs and the golf course development. Peter also noted that the personal approach seems successful in attracting residents who live adjacent to particular areas that are being worked on, and that letter box drops in the area would be good for future work sessions.
- d) There was also some discussion about capturing Indian Mynas – construction and use of traps. It was agreed that any surplus traps should be provided to the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group for distribution to other trappers.

8. Treasurer's report

- a) The Treasurer's report was emailed to all members on 15 September 2009.
- b) Ian Smith noted that there was some decline in funds because of the lower interest rate and some expenditure. The balance of funds as at 30 June 2009 was \$8,370.68.
- c) Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: P Franklin

Seconded: S Ross

The motion was carried.

- d) Julie Toms and Michael Mulvaney to check and see if they have received any requests to pay membership subscriptions to other organisations such as the Conservation Council.
- e) Michael Mulvaney to submit request for reimbursement of the subscription he has paid.
- f) Ross Kingsland to provide information to Ian Smith about credit society payment of better interest rates, with a view to investment or placement of the group's funds to get a better return.

9. Other reports

- a) Federal Golf Club proposed development - Michael Mulvaney reported that
 - i) A letter is being prepared seeking a meeting with the Planning Minister, Andrew Barr.
 - ii) Information collected in the at risk area indicate approximately 250 reportable species, a much larger number than expected. **[Michael can you expand this a bit?]**

- iii) Further information is to be collected shortly
 - iv) Ian Smith is preparing a heritage nomination for the “Weston plantings” of Callistemons (i.e. the planting by Charles Weston in 1917 of *Callistemon lanceolatus* on Red Hill).
 - v) Ian is also developing speaking notes for the use of speakers etc opposed to the proposed golf course development.
- b) Depositing the Red Hill Regenerators’ archives with the ACT Heritage Library – Ian Smith reported that he had discussed this proposal with Antoinette Buchanan, ACT Heritage Librarian and she had accepted the proposal in principle. On 27 October 2009 Ian had emailed to the group a summary of the proposal.
- i) Motion: That the meeting agree to depositing archives of the ACT Red Hill Bush Regenerators Inc at the ACT Heritage library.

Moved: J Toms

Seconded: R Kingsland

The motion was carried.

- ii) Motion: That Ian Smith will arrange, describe and propose those archives as the initial consignment for deposit at the Heritage Library. The committee will assess the proposed consignment before the actual deposit.

Moved: I Smith

Seconded: T McLeish

The motion was carried.

- c) In relation to the proposed archiving, P Franklin also suggested that photographic images in the collection could be added to ‘Picassa’ or ‘Flickr’ or on the Group’s web site (when / if established).
- d) Surveys – there was some discussion about repeating surveys taken early in the group’s activities.

10. Conservation Council Representative

- a) No nominations were received. M Mulvaney will keep in touch with developments in his role in the biodiversity group. Council correspondence to be sent to M Mulvaney.

11. Name of group

- a) P Ratcliffe proposed changing the name of the group to ‘Red Hill Parkcare Group’ or similar. Paul explained that ‘Park Care’ was a more familiar concept with the community and may make it more attractive to potential members.

- b) In opposing the motion I Smith outlined the heritage and history of the current name. He also noted that the term 'Park Care' may be transient as the ACT Government may change this at a future date.
- c) Julie Toms suggested that the current name be retained but that where appropriate the group be identified as a member of Park Care.
 - i) Motion: That the current name of the group be retained but that where appropriate the group be identified as a member of Park Care.

Moved: I Smith

Seconded: T McLeish

The motion was carried.

12. Election of office bearers

The following office bearers were elected unanimously **[are all the following office bearers? And is there a formal list of 'offices? Or should it be President, VP, Sec'y, Tsr, Public Officer and other members with nominated functions??]**

President	Julie Toms
Vice President (Task coordinator)	Peter Franklin
Secretary	Sue Ross
Treasurer	Ian Smith
Public Officer	Sue Ross
Committee Member	Michael Mulvaney

Other members were given responsibilities as follows:

Conservation Officer	Michael Mulvaney
Southern Cross Catchment committee Member (ACTRHBR representative)	Michael Mulvaney
Tools Management	Peter Franklin and Ross Kingsland
Web Manager	Paul Ratcliffe
Indian Myna Trap Coordinator	Robert McLeish
Sign coordinator	Toni McLeish

13. Other business

- a) M Mulvaney raised the issue of appropriate numbers of kangaroos in the reserve – the objective being to assist with grass management and health of the kangaroos. Previous surveys have ranged from 85 to 200 outside the golf course area. Michael sought an indication of those willing to help in taking another survey. Michael will advise details.
- b) Button wrinklewort also needs to be surveyed again.