

Whangateau Hall Committee
Meeting Monday: September 12, 2016

Minutes

Type of meeting: Quarterly

Chaiperson: Richard Gerard

Secretary: Natalie Keane

Members: Jenine Abarbanel (Treasurer), Kathie Walker, Ken Kinnaird, Elise Macdonald, Lynnette Penney, Jade Muliaumasealii, Elizabeth Foster.

Apologies: Ken and Jade. Moved Elizabeth, Seconded Richard, unanimously accepted.

1. **Read Minutes of last meeting.** Richard requests addition of word “tensioner” after “Basketball Hoop Net”. Moves to accept as true and correct by Richard, save for “tensioner”. Seconded Elise. All in favour. Unanimously Accepted.

2. Matters arising from previous meeting minutes

1. Basketball hoop net should be the basketball hoop **tensioner**. Richard asked Jeff to get a spare, but hasn't got one back yet.
2. Bollards. Reckon they're going to need a resource consent to put the bollards in, so they've put those on hold. We don't have any new information re the Rams lease and their strip of grass. **Nat to call council to get copy of Rams new lease.**
3. Committee Structure. Council have advertised for a new person to liaise with the committee.
4. Campground vouchers: **Nettie has them.** Gave to Jenine to house musicians for Folk Club.
5. Ginger and other weeds behind the Rams. **Lynette to call council and “encourage” them to deal to it.**
6. **Picket fence.** Very good quote from Tony Crimp. **Richard moves to offer him \$2000 incl. GST and ask him to go ahead. Seconded: Jenine. All in favour. Carried.** Side note: Sandra May from Auckland Council Property now says she could put picket fence replaced for 2017/2018 calendar year.
7. **Fitness Trail.** The survey has had 12 respondents. Concerns include long term maintenance and accessibility for wheelchairs/push chairs. 5 respondents would like to participate/contribute in future. Question: what is our role in this process? Do we give our approval and moral support, without actually promising anything by way of physical/material support? Can we have a say in the locating and sizing of equipment? Richard expresses concern about cluttering up the waterfront with too many pieces. The WRRRA are still considering it, but no decision has been made. The domain “management plan” says we should consult with the community, and even though the council often ignore it, maybe we should stick by that. Jenine moves we send a note back to the WRRRA that we have concerns about the proposed fitness trail, and that approval of such a plan would be dependent on seeing final hard designs. Seconded by Nat. Carried unanimously.
8. **Country Fair.**
 1. Arguments for a fair.
 1. Community draw card, reason to all get together locally. See people we don't see any other time of the year.
 2. Money to do upgrades and extras for the hall.
 3. If we stop having the fair, it could be impossible to bring it back again. Council are changing the rules, other events will come up to fill the gap (what gap?) left by the Fair leaving.
 2. Arguments against.

1. Now, our fair competes with events in Matakana and the A&P show, so our draw is reduced.
 2. Council is now providing a lot of our maintenance and upgrades. We have the money for our fence. We still need new curtains. Other than that, our fundraising needs are few.
 3. Very few people do a large amount of the work.
 4. We struggle to raise ~\$2500 a year.
3. Alternatives to the country fair.
1. Monthly/quarterly events.
 1. Bingo/Housie
 2. Movie nights
 3. Car boot sale
 4. Something with our beautiful barbecue.
 4. Jenine moves we have no Country Fair in 2017. Seconded by Nettie. Unanimously carried.
9. **Trestle tables.** Nat has the bits and pieces to do some repairs on them. She and Jenine will give it a go to repair, but we should consider replacing with something maybe a little smaller, and a lot sturdier.
10. **Heaters.** Do we want to consider council suggestion of heat pumps?
1. Arguments for:
 1. The wall heaters take too long to heat the hall on really cold nights.
 2. Current wall heaters are a fire hazard.
 2. Arguments against:
 1. Expensive to run.
 2. Floor mounted takes up floor space. Wall mounted have extrusions that impact outside of the hall.
 3. Richard to liaise with Sandra for other options.

3. Correspondence

1. Incoming
 1. Letter from Jeff Lyford of the Rams re: Bollards. "Need resource consent...Archaeological nature of the site...too much expense...not worth it...monitor and see if it's a problem."
 2. Correspondence with Ian Alexander from the council, has now left. We're talking to Mike, his boss. Receiving hire money and bond money for the hall. Council doesn't want the hire money going into our account. But the bond money never goes near the council, so no reason hirers couldn't put the bond direct into our account (with a different suffix). Reasons for this: security and ease. Hire fee must still be a cheque given to the council. But out of towners aren't allowed to write a cheque, they have to pay cash. The problem comes when hirers give us \$450 bond, then after their event, instead of getting the bond they say, "no just use that money to pay the hire fee." But council doesn't want their hire money to pass through our account. If we had a completely separate bond account, Nettie could put the bond into there, then pay with a cheque into the council. Jenine to look into that at ASB. Make sure it's fee free. Richard to double check with Mike at the council again.
2. Outgoing.
3. Move that inwards accepted, outwards endorsed. Carried.

4. New Business:

1. Discussion of Fundraising activities.
 1. Make a list of what we are fundraising for:
 1. Curtains: Discussion of various styles. Jenine and Nat to get selection of possible curtains and styles, and pricing. Elise moves we authorise Nat and Jenine to go ahead to an amount of \$3000. Any more than that needs to go back to committee. Seconded Richard. Accepted.

2. Replacement for flimsy trestle tables.
 3. More fancy chairs?
 4. New refrigerator (added after meeting)
2. Rams club would like to ask if we would like to provide Devonshire teas or Dinner on the Friday for Australasian Touch Tournament November 4th and 5th. (Nat to confirm dates.) Jenine, Nat and Nettie very keen to do that. MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK MENU. Burritos and soft tacos.
5. **President report.**
 1. We need to pay Lynette her 6-monthly stipend of \$250. (Presented via e-mail after the event, and seconded and approved by a majority of the committee. Treasurer to issue payment.)
6. **Secretary report.** Nothing to report.
7. **Treasurer report.** We have \$7556.41 in our fundraising account. Report accepted.
8. **Caretakers report**
 1. Leigh Carnival sent thank you for loaning them stuff for the carnival.
 2. Fire brigade gave us a receipt for the \$100 we paid them for our donation.
 3. Report accepted
9. **General Business**
 1. **Hall hire documents.**
 1. In the wedding information. Take out information about Crimps being a full wedding venue and just say it's accommodation.
 2. Make sure we say that we have 80 good chairs. 10 plastic chairs. Hall capacity 100.
 3. Nettie, ask Stan and Bridget to photocopy, OR just e-mail hirers the PDFs.
 2. Photos of hall on interior board have disappeared. Used to tell hirers how hall should be set up after use. **Richard to take new photos and print up.**
 3. Mops. There's a broken one in the toilets. **Jenine to throw it away.** New mops in the foyer for the hall. We need a new squeeze mop for the kitchen floor.
 4. Some rubbish behind the hall to be disposed of. Broken bits of plastic and wood. Nettie to look after it.

Meeting closed at 8:58pm.

Next meeting December 5th.