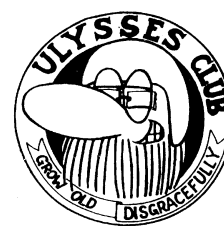




ULYSSES CLUB INC
TOP END BRANCH



MINUTES OF THE TOP END ULYSSES CLUB COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT DARWIN RSL CLUB, ON
Monday 21st July 2008 5.30pm

Present:

Top End Committee: Brain Hulands (Chair), Graham Buxton, Pauline Buxton (Minutes), David Alford, Keren Bell, Vicki Hulands, Anthony (Gramps) Pearson, Peter Karpati, Ray Swann

1. WELCOME

President Brian Hulands welcomed Top End Branch Committee members

1.2 Apologies – None

1.3 Additions to agenda –

Quartermaster purchases
Show and Shine
Future meeting dates

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the AGM meeting held at Darwin RSL Club on 7/07/08 were tabled.

Motion 1: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Pauline Buxton. Seconded Keren Bell. Carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

3.1 **Branch Logo** – deferred to be discussed in General Business.

4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian provided updates on:

4.1 **AGM feasibility study:**

AGM Kit received from Graeme Rule on 10/07/08 – for further discussion.

4.2 **MC Apprentice of the Year:**

Email received from Neville Gray on 17/07/08 advising that the next step is to find out what year apprentices we have in Darwin and also who the best person is that Neville can contact in the TAFE system.

Motion 1: That the President's be accepted.

Moved: Brian Hulands. Seconded: Graham Buxton. Carried

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.1 **Correspondence In** – Refer to attached Register

5.2 **Correspondence Out** - Refer to attached Register

5.3 **Matters arising from Inward/Outward Correspondence:**

Item 6: Information received from NATCIOM regarding Public Liability Insurance to be included in next Newsletter.

Item 7: Letter of complaint from Rob Miller deferred to general business.

Item 11: Email from PK to KB re response to above deferred to general business.

Motion 1: That the Secretary's be accepted.

Moved: Pauline Buxton: Seconded by Vicki Hulands. Carried

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The following are taken from the financial statement of the Ulysses Club Inc. Top End Branch as at 31/7/08

<u>Opening balance Top End Account:</u>	\$ 1,768.84
Income for period:	\$ 947.92
Expenditure for period:	\$ 211.70
Closing Balance:	\$ 2,505.00

<u>Opening balance Odyssey Account:</u>	\$ 926.66
Income for period:	\$ 1,824.18
Expenditure for period:	\$ 99.28
Closing balance:	\$ 2,651.53

Net Account Balance: **\$ 5,156.53**

Motion 1: That the Treasurers report be accepted.

Moved: Graham Buxton. Seconded by Ray Swan. Carried

7. LIAISON OFFICER / WEB MASTERS REPORT

Liaison Officer advised that he will be attending a RANT meeting in the near future and will provide update at next meeting.

Web Master advised that the new Branch Web Site is almost complete and he will advise Committee Members as and when new links are added.

8. ODYSSEY COORDINATORS REPORT

Patches and Stubby holders have been ordered – 34 registrations to date.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Complaint from Rob Miller:

At this point of the meeting it was agreed that Brian Hulands step down from chairing this part of the meeting and Graham Buxton chaired the meeting.

Vicki Hulands gave an account of the circumstances behind the content of the letter of complaint. This account was accepted by the committee and it was accepted that there had been a misunderstanding and some miscommunication which lead to some exaggerations and distortion of the facts. Ray Swan reported to have spoken to the RSL staff and had ascertained there any accusations of wrongdoings were unfounded. It was also accepted that any correspondence entered into to date were from personal perspectives and not a reflection of the views of the Committee.

It was agreed that Graham Buxton draft an official response to Mr. Miller and circulate to the Committee for ratification.

9.2 Email to KB from PK

Mr. Karpati was invited to express the concerns he alluded to in his email to Keren. Mr. Karpati gave some historical background into the amalgamation of the former Litchfield and Top End Branches, and expressed his lack of confidence in Mr. Hulands as Coordinator / President. Mr. Karpati then tendered his resignation effective immediately. Mr. Karpati left the meeting.

Motion 1: That Mr. Karpati's resignation be accepted.

Moved: Graham Buxton. Seconded by Ray Swan. Carried

Motion 2: That this Committee issue a vote of confidence in Brian Hulands as the Branch Coordinator / President

Moved: Ray Swann. Seconded: Keren Bell. Carried

Motion 3: That John Allwood be approached to take up the vacancy on the Committee

Moved: Gramps. Seconded: Vicki Hulands. Carried

9.3 Branch Logo

It was agreed that Pauline place an advertisement in the NT News on July 30th 2008 advertising the General Meeting on the 19th August 2008.

Motion 1: That the resolution on the 19th August read, " That the Top End Branch logo be changed."

Moved: Brian Hulands. Seconded: Pauline Buxton. Carried

Motion 2: Any papers for or against the resolution can be sent to the secretary for distribution to the members by email only.

Moved: Brian Hulands. Seconded: Pauline Buxton. Carried

9.4 Mr. Paintbrush's position

Following rumours circulating regarding the possible resignation of Mr. Paintbrush from the Committee (ex officio), Brian reassured the Committee that he had spoken to John recently who said he was taking a break from Branch matters but would be back in the near future.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Quartermaster Account

Vicki Hulands reported that she will bank all income for Ulysses merchandise and draw a cheque to pay for it. This will result in a credit for the branch.

10.2 Show and Shine

Francis O'Reilly has volunteered to organise a Show and Shine event on the 21st September 2008. It was agreed that she have a budget of \$100.00 to cover expenses.

10.3 Future meeting calendar

It was agreed that the Committee will meet every 6 weeks, Pauline will submit a calendar prior to next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

President, Brian Hulands

Secretary, Pauline Buxton

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