

MINUTES OF HOPE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 14th November 2015 commencing 10.00am

At HOPE Office, 22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350

(Last updated – 27 November 2015)

0. Meeting opened at 10.15am with morning tea provided
1. Attendance: Frank Ondrus, Kerry Kruger, Steve Cupitt, Terry Ryan, Guy & Oksana Muller, Lee Mason, Hugh Krenske, Joy van der Wyk, Barry Miller, Miriam Sharp and Wayne Ole
2. Apologies: David Shipp, Charmaine Turnbull, Joanne Galea, Donnell Davis , Chris & Stewart Mulligan
3. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest - Nil
4. Guest speaker – Steve Cupitt from Crossroads Rural & Environment Pty Ltd. Steve talked about his career and consultancy expertise, specifically with respect to the coal seam gas and mining industries. He is currently running his own consultancy business working with farmers and urban land holders, and other rural organisations. Steve’s personal philosophy is “Integrating Conservation with Production” and removing the “them” and “us” for his work activities.
5. Minutes of the 2014 AGM to be passed as a true record – moved by Terry Ryan and seconded by Joy van der Wyk
6. President’s Report – submitted by Frank that it be accepted. Seconded by Terry Ryan.

Highlights:-

- 1) *Some people have resigned from positions with HOPE for various personal and career reasons*
- 2) *HOPE continues to support other organisations by forwarding on information and supporting petitions. And received in-kind support from MPs (photo copying) and TRC (Dr Price rooms)*
- 3) *Business plan was passed in June 2015. Membership fee proposal shelved; and letter campaign for attracting sponsorship begun.*
- 4) *DDEC formed – Strategic Café meeting; protest against CSG.*
- 5) *Community forums continue – Dr Price rooms every month – mixed attendance record – some meetings heavily supported; others not so.*
- 6) *Discontinued insurance with Traders Walk (now under the umbrella of QWaLC).*
- 7) *Information displays during year: Gardenfest; TLCF, U3A and Youth Leading World Congress*
- 8) *Submissions made to government bodies re caring for abandoned mine sites*
- 9) *Grant applications – GCBF and Ergon Energy Fund, the latter was refused.*
- 10) *Condamine Alliance is funding \$3000 to help HOPE and Crossroads Consultancy to run a pilot program to encourage landholders to improve their vegetation for wildlife.*
7. Treasurer’s Report – Income for year: \$264; Expenses \$3,136. Current bank statement shows the account balance as \$1,348.30 – Kerry Kruger moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Joy van der Wyk.
8. Other reports – no other reports were tabled
9. Motions: motions and/or constitutional amendments – no other motions tabled

10. Election of 2015-2016 Executive Committee members, etc. The following people were elected to these positions:

- President - Mr Frank Ondrus (M: Steve / S: Barry)
- Vice-President - Mr Steve Cupitt (M: Kerry / S: Joy)
- Secretary - Miss Kerry Kruger (M: Miriam / S: Guy)
- Treasurer - Miss Kerry Kruger (M: Miriam / S: Joy)
- Extra member selected from admin support staff listed below (usually Newsletter Editor or Website Manager)

- Ordinary members who fulfil administration support roles as:
 - Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator - Mr Frank Ondrus (M: Steve / S: Joy)
 - Newsletter Editor* - Vacant
 - Website Manager* - Vacant
 - Media Officer* - Various admin support staff volunteers
 - Membership Officer* - Barry Miller (M: Miriam / S: Steve)
 - Facebook-Twitter Administrator* - Charmaine Turnbull (M: Frank / S: Joy)
 - IT Advisor* - David Shipp (M: Frank / S: Guy)
 - Admin assistants (media /publications, etc.) - Vacant
 - Librarian - Vacant

* - These positions can be undertaken remotely by phone and email communication.

11. Nomination of Patron: Jerry Coleby-Williams (from ABC's Gardening Australia program) – Moved by Frank Ondrus and seconded by Terry Ryan
12. Nomination of auditor: Robert Crosato, Crosato Country Enterprises – moved by Kerry Kruger and seconded by Barry Miller
13. Next AGM scheduled for 12 November 2016
14. Close of meeting: 11:05am