



Alexandra Hills Men's Shed General Meeting

Tuesday 7th October 2014
William St. Birkdale South

Meeting Opened:	9.29am
Attendees:	27 as per attendance book
Apologies:	Ian Parkyn, Gary Stone, Ray Reilly, Gary Wells, Noel Steinke, Geoff Finegan, Steve Devenport.
Committee:	President: Matt Stevenson Vice President: position vacated Treasurer: absent Secretary: Rob Jerome (Bernie Maguire handed in written resignation as V.P.)
Treasurers Report: not available – this will be available at the Social Meeting Tuesday 21 st Oct.	
General Business	
Minutes of previous meeting: read by Secretary – accepted: Bryan Anderson, 2 nd by Alan Doyle Meeting Chaired by: Matt Stevenson	

Items arising from Minutes:

Fuel and Gift Cards – meeting was informed that the following cards are yet to be used up prior to their expiry date – 1 x \$50.00 fuel card, 4 x \$100.00 Bunnings Gift Cards – includes 1 x Bunnings Gift Card still to be awarded to A.H.M.S. for the Shields Project.

General Business:

Fees waiver – meeting was informed that a letter addressed to Redland City Council along with several Letters of Support from Tony Christianson - RDCOTA, Steve Davies - Capalaba MP and Alan Beard - RCC Deputy Mayor, can now be raised and delivered to RCC as a request to waiver application fees.

New Business:

Bunnings Capalaba BBQ – meeting was informed that our member Dudley Reid is handling the set up of the BBQ at Bunnings Capalaba this coming Sunday 12th October. Dudley is requiring a trailer to deliver the drinks and plastic containers for operation of this BBQ. David Kohlman advised the meeting that he would be available to assist Dudley with this request.

Permanent Thursday Bunnings BBQ – members were advised that it is the intention that Bunnings Capalaba will be offering A.H.M.S. a permanent Thursday BBQ. Operational times are 8.00am till 4.00pm. Sharon Neal – Community Activities Organiser has given a tentative date to commence this as being Thursday 16th October. Bunnings Capalaba have advised that there will be no formal letter of request for the week day BBQ's unlike the weekend BBQ's.

This topic was then thrown over to the meeting for open discussion. Dudley Reid proposed that A.H.M.S. give this a three (3) month trial – 2nd by Peter Baldwin and accepted by all by means of a show of hands. The Secretary suggested that a blanket email should be sent out to all members requesting additional participation for this ongoing event. This was accepted again by a show of hands. The Secretary informed the meeting that he will be in contact with Sharon Neal to confirm the starting date.

Saturday Shed opening days – it was brought to attention of the meeting that several members who are still employed and along with members who may be assisting at the Thursday BBQ, will not have access to the Shed for projects. It was therefore suggested that the Shed be open on a Saturday. This was put to the meeting for all to digest and discuss at length at the next General Meeting on Tuesday 4th November.

Men's Sheds Parade/March – meeting was informed that Queensland Men's Shed Association have set a date as being November 1st for a combined Men's Sheds Parade. Assembly will be at 3.30pm at Brisbane River Stage area. The march will then proceed across the Goodwill Bridge and finish at the Cultural Forecourt at Southbank Parklands.

G20 Light up Brisbane Sign – Project Manager Ben Warner addressed the meeting to advise that he would clarify the details of the invitation as to being open to Men's Shed wives and partners to attend this event. RSVP has been set as Monday 14th October.

Inspection of New Shed – Project Manager Ben Warner again address the meeting to advise that an inspector from a Logan based company called DBR Certification, will within two to three (2 to 3) weeks, be onsite to inspect the New Shed for certification.

Garden Bench – meeting was informed that a request via email was received from a lady called Catriona Malcolm requesting A.H.M.S. build a garden bench similar to the previous project. John Earle requested to be the Project Manager for this – all agreed on this. Contact details were then handed to John.

Harvey Norman – meeting was informed of the paid Santa jobs being offered by this company for the not far off Christmas period – this position requires that applicants must have a current Blue Card. Any members wanting further information should contact Matt Stevenson.

Garage Sale – meeting was informed that a date for a Garage Sale be decided upon. The general consensus was that Saturday 22nd November would be that date. Shed member Alan Perkins, also from the Redland 4WD Club, advised that his Club who had been previously invited by A.H.M.S. were keen to sell their goods alongside A.H.M.S. making the day a joint effort. John Siviour and Bernie Maguire informed the meeting that they would be the co-ordinators for this event.

Electricians Quote – meeting was informed of the quote for the electrical work as required for our new dedicated Workshop of \$3,180.00. It was then suggested that A.H.M.S. should get a second quote so as to compare the two (2). Our member Joe Kostowski offered to get a quote from his son who is a licensed electrician. All present agreed to this.

Open Forum

Security Issue – Bernie Maguire address the meeting to advise that he had arrived at the Shed early on two (2) occasions to find it unlocked and windows left open.

Plywood Panels – Lou Wolf informed the meeting that Terry Townsend has all the panels for the inside lining of the New Shed.

6 Points to ponder by Lou Wolf:

1. BBQ's recommendations:
 - (a) provide handout information about A.H.M.S. leaflets/Business Cards etc.
 - (b) set up crew to place that days roster on inside of cash box
 - (c) laminated display of BBQ volunteers phone numbers on inside of cash box
 - (d) colour highlight A.H.M.S. set up member who has keys for shed should extra supplies be needed
2. Website Registration Domain Name \$39 for two (2) years – should we renew? Response was positive – Lou authorised to initiate payment.
3. Website content – ; irrespective of who is in charge, content needs to be supplied. Ira Warner's company, Clique Consultants, is willing to support the AHMS on either a "on demand basis" or a "once a month" update of the website. Either way the AHMS needs to provide the content. Lou is happy to be web editor and needs input (content) from web reporters. At any rate, Lou will be travelling extensively next year and will not be able to support the web site for approximately three months while in the US.
4. Lou proposed that part of the \$10,000 equipment grant, a dust extractor unit be purchased in order to fit out the new workshop.
5. AMSA Grant Application closes on 24th October. There are three categories; equipment, building and maintenance, and training and programmes. Question to the management committee was to seek guidance as to an appropriate direction for the grant request, suggesting insulation of social hall and/or upgrade to 3 phase power as possibilities. No clear direction provided
6. Redlands Grants Foundation application closes 30th November. This is the initial grant offering for this organisation with a maximum amount of \$10,000. Other organisations that offer grant applications are ENERGEX, Coles, Mitre 10, and ORIGIN. Redland City Council will open applications again in February 2015. Red Tape Busters was mentioned by the committee. Lou responded that he had contacted RTB and was advised that AHMS would be responsible for finding the eligible and applicable grants and responsible for obtaining the necessary quotes. RTB gets a percentage of successful submissions for doing the application which is the easy part.

*Foot Note: As A.H.M.S. member Bernie Maguire has handed in a written resignation from the Post of Vice President of the Executive Committee – a nomination form will be emailed out to all members.

End Of Meeting Notes

Gold Coin – a reminder to all and new members and visitors present that a **GOLD COIN** is to be supplied for end of meeting tea/coffee/biscuits.

Next Meeting – the next meeting which will be a Social Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday 2st October at 9.30am.

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Meeting Closed: 11.10am