



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 23 March 2011

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 8:08pm.

Present: Ian Rankin, Tim Johns, Mal Brown, Bill Gallagher, James Williams, Ken Wellard, Andy Hay, Keith Murphy, Anne Murphy, John Childs, Phil Dyson, Brett Hay, Leah Cripps, Robyn McKay, John Toll, Howard Perry.

Apologies: Lousie Wellard, Rob Comer, Carmel Hay, Lindsay Cail.

Motion: "Accept the apologies." Moved AH. Seconded KW. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 23 February 2011

Motion: "Minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 23/2/11, be accepted as a true, accurate record of the meeting." Moved BG. Seconded RMck. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Northgate Grant – see Robyn if you have any ideas.

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ NCCMA – Remittance Advice \$500 Group Maintenance & Agreement Form.
- ♦ LPLCN – Invitation to update on Project and general progress of the network Wednesday April 6, 9am Loddon Shire Council Offices Serpentine. Presentation by Mal Brown and Leah Cripps.
- ♦ PD- Saltwatch week at Kamrooka, 22 May 2011
- ♦ PD- NC Regional Soils Forum 7th April at the Bendigo Club.
- ♦ Tang Tang Swamp works and measures project 2011.
- ♦ DPI – The Bark Newsletter Issue 2, March 2011

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ MB- Various to do with the Expo.

Motion: "Accept the correspondence." Moved JW. Seconded AM. Carried.

6 Reports

President's report – Expo organisation committee meeting attended. MB to report on the event. Ian re-confirmed commitment of helpers with respect to the FFFM expo.

Treasurer's report – Phil reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 23/3/2011.

Motion: "The Treasurer's report as at 23/3/2011 be accepted, and accounts received approved for payment." Moved PD. Seconded MB. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report – No report.

Kamo/CC2 report – Watertable hasn't really dropped much, still at 90cm. Upper catchment starting to show signs of filling up. About 10-20 trees have died due to waterlogging over about a period of a month, mostly sugar gum. Saltbush looking good.

FFFM Expo report – Mal gave a presentation on a variety of information about presenters, exhibitors, farm-scale demonstrations, bus tours of plantation, food vendors.

7 General Business

1. Education Centre at Kamo – Sub-committee met and decided on Eureka sheds as the preferred option. Some funding being sought to assist in the construction. Funding closes 15th April.

2. AFG membership – Motion:- "That NUFG becomes a branch of AFG and that the first year of subs be paid by for NUFG." Moved MB. Seconded HP. Members spoke of their thoughts about the motion. For: 1. Against 10. Motion denied. A discussion for the next meeting regarding individual membership of AFG. Also need to discuss a need to re-focus on forestry for the group.

3. Leah Cripps gave a presentation based on the LPLN about the make-up of the group and her role, part of which is developing a biodiversity blueprint.

4. Kamarooka site discussion. Andy started with some points about AFG and how the family feels about various items that should be specified. A discussion was held by the group.

5. PD – Saltwatch week. In principle support for the day by the group.

6. AM - Pruning day afternoon of the Saltwatch day.

7. HP – Phil to write a submission to the House of Representatives Inquiry into the Australian Forest Industry.

8. MB – Away for a fair proportion of the year. Wants to know if anyone able to run the “Last Child in the Woods” day. General agreement to run the day.

Meeting closed: With a joke by John Toll @ 10:00pm.

Next Meeting: Raywood Hotel, Wednesday April 27, 2011 at 8pm.