



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 26 May 2010

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:05pm.

Present: Tim Johns, Rob Comer, Ian Rankin, Ken Wellard, Darren Kerr, Bill Gallagher, Mal Brown, Malory Weston, Keith Murphy, Anne Murphy, Eric Pascoe, Stewart Ayson, Penny Wall, Barbara Lindeman, Andy Hay, Ian Magee

Apologies: Phil Dyson, Darren Bain, Louise Wellard, James Williams, Robyn McKay, Howard Perry, John Toll, John Forbes, Faye Forbes, Andrew Wall.

Motion: "Accept the apologies." Moved RC. Seconded JT. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 28 April 2009

Motion: "Minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 28/4/10, be accepted as a true, accurate record of the meeting." Moved AH. Seconded BG. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Pruning day at Kamo. Motion: Every year the first Sunday in July should be a pruning day for the group. Moved MB. Seconded AM. Carried.

Private forestry opportunity – no update at this stage.

Formalisation of tour info. Ken has received field day info from Mal – a little tinkering is required. Maybe apply for a 2nd gen LC grant to develop the concept further. Ken to follow-up.

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Loddon Plains LC Network – Meeting Tuesday 1/6/10, Raywood Hotel, 7:30pm Jodie Odgers, Dale Boyd guest speakers.
- ♦ NCCMA – 2nd Gen LC Grants information sessions.
- ♦ Rhody Bowman – Growing Forests for Tomorrow's Climate – Bendigo 18th June, DPI Epsom- call Roger Cross 0408 386 532.
- ♦ Rhody Bowman – Plantation Thinning and Pruning – FF research seminar 4/6/10 DPI Attwood.
- ♦ Rhody Bowman – Soils and Trees Nutrition – FF research seminar video presentations.
- ♦ Forests and Timber Mag. – Iss 3, Vol 19, Various harvesting types information.

5 Correspondence Out

None.

Motion: "The correspondence be accepted." Moved JC. Seconded BG.

6 Reports

President's report – No report tendered.

Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 26 May 2010.

Motion: "The Treasurer's report at 26 May 2010 be approved and accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded KW. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report – Not present.

Kamo/CC2 Report – None.

Loddon Plains LC Network Report – Penny updated the meeting with the news that the LPLCN has received \$30K funding from the Norman Wettenhall Foundation to fund a project officer to put a blueprint forward for the group. Function organised for 4/5 September 2010. Forty people from Melbourne will spend a weekend planting trees, having dinner at the Inglewood Golf Club, finishing with a cruise on the

Serpentine Ck at Durham Ox. Great entertainment and activities have been organised. Require people to volunteer to billet the people. Contact Penny Wall or Mal Brown if you can help in this regard.

7 General Business

IR – Ballarat regional treegrowers 16/17 July 2010 visit to Kamo and surrounds. Do a BBQ at Kamo, about 4-6 people.
MB – Monday 19 th July – Melbourne Uni visit to Kamo. BBQ lunch. Masters of Ecosystem Science. Ren Bennett.
MB – Loddon Shire – Naturally Loddon, a Wonderland in Spring. Month of activities. Sunday 26 th September @ Kamo, "Lost Child in the Woods." Mal to be the contact and organiser.
MB – MTG – Explore the possibility of running another course. Discuss at the next meeting.
RC – Climate change information. Motion: That NUFG (Phil) run an information session for the group members to feedback information and knowledge developed during the Climate change project. Moved RC. Seconded BG. Carried.
IM – Ian McGee introduced himself to the meeting. Ian was at NUFG's meeting gathering info for the newly formed Northern Bendigo LC Group.

Meeting closed: 8:51pm.

Next Meeting: Raywood Hotel, Wednesday 23 June 2010, 8pm.