



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 23 June 2010

1 Welcome and Apologies

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

Present: Rob Comer, Ian Rankin, Ken Wellard, Tim Johns, Darren Kerr, Bill Gallagher, Mal Brown, Phil Dyson, James Williams,

Apologies: Malory Weston, Penny Wall, Louise Wellard, Andy Hay, Robyn McKay, John Toll.

Motion: "Accept the apologies." Moved BG. Seconded JW. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 26 May 2009

Motion: "Minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 26/5/10, be accepted as a true, accurate record of the meeting." Moved MB. Seconded PD. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Pruning day at Kamo – On 4/7/10.

Private forestry opportunity – meeting with authorities conducted (see Pres. Report).

Formalisation of tour info. No further action at this stage. KW to follow up.

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Loddon Shire (MB) – Flyer, Naturally Loddon, month of activities in the Loddon Shire. NUFG involvement 26/9/10 Kamo – Last Child in the Woods. (Apology for last month, Lost Child – Sec).
- ♦ Rhonda Day – Variety of LC information in Campaspe Shire.
- ♦ IR – Alan Windust (13th August) for Kamo tour. Grade 6 Kangaroo Flat Primary School and other schools as well.

5 Correspondence Out

- MB – Kevin Love (Gavin Jennings) FF & Firewood Machinery Expo, Sustainability Victoria to support.

6 Reports

President's report – Ian described a meeting he had with other NUFG members Minister Gavin Jennings, Kevin Love, & Lisa Calabria. Discussed FF, contrary to earlier information - no available funds to further establish FF in this region. NUFG members met with Jenny Margetts regarding the group's feelings towards DPI service levels. Wanted to know about our group. Hopefully a FF support officer will be part of the outcome. Our area possibly to be married with N/E Victoria.

Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 23 June 2010.

Motion: "The Treasurer's report at 23 June 2010 be approved and accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded PD. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report – Not present.

Kamo/CC2 Report – Phil gave a brief explanation of happenings at Kamo. Currently corresponding with Augustine via Melb. Uni @ Stawell, who is doing the same type of work with Sap flow. Finding the same phenomena with sugar gum as at Kamo. ICT have supplied us with \$3.5K of software to better handle the Sap flow data. Thanks to ICT who have been very helpful with continuing improvements to measurement of Sap flow at Kamo. ICT have invited NUFG to attend a conference in Sydney later this year.

Loddon Plains LC Network Report – Mal talked about mapping some of the environmentally important work already done in the Network area. He also

reminded the meeting of the AGM for incorporation of the Loddon Plains LC Network to be held at the Loddon Shire offices, Serpentine, July 20th 7-8pm.

7 General Business

IR – Jenharwill baling need chemical users course (ACUP) done for some employees, asking for other participants in NUFG who might be interested. IR, DK, MB. No date set as yet.

PD – Supported application to Norman Wettenhall foundation for Bendigo/ Bundoora La Trobe campuses PhD student, essentially the thesis will be about how soils hang on to organic carbon.

PD – Vic. National Parks Assoc. – meeting to establish firewood plantations in northern Victoria. Discussion ensued of what an acceptable system might look like. There was agreement that the political landscape has changed and we need to be on board with this activity. Members present felt it would be useful for Nick Roberts to come and speak to the meeting. PD to arrange.

MB – Climate Change information data collection. Issues discussed.

JW – NC Biolinks – Meeting 29/6/10, 6pm – City of Greater Bendigo reception room. Reply to Anthony Sheean by Friday 25/6/10

Meeting closed: 9:28 pm.

Next Meeting: Raywood Hotel, Wednesday 28 July 2010, following the AGM which starts at 8pm.