

STANLEY LAND CARE GROUP

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 10 April 2012

Meeting commenced 7.45pm

PRESENT

Amber Croft, David & Sally McKay, Gwen & Ian Smith, Steve Routledge, Jenny Indian

APOLOGIES

Vicki & Herman Knopers

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meeting on 11 Oct 2011 circulated. Minutes accepted. Moved Sally, Seconded David, carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Read notes provided by DSE regarding OH&S and report back at next meeting – carry over to next meeting (Amber to read and report back)

Letter to Bernard Gaffney requesting assistance from Indigo Shire with funding for on-going slashing of Spring Ditch – annual slashing by council arranged by David via phone/email; Terry Whitford from the Spring Ditch Committee also requested slashing which was recently undertaken by David; David also met with Jack Harrington from DSE re using the slashbuster for weed control in this area

Discussion over whether Spring Ditch is council or state govt land.

From '[A recent history of Springditch Park](#)': *Oct 1994: Springditch group receives a letter from Beechworth Shire CEO Ray Park (now under the Govt Commissioners) that "Springditch Crown Land Park is in the process of being formally reserved for Recreation purposes". 1995 – The year that under the Commissioners' Restructure Springditch Shire records were lost.*

Enquire with SRCI about having a Landcare noticeboard on the post office;

Build noticeboard – check with Herman

Laminated checklist sheet for spray unit – carry over (David)

Contact NECMA regarding Works on Waterways permit for Spring Ditch – carry over (Amber)

Investigate options for weed control in Spring Ditch – see above

Contact an expert on nestboxes and a facilitator for Spring Ditch planning workshop – Nestboxes available through Steve Routledge from the Ovens Kiewa Landcare Restoration project (see General Business); Decided no need for a facilitator at this stage.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

NECMA (Dec 2011) – 25th Anniversary Landcare Grant processed.

NECMA (16 Jan 2012) – Call for expressions of interest for 2012-13 Victorian Landcare Grants

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

DSE (Feb 2012) – series of emails re weed removal along Spring Creek

Genevieve Milham (March 2012) – Thank-you for work on the Stanley postcard

FRRR (March 2012) – final report submitted

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance \$16,686.05 at 31 March 2012.

Report accepted. Moved Amber, Seconded Gwen, carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Ovens Kiewa Landscape Restoration Project (Recycling for Recovery funding) – Presentation by Steve Routledge, Project Coordinator

31 nestboxes available for distribution in the Stanley area (private & public land; nestboxes will be installed by the project coordinator). An information day to be held on **Sunday 13th May 11am**, with Jim Blackney from Trust For Nature to give a presentation about the species that use nestboxes, nestbox placement, etc. Will include BBQ lunch.

This will free up some funding that was allocated for nestboxes and a guest speaker from the 25th Anniversary of Landcare grant.

ii) Use of grant funding - Victorian Landcare Grants and 25th Anniversary of Landcare Grant

Concern about Victorian Landcare Grants funding due to requirement for dollar for dollar matching of funding (grant was for \$10,000 but our approved application specified that the group would contribute \$10,800 of our own funds not including volunteer labour). As the group's non-grant-derived funds are less than \$2000, this is not possible. One option would be to seek contributions from Stanley community members. Action: Amber to speak to Tom Croft at NECMA about the situation.

25th Anniversary of Landcare Grant to be partially used for planting and landscaping at Spring Ditch.

Action: Informal gathering to be held at Spring Ditch in the coming weeks to decide where & what to plant – Landcare members and Spring Ditch Committee to be invited.

No further planting to occur in Long Dicks Gully this year; priority is maintenance of existing plantings.

Action: Contact prison crew re assistance with maintenance (weeding & mulching, etc). Action: Revise plant order with Park Lane Nursery.

iii) Subsidised short courses

The Regional Landcare Facilitator Project has produced a brochure and heavily subsidised Landcare short courses (available at the post office). Landcare groups can host a half day course for \$100 with no further cost to participants. Minimum 10 participants required. Discussion about consulting with the community to see what topics people would be most interested in – suggest 'Biodiversity I – Get to know your local bushland' and 'Introduction to Permaculture' as top options. (Note: Permaculture is a full day course that would require \$35 fee from participants.)

iv) Cat traps – advertise the availability of these traps

v) Working Bee at Long Dick's Gully – weeding and mulching; Sunday 22nd April 10am-12pm.

ACTION SUMMARY:

Action	Who
Read notes provided by DSE regarding OH&S and report back at next meeting – carry over to next meeting	Amber
Enquire with SRCI about having a Landcare noticeboard on the post office; Build noticeboard	Herman
Laminated checklist sheet for spray unit	David
Contact NECMA regarding Works on Waterways permit for Spring Ditch	Amber

Consult with Tom Croft at NECMA regarding Victorian Landcare Grant	Amber
Gathering at Spring Ditch to decide where & what to plant and location of bench seat	All
Revise plant order with Park Land Nursery	Amber
Contact prison crew to enquire about assistance with maintenance	Amber

Meeting Closed 9.01 pm

NEXT MEETING (AGM): 12th June 2012