



Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 10th August 2010 at 7:00pm

1. Welcome / Apologies

Present: Barry Porter, Jayme Peltz, Lisa Stribley, Lloyd Wright, Paul Stribley, Samantha Blight

Apologies: Max Kubenk, Glenys Matthews, Bob Clark

2. Agenda Approval / Additional Items

Requests from Glossop High School and Barmera Primary school for funding added to Any Other Business.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the BBLAP meeting held on the 8th June were discussed.

Motion: The minutes of the meeting held June 8th 2010 are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Lisa Stribley

Seconded: Jamye Peltz CARRIED

ACTION: Chairperson to sign the official copy of the Minutes.

ACTION: Paul or Sam requested to email agenda papers as well post hard copies.

4. Business Arising / ACTIONS LIST

The Action List was discussed. Only item in relation to Beldora Station Loan is a later agenda item.

5. Correspondence

The correspondence for June and July was discussed.

ACTION: Paul to print and circulate copies of the Lake Bonny Report.

Motion: The correspondence for June and July is accepted.

Moved: Barry Porter

Seconded: Lisa Stribley CARRIED

6. Financial Report

Paul provided a detailed discussion and presentation on the financial status of the BBLAP Committee, to 31st July 2010.

Motion: The Financial Report of the BBLAP committee to 31st July 2010 is accepted.
Moved: Jayme Peltz
Seconded: Barry Porter CARRIED

Paul raised the recommendation to the committee that we open a new bank account for Samantha to operate out of, as required, and to provide Sam with a VISA card linked to that account.

Motion : Paul open an appropriate operating account and organise a VISA card for Sam.
Moved: Barry Porter
Seconded: Lloyd Wright CARRIED

ACTION: *Paul to open Bank Account and organise VISA card for Sam.*

7. Executive Committee Report

The committee had an in-depth discussion relating to motor vehicle requirements as set out in the Executive Committee Report. The committee agreed that a Dual Cab ute is required and that Paul should retain private vehicle use. As such there is a requirement to have two vehicles for the duration of Sam's employment. It was felt by the committee that ideally both vehicles should be 4WD, and the Triton has good enough fuel economy to not warrant the expense of purchasing a smaller car to replace the Sorento.

Motion: The committee purchase a manual GLR-X Triton as per quote and keep the Kia Sorento for 12 months, unless Rosenthals offer a suitable alternative.
Moved: Barry Porter
Seconded: Lloyd Wright CARRIED

ACTION: *Paul to organise the purchase of a Mitsubishi Triton.*

8. Annual Business Plan

The committee discussed and approved the business plan in its current form.

ACTION: *LAP Review to be completed by November AGM*

ACTION: *Paul to circulate Overland Corner Erosion funding proposal to committee for consideration as a LAP funded project at the next meeting. Add as agenda item.*

ACTION: *Email business plan to committee members*

ACTION: *Paul and Sam to organise a strategic planning session for the Committee.*

9. Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare

There were no OHS&W incidents or issues to be reported on.

10. Committee Members Reports

Barry Porter - showed the committee a 3D mapping presentation of River salinity at Booky Cliffs and Loxton. He has also been undertaking salinity mapping at Lake Alexandrina and Mildura.

Lisa Stribley – going through a due-diligence process for Murray Futures program. Visited Chowilla regulator and Lock 6 fish passage, and recommended the committee organise a trip up there.

ACTION: *Paul and Sam to organise a committee trip to see the Chowilla regulator and Lock 6 fish passage.*

11. Intro to Sam

Sam introduced herself to the Committee and mentioned that she was working on the following projects:

- Looking at what projects could be submitted for CfoC Community Grant funding
- Developing a weed management plan for wetlands in conjunction with Simon Frankel
- Working on a concept plan with Overland Corner steering committee to look at best long term option of artificially watering OC wetland.
- Reviewed Policy, Procedures and Induction Manual – felt it was appropriate.

12. Committee Membership Changes

Paul has recently followed up with Gill Beeson, Tony Whateley and Brenton Fenwick in relation to their ability to attend committee meetings. All 3 have decided to resign as committee members, due to conflicting demands. They will stay on as association members, and Tony has indicated he will still try to attend some meetings as a non-voting member.

Glenys Matthews has requested to join the committee, though is an apology tonight as she has a prior engagement.

These changes bring the number of committee members to 7, with a quorum of 4.

13. Replacement of Carp Screens

We have successfully completed project 564C, which involved the installation of new aluminium carp screens at Overland Corner, Mussel Lagoons and Spectacle Lakes. These screens have been designed with 31mm spaced parallel bars, which, according to the latest research, best allows for the movement of small bodied native fish whilst still excluding adult carp.

The screens have also been constructed as double opening pivotal gates, which facilitate easy cleaning when there is a build up of weed, and to allow adult large bodied fish into the wetland if so desired.

14. Reveg Program Update

We have recently supplied seedlings to five small reveg projects in the BBLAP area. These project sites are Graham Greenhalgh, Damian Focroul, Overland Corner wetland (all continuation of previous projects), Brian Wundenberg and Barry Hambling.

BBLAP supplied tubestock for these projects, utilising the plants that were grown by Karlene Maywalds office and Bank SA, supplemented by around 750 plants I purchased from Trees for Life.

We have ordered 20 boxes of seeds and soil from Trees for Life to propagate this year (somewhere), and have another similar amount ready to go which is earmarked for the Glossop High School nursery.

15. Lake Bonney Update

The final report into the assessment of management options for Lake Bonney was tabled at last nights meeting. The preferred option as listed in the report as Option A was approved by the Lake Bonney Management Committee as the option to progress in terms of detailed design and costing. The key components of this option are

- Weir Pool Manipulation
- Regulator at Nappers Bridge
- Pump station near Nappers Bridge with discharge to either Chambers Creek or the McIntosh Canal
- Relocation of Irrigation pumps at northern end of Loch Luna
- Upgrade Chambers Creek inlet structure
- Possible extension of McIntosh Canal

As evidenced by the front page article in today's Pioneer, claiming that the Regulator will be removed as soon as entitlement flows are restored, there is clearly a long way to go before any long-term management option is accepted by the community as a whole.

16. Loveday Basin Update

Rick Mousley (who is managing this project from DFW) had a meeting with Andrew Beal (DFW Director) in early June, where he was keen to table a minute to go to WSTWG nominating water as the long term management strategy for controlling odour in Loveday Basin.

Andrew proposed that they undertake one last investigation to see if there is a solution other than water. He has had dealings with a victorian company, Earth Systems, in other Lower Lakes projects looking at soil acidification and the impacts of it and suggested they get them to undertake a review of what has been investigated thus far to see if they can shed any light on potential solutions using their knowledge and experience.

After Earth Systems completed a desktop review they were keen to undertake some field work before providing recommendations for any future management strategy. Their field investigations will commence on Aug 24th for approx 2 days with follow up laboratory work and the delivery of a final report.

17. Organisation of Bus tour

Paul mentioned that the committee needs to set a date and itinerary for the 2010 tour. This must be completed by the end of October. Sunday 3rd October is a long weekend and there is wetland monitoring all through September. Sunday 10th October selected as preferred date.

ACTION: *Paul and Sam to organise Bus Tour*

Paul mentioned that the BBLAP Committee has been offered a free tour with Loch Luna Cruises (normally \$30/person for a 3 hour cruise). Carl and Narelle (the relatively new proprietors) see this as an opportunity for us to provide them with some feedback whilst giving us a look around one of the key wetlands in the BBLAP area.

The committee is keen to take up this offer.

ACTION: *Paul to organise with Carl a suitable time to have a cruise on Loch Luna.*

Paul also raised that he would like to organise a flight with Berri Air to take some aerial photos of wetlands whilst they are full again, and to give Sam an aerial perspective of the BBLAP area. Committee is happy for this to proceed, but to be mindful that Tim is no longer operating this service as a business, rather just a hobby, and so only deals with cash and can't offer receipts.

ACTION: *Paul to organise a flight with Berri Air provided can find a way which will be approved by the auditors without receipts.*

18. Any Other Business

"Thats Graphic" have been contracted to completely redesign the BBLAP website, commencing in early September and expected to be completed by Mid October. It was suggested that a rolling banner at the top of the page with imbedded links to different projects would look good.

ACTION: *Paul to see if embedded links in a rolling graphic can be incorporated into the new website.*

Paul has sent a letter Beldora Station Pty Ltd relating to their Loan Agreement with BBLAP Committee. The committee was happy with the content of this letter and will wait until a reply is received before considering any next steps.

The committee has received requests from Barmera Primary School and Glossop High School to assist with funding students to attend environment conference in Adelaide. The Committee agreed to donate \$250 to each school, provided a conference agenda could be obtained.

ACTION: *Paul to contact the schools and ask them for a copy of the conference agenda, and to invoice the LAP for \$250 each*

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm