



The Australian Rangeland Society

Council meeting No. 207 MINUTES

4pm Queensland Time Thursday 29 July 2010 via Teleconference

1. **Present:** Kate Masters, Carolyn Ireland, Graeme Tupper, Larissa Lauder, John Taylor, Annabel Walsh, Peter Marin
Apologies: Peter Johnston
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (No. 205 - 6 April 2010 by teleconference) approved and signed. Moved Graeme Tupper, Seconded Kate Masters, Carried.
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - Honoraria were discussed again; Peter J is still to contact recipients with letters. John to contact Peter to get this finalised.
 - New producer member's competition. Bourke organising committee will advertise this at the conference. Leave on Agenda until we have an outcome. Carolyn to talk to Russel Grant at the Conference, place an advertisement in satchels and also a pile on the registration desk.
 - Bourke Conference Organising Committee. Progress report from Russell Grant tabled. Graeme reported that there is an agreed a target of 270 registrants. Sponsorship amount is excellent. May need some extra help with conference tours. Annabel will phone Darryl to discuss field tours. Peter M to find out about Bourke Insurance and forward to Carolyn
 - Meeting Dates.
 - A Council meeting will be held at the Conference at 4 pm Sun Sept 26. Agenda items - Global Rangelands Repository. Kate will be an apology.
 - A General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Conference at 8 am on Thurs Sept 30 – agenda items are already building up. CSIRO Publishing, Publications Committee, WA Conference Proposal, Richard Condon, Fellows (at Conference Dinner?), Global Rangeland Repository, Audited reports, Membership, Neil McLeod – Travel Grant (John to speak to him to see if this is necessary), International Rangelands Conference (Israel Feldman).
 - Council meeting on January 27 1011 is now confirmed.
 - Creation of new Fellows. Other guidelines are being posted by Eric Anderson. Need a teleconference within next two weeks.
 - Website.
 - Peter J and Annabel to provide Ken H with a short biography.
 - Advertisement for Website Manager has been placed in RMN. An ad will also be placed on the website and a colourful flyer put into conference satchels. Ken H is organising this.
 - Electronic archive. Peter J to follow up with Ken H.
 - Global Rangeland Repository. Ken is seeking a response from the Publications Committee. Ken H and Wal W to be invited to come to Meeting on Sunday at

Bourke (Carolyn). Leave on agenda until resolved. John informed Council of his conflict of interest in this matter.

- Associate Editor Terms. List of terms tabled and noted. Carolyn to acknowledge receipt of terms and ask for nominations from Publications Committee for candidates to fill positions that will become vacant on Dec 31 2010. Council would like these for the Meeting on Sunday 26th Sept.
- Policy and Guidelines and Schedule of fees for Advertising. Publications Committee still considering this. Need a draft for September Meeting - Carolyn
- Graeme Tupper has written an obituary for Dick Condon which will be in the next newsletter.
- Professional Affiliation and Alliance Opportunities with the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ). Peter J to reply to them asking questions and to table response at another meeting.

4. General Business:

4a. Membership – Graeme Tupper:

We have 256 active members, 73 expired but renewals are gradually trickling in. 41 new members since December. There are 70-80 institutional members. Major problems renewing on the web, email addresses in the data bases get out of date. Subsequently sent information out with RMN but addresses also out of date. Have lost a few members this way. Letters may have to go out by post next year. Graeme will have a table at the conference for new memberships and membership updates.

4d. Finance – Peter Marin:

In terms of the current financial situation we have a total of about \$390,000 across the three bank accounts. The breakdown is about \$8,000 in the operating account. This is nice and flush due to it being the time of year that people renew their memberships. We have about \$119,000 in the conference account.

4c. Publications Committee – (from Ken Hodgkinson via Carolyn)

- Ken H and Wal Whalley would like to speak to Council at the Sept 26 Council Meeting about the Global Rangelands Repository and the role of the Publications Committee. Carolyn to draft an invitation
- Ken is attending a meeting of the Murray Darling Basin Authority where he will put the case for MDBA to fund the next special issue of TRJ to the amount of about \$9000.
- Papers from the Bourke Conference will appear on the Website
- Publications Committee Minutes are now on the Website
- The advertisement for the Website Manager will be placed on the Website and Ken H will bring coloured flyers to the Conference to place in the satchels.
- CSIRO (Chris Anderson) will make a short presentation at the General Meeting of the ARS
- The Publications Committee would like Council to consider if the Publications Committee should approach other publishers to see if they are interested in TRJ. Council agreed that this would be a good thing to do and that Ken H should be invited to address Council on this matter at the Sept 26th meeting. Carolyn to draft an email to Ken.

5. New Business:

- Guidelines for future Conferences. Council thinks this is a very good idea, makes people aware of what they have to do. Larissa will work up a template using John's conference guidelines and circulate to Council for approval and adoption.
- A proposal for the WA conference in 2012 was tabled. Reservations arose about the ability of this to be staged at Kununurra. Annabel stated that there is greater capacity in Kununurra than in Bourke – one of the better regional towns in WA. The current proposal needs to have a bit more detail. Larissa to put this into a template and then Carolyn to send to Paul with a request for more details. Need to progress and approve out of session before the conference
- Corporate Governance. Direct implications for John, Peter M and Carolyn who have responsibilities to ASIC. Need to tighten the following and record these in the minutes or note them as correspondence (Peter to send to Carolyn for recording):
 - Record annual statements in the minutes. Peter to send John's directorship papers to Carolyn
 - Due diligence in allocating funds
 - Authorised signatories on documents
 - Occupational health and safety/Insurance (conferences) (Larissa to draft a checklist for monitoring conference development)
- Institutional Memberships and discounts for attendance at Rangeland Conferences – Kate. Discount should apply to 2-3 members of small organisations. Graeme and Kate to come up with some wording that will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Workshops at conferences - Larissa. Council agreed that this was a good idea. Decision has usually been left up to the Conference Organising Committee. Workshops have always been very popular. They may encourage producers. John to include on conference guidelines.
- IRC in Argentina – stand? Discuss in September.

6. Correspondence:

INWARD

<i>MEETING # 207</i>			
09-Apr-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Proposal for Jocelyn Davies to be a new member of Publications Committee
09-Apr-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson, Tony Pressland, Don Burnside, Maria Fernandez-Gimenez	Email exchange between Ken and various members regarding updating of "List of Topics" for the Rangeland Journal
07-Apr-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Email to Ben Norton about his resignation from Associate Editor position
19-Apr-10	Email	Bill Richdale	Advertising in Society's Publications
20-May10	Letter	Rural Directions PL	Advertising "Australian Pastoral Property Innovation Manual"
02-Jun-10	Email	Jocelyn Davies	Accepting Invitation to join Publications Committee
07-Jun-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Topics List for TRJ and other Publications Committee matters
22-Jun-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Special Meeting at the Conference with CSIRO Publishing invitation
May/June	Email	Natalie Bramble / Carolyn Ireland	Various communications from the Conference Organiser regarding administrative details

OUTWARD

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13-Apr-10	Letter	Jan Ferguson DKCRC	Congratulations on success of bid for CRC Remote Economic Participation
28-Apr-10	Letter	Peter Johnston	Tony Pressland Appointment as an Associate Editor of TRJ
28-Apr-10	Letter	Peter Johnston	Jocelyn Davies Appointment to the Publications Committee
10-May-10	Email	John Taylor	To Ken Hodgkinson re: Global Rangelands Repository
21-May-10	Email	Publications Com	Request for Policy and Guidelines and Schedule of Fees for advertising
21-May-10	Email	Bill Richdale	His request for advertising
12-Jul-10	Email	John Taylor	Response to Conference Organiser regarding media release for Conference

7. Next meetings

- Out of session emails regarding Conference Guidelines, Fellows, General Meeting Agenda. If there is no response to these within four days we will take silence as assent
- Meeting 208 of Council will be held at the Bourke Conference at approximately 4 pm Sunday 26 September in the Board Room of the Western CMA located at the Lands Office, 21 Mitchell Street, Bourke. Kate will be an apology. Ken H and Wal W will be invited.
- There will also be a General Meeting (#209) of the Society at the Conference which will be held on Thursday 30 September at 8 am at the main Conference venue.