



The Australian Rangeland Society

Council meeting No. 224 – 2 August 2012
5pm Queensland Time by Teleconference

MINUTES

1. **Present:** John Taylor, Carolyn Ireland, Graeme Tupper, Annabel Walsh, Larissa Lauder, Ben Forsyth
Apologies: Peter Marin, Kate Masters
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** The Minutes of Council Meeting 222, 4 April 2012 were approved.
Moved: Graeme, Seconded: Annabel, Carried
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - A. Concise Policy and Guidelines and Schedule of fees for Advertising in ARS Publications. On hold until CSIRO and Publications Committee provide some guidelines. Carolyn to remind Ken
 - B. Rangeland Alliance links for our website. Action: John will forward these links to Russell for the website.
 - C. Changing articles. Peter has informed ASIC. Once approval comes through, Carolyn will make changes to Articles and send copies to Council, Publications Committee and Website.
 - D. Resignation of Ken Hodgkinson as Chair of Publications Committee (PC) in Dec 2012. Search Committee has formed and will approach suitable people. Carolyn to field Applications.
 - E. Current financial position. Action: Peter still to provide a consolidated list of abnormal items to Council. To date John has had no queries from members regarding the published financial position. As Council has reviewed the variances and understands the fluctuations in income, it was recommended that this item be closed.
 - F. Survey of Membership and Strategy for Cash Reserves. Survey completed, John is distilling the results and will circulate to Council before the Conference so we can consider at the September Council Meeting if matters need to be raised at the General Meeting in Kununurra. Carolyn to contact Peter to see if he will be at the conference to address various issues or will be available by speakerphone (mobile).
 - G. Sponsorship opportunities. On hold until we have feedback through the Membership survey.
 - H. Council and Director Development. On hold until the Membership Survey completed.
 - I. Kununurra Conference (standing item on agenda) –
 - a. Minutes of Organising Committee 4 May 2012 and 7 June 2012:
 - i. Request from Sandra van Vreeswyk for more funds. Requested an updated budget on a regular basis. This item was closed off on the 23 March 2012.
Action: John will follow up with Peter.

- ii. Face book page for conference and afterwards for the ARS. This has been actioned. Jenny to set up one for the ARS and use it for the Conference and then hand it over to the Society. Ben is not sure if this is public yet and will check.
- iii. NT members to be approached for a bid for 2014. John is contacting people in Katherine and Alice Springs to gauge interest.
- iv. ISBN Number. Carolyn to inform Paul that, based on recent precedents, the Proceedings should have an ISBN.
- v. Presentation of Ken and Wal's award at Conference Dinner – John will do this and Carolyn to respond to Paul.
- vi. Foreword for Conference Proceedings by John. Based on precedents, John thinks the Organising Committee should do this. Carolyn to respond to Paul.
- vii. Advertising material in satchels, this should be confined to sponsors. Carolyn to respond to Paul.
- viii. Publications Committee wishes to meet with Council – they have been given a space at the beginning of the Council meeting on Tuesday 25th September.

J. Reappointment of associate editor Bernard Hubert. Action: John to ask the PC to offer a renewal of Bernard's term. Action: John to write a letter of thanks to Esther ?.

K. Review of Guidelines for Travel Grants and Scholarships. No comments received from Council. Need to discuss in the September Meeting – comments to Carolyn before then and forward to John.

4. General Business:

A. Membership – Graeme Tupper:

ARS now has 241 active members. 166 expired members. There are some new members. We will probably have some new members at the Conference. Recent RMN – notification has gone out that available on website. 50 members have paid \$15 to receive hard copy. CSIRO list of about 100 is the most expensive part of sending the newsletter – Graeme and Peter to follow this up with CSIRO Publications to clarify and provide a report for the Kununurra meeting.

B. Finance – Peter Marin (via Carolyn Ireland):

Profit and Loss Statement tabled. Current account \$4,564. Savings account \$199,312. Conference account \$86,070. Total \$289,946. Profit and Loss Statement tabled. Report noted by Council.

C. Publications Committee

Three matters for Council's information via Carolyn. All have been put to Publication Committee members out-of-session and unanimously accepted, except for Russell Grant who has been away on holiday.

First, ***That the Publications Committee recommends to Council that Professor Pauline Dube be appointed as an Associate Editor of The Rangelands Journal for three years and a further 3 years if mutually agreed, and that full ARS membership be granted while Professor Dube serves as an Associate Editor.*** The CV of Professor Dube accompanied the recommendation. Recommendation accepted, with John to write to Prof. Dube. Moved: Carolyn, Seconded: Annabel, Carried.

Second, John Milne has been approached by Dr Dionne Walsh for a Special Issue of the Journal dedicated to fire management. The recommendation ***That the proposal from Dionne Walsh for a Special Issue of The Rangeland Journal in 2013 be accepted*** was agreed to. Moved: Carolyn, Seconded: Larissa, Carried.

Third, during the visit of John Milne to Australia in late September the 2012 it was agreed ***That the 2012 Rangeland Lecture Series comprise lectures to be arranged in Perth, Kununurra and Adelaide.*** Council was advised that the following have been approached to assist with organization: Murray McGregor in Perth, Paul Novelly for Kununurra and Carolyn Ireland in Adelaide. Murray and Carolyn have agreed to make local arrangements and host John and his wife, Carolyn is waiting to hear from the Conference Organising Committee. Moved: John, Seconded: Graeme, Carried.

Finally, as Secretary I have advised the Publications Committee that the next meeting will be held in Kununurra on **Wednesday 26 September at 7 am.** I will invite Associate Editors to join us as is the custom.

Publications Committee has also requested a meeting with Council at Kununurra. This meeting has been scheduled early in our Council Meeting to be held at 3.30 pm Tuesday 25th September. Venue to be advised.

5. New Business:

- A. Peter O'Reagain account of expenses for travel grant. Council noted this.
- B. The Rangeland Journal Lectures in Perth, Kununurra and Adelaide. John Milne Visit. Council noted this.

6. Correspondence:

INCOMING

MEETING #224			
10-Jun-12	Email	Peter O'Reagain	Account of travel expenses for Travel Grant
06-Jul-12	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	TRJ Lectures in Perth, Kununurra and Adelaide and John Milne's visit to Australia
18-Jul-12	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Publication Committee matters for consideration of Council
20-Jul-12	Email	Paul Novelly	K12 matters for consideration of Council

OUTGOING

MEETING #224			
05-Apr-12	Email	Peter Marin/Paul Novelly	Regarding a bounced cheque and funds for the K12 Conference
09-Apr-12	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Council has approved Job Descriptions for E-i-C and Chair, PC. Also Letter of Appointment for Advisory Editors
24-May-12	Email	Peter Marin	Changes to Articles to ASIC
28-May-12	Email	Noelene Duckett	Director's Report and Minutes to RMN and Website
01-Jun-12	Website	All Members of ARS	Search for Chair of Publications Committee
04-Jul-12	Letter	MLA	Peter Marin re MLA as sponsors of K12

7. Next meeting

- The next meeting of Council will be held at the Kununurra Conference on **Tuesday 25th September at 3.30 pm WA time.** Publications Committee members will join us for the first part of the meeting. We will try to have teleconference facilities but this is uncertain at the moment. Venue to be advised.
- A General Meeting of ARS Members will be held at the Conference on **Thursday 25th September at 8 am.**

Meeting closed at 6.14 pm, Queensland time.