

# THE AUSTRALIAN RANGELAND SOCIETY

Out of Session Council meeting No. 238

## MINUTES

7pm Queensland Time on Thursday 8 May 2014 via Teleconference

1. **Present:** John Taylor (Chair), Ben Forsyth, David Phelps, Graeme Tupper, Peter Marin
2. **Apologies:** Carolyn Ireland
  - a. **Meeting opened:** As the Secretary, Carolyn, was an apology, Peter Marin took the Minutes.

John outlined that the purpose of the meeting was to deal with two items and that the first item was the request from the Conference Organising Committee for additional seed funds of \$32,000. John asked Peter to outline the request.

***Alice Springs Conference Committee Request for funds:***

Peter outlined that the Conference Committee are requesting additional funds to the amount of \$32,000 in order to cover projected expenses until predicted funds are due to be received. Peter then referred to the document attached to the request which outlines the projected costs through until November 2014 when income will start to be received from registrations etc.

Graeme then asked if the costs they have outlined are within the budget and whether the committee would be likely to come back and ask for more.

John stated that as he has been involved in the Conference Committee meetings he has viewed the projected budget and the figures project that the conference will make a profit if they have 200 attendees. He went on to state that after this allocation they shouldn't need to come back and ask for more funding.

Council members then discussed spitting the payment into two eg. to pay \$16,000 now and then another \$16,000 in a couple of months time. That would leave more money in the online savings account and enable us to generate interest. This was supported by the Council.

David agreed that we needed to support the Conference Committee and asked what the total cost of the hire of the conference centre was. John added that he was impressed with how the Conference Committee was going and the work they had done to date.

Peter agreed to report back to the Council the cost of the hire of the conference centre.

*The following motion was put forward:* That the request by the Conference Committee for the additional \$32,000 seed funding is to be approved and split into two payments of \$16,000, the first now with the second in September.  
Moved: John Taylor, Seconded: Peter Marin. Motion was passed

b. **Graeme hand's revised travel grant application:**

John gave a brief background that the Council had concerns about the proposed process in the original application (re the landscape approach) which is not the norm in Mongolia. John contacted Graeme and asked him to review the proposal. John then asked for comments from Council members.

David stated that the proposal is now better with a greater consultative approach that will work directly with the Mongolians.

Graeme indicated that he was happy with the revised application but noted some grammatical and other errors in the application.

Ben asked about the status of the Indian Congress, John noted that it is no longer in India and now in Canada and that the application needed to be updated. John continued to say that he thought the approach now sounded interesting and positive but also commented on the typing errors in the proposal.

All agreed the essence of it was ok, therefore the following motion was put forward.

That the travel grant from Graeme hand be accepted to the amount of \$2,000.  
Moved: John Taylor, Seconded: Ben Forsyth. The motion was passed.

3. **Next Meetings:**

The AGM of the Australian Rangeland Society will be held **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014** at 5 pm (Qld time) at 37 Pioneer Crescent, Bellbowrie, Queensland, 4070 and by teleconference.

The next Council Meeting will be held by teleconference on **Tuesday 24 June 2014** at 6 pm Queensland time. Carolyn will be an apology for this meeting

There being on other business the meeting was closed.