

Meeting Minutes

Attending

President Mark Hanlon, Vice-president Lisa Brock, Secretary Greg Mayfield, Treasurer Stephen Pisani, Business Manager Jodi Shaw, Mayor Leon Stephens, Michael Gaunt, Abby Zubrinich, Daniel Willson, Anita Kuss, Luke Sale, Brenton Vanstone.

Observers

Jamie Schwarz (Proteus Consulting), Jeanette Flynn (Little Warrior Skin Care and Flinders Noir Photography)

Apologies

Nil

Announcements

President Mark opened the meeting and tabled minutes of previous meeting.

MOVE – Moved by Lisa Brock that the minutes of the meeting on November 30, 2022, be adopted as true and correct.

SECONDED – Michael Gaunt

CARRIED

Matters arising from previous minutes:

*Confidentiality policy successfully determined.

*Letter sent to Dale Webb.

*Mayor Leon reported that no costings were available for the Prests' carpark redevelopment.

*Business Port Pirie workplan discussed. Aim to have streamlined workplan for year @ 20 hours weekly.

*Business Manager's contract to be reviewed as agenda item at AGM on February 15.

*Lisa Brock said there was a good opportunity to explore other funding for the organisation apart from Port Pirie Regional Council's contribution. A funding application could be lodged by May.

*President Mark confirmed that BPP received \$10,000 yearly from council and had accepted \$10,000 from MADEC which had expired.

New business:

*The Town Ambassador bus trip and TAFE lecture would be held again on March 16-23 for up to 20 people.

*President Mark suggested that BPP send invitations to traders to attend the business dinner this year to boost attendance.

*Discussion about guest speaker for the dinner. Stephen Pisani to check out cost of hiring speaker who runs multiple McDonalds franchises. Comedian also mentioned as possibility.

*Discussion about having an awards night as part of the dinner. Rowe Partners interested in sponsoring it. Mayor Leon said \$4000 was available from council towards the cost of a guest speaker. Luke Sale said Nyrstar might be able to contribute.

ACTION: Sub-committee to be set up to discuss options.

*Discussion of the duration of training programs.

*Lisa suggested a forum be held involving the tax office, Safework. Fair Work Ombudsman and small business commissioner and possibly Regional Development Australia. This had been done successfully in Port Lincoln.

*Discussion of programming of meetings. Mayor Leon suggested bi-monthly meetings so that Business Manager Jodi Shaw could finish projects and report back. Anita Kuss said the number of meetings and networking nights each year was heavy going and wondered whether it was asking too much of new members to handle this workload.

*Discussion about offering BPP Ambassadorships to a group of 38 possible candidates.

ACTION: Promotional meeting for Ambassadorships at Port football club at 10am on March 1,

Treasurer Stephen Pisani presented the finance report, saying the figures looked healthy, there was \$30,000 in outstanding vouchers and the increase in membership was excellent.

MOVE – Moved by Stephen Pisani that the report be adopted as true and correct.

SECONDED – Lisa Brock

CARRIED

Other business:

*President Mark outlined frauds committed against several businesses before Christmas. Action to deter rip-offs could be discussed at next meeting.

*Jamie Schwarz described the operation of his business, Proteus Consulting.

*Secretary Greg reported that The Recorder and eight other South Australian newspapers previously owned by ACM had been sold to Star News Group.