



Committee Meeting

Date: 06.09.2016

Time: 6:30pm – 7:57

Location: 78 Baptist Street, Redfern 2016

Agenda

- Minute taker – Mary Shariat
- Welcome and introduction
- Background Seaside Scavenge
- Becoming a member
- Treasurer, secretary, chair, director votes
- Reimbursements AJ for \$335.49
- Seaside Scavenge Community
- Suggestions for communication
- Open Discussion

Attendees

- Anna Jane Linke
- Anja Ellwood
- Georgia McNevin
- Anthony Hill
- Rachel Raymond
- Paul Phillips
- Bonnie Perris
- George Wood
- Bevan You
- Sean Barlow
- Rachael Taylor
- Jen McLean
- Mary Shariat

Minute taker

Mary Shariat- Secretary of Seaside Scavenge

Welcome and introduction

Conducted by AJ, talking about past growth of SS and thanks to members for contribution

Background Seaside Scavenge

- Public Liability Insurance
- Primary objective of becoming charity to void permit fees to conduct events in parks
- Benefits of being able to get sponsorship - donations are a tax deduction
- Having a meeting to pull community together and better organise events
- Pooling of ideas have worked well in the past (beer tokens, prizes etc)

Becoming a member

- Keep record of people actively working behind SS at the EOFY we can prove things are happening
- \$1 fee for member as discussed in constitution
- Aim to have quarterly meetings- attendance not compulsory, no binding obligation. You can engage when you're available
- To see governing document AJ suggests we can make a google doc? Facebook group?
- SS bank account with Westpac

Treasurer, secretary, chair, director

- Stipulated by governing document
- Mary nominates Anja as treasurer, Paul seconds it > Anja Ellwood is Treasurer
- Rachel nominates Mary as secretary, Anja seconds it > Mary Shariat is secretary
- Georgia nominates chair, Bonnie seconds> Rachel Raymond is the chair
- Anja nominates AJ as director, Georgia seconds it> Anna Jane Linke is the director
- Assigned roles are a matter of organisation, individuals in above positions do not power over other committee members, it is flat hierarchy

Finance

- Have one grant so far from SeaWorld, funds used specifically for event in Burleigh Heads Grant used for food for volunteers, sunscreen, paying musician, Tshirts
- Importance of reimbursements
- Main income so far is grants- keep eye open for anything SS can apply for
- Merchandise- stainless steel bottles, toothbrushes, tshirts (homemade)

Reimbursement AJ for \$335.49

- AJ has put all the receipts on google doc, mostly bunnings purchases such as paints, nuts, bolts, and music equipment microphone, mic lead.
- Will all be used in Burleigh heads SS so can be funded by grant

- Anja proposed motion to transfer money (\$335.49) from SS bank account to AJ's personal account – everyone in attendance agrees

How finances will be dealt with:

- In future, further expenses will be made available upon request and AJ will be able to reimburse herself for costs associated with SS without passing a motion. This is open for reevaluation
- Grant was \$1300, discussion on spending any leftover money on items that will be further needed for the SS
- As a charity don't have to pay GST, have to file Tax return EOFY

Seaside Scavenge Community

- 6 events coming up, 3 in QLD, 3 in Northern NSW
- Sydney events in late November
- AJ suggests if you hear of any coastal communities that would be interested or are particularly littered
- Want to try and bring schools into it, contacts with primary and secondary school would be ideal- Workshops in the week and then event on the weekend

Suggestions for communication

- Paul suggests making email address, generic one 'info@seasidescavenge' for correspondence
- AJ will make fb group, google doc and upload constitution

Open Discussion on ideas for Scavenge

- **Food Waste**
Bonnie in Amsterdam for 6 months worked with community dinner food collected from supermarkets every night. By donation 1 night a week. All food collected throughout week used to prepare 3 course meal, beer and wine 1 euro. Donated money used to support community project. Food wastage is a massive issue that can be incorporated into SS
- Anthony Hill suggests there is a place near Ulladulla Wollongong that has a similar concept -
- Public Liability insurance only covers beach cleanup and clothes swap? Perhaps liase with other organization
- Objective would be to raise awareness, donation box
- Could do an event quite simply, small and see where it goes
- **Plastic Free Living**
Making your own beauty products- hold workshops. Shaun has skills to share here. He suggests people donating old deodorant containers that can be used. Rachel says we have bottle supplier for glass jars

Clothes collection

- Jen asks how we are going with the clothes drives, at the moment it is mostly driven with specific events. AJ has lots of storage space, sorting

clothes is most time consuming. Perhaps we can organise a few nights to do it together. While she's away, how can we collect clothes?

- Anja lives in Redfern and has a storage space, Rach has a garage in Coogee. These can be drop-off points until AJ returns.
- AJ will be back on the 13th of November, event 27th in Bondi
- \$500 to rent space in Bondi for an hour, application for council grant for 3000, it seems the cost will be 1400.

George Wood **AMSA**- suggests applying to AMSA to get help for grant
Also suggests underwater cleanup, collaboration event?

Paul mentions **Precious Plastics** is happening, building recycling plastic machines, would be good to have it running at bigger events. Seeing litter that was picked up at last event and recycled into something cool/useful. Machine shreds different types of plastic, injection mould, create something

Anthony- turning plastic into building materials, using plastic collected from cleanups. Making a park bench at the beach made from materials collected from clean up

Georgia mentions mum does event in Bali where they workshop plastics into toys for kids, could be good idea for SS events. AJ mentions she wants to incorporate art into SS

Collected membership fees, records taken by treasurer

- AJ hands out membership forms for people to complete, forms will also be available on drop box
- Total of \$18 received by Mary Shariat, Jack Waite, George Wood, Shaun Barlow, Anja Ellwood, Jen McClain, Rachel Taylor Bevan Yiu, Georgia McNevin
- Money to be collected from Anthony Hill, Harriet Spark
- Forms to be collected from George Wood, Anja Ellwood, Georgia MacNevin

Rachel suggests **everyone going through their own respective universities and colleges**, connecting with enviro collectives and getting people through there

- AJ has publications for prospective musicians, volunteers, participants which everyone can use to send to people who are interested – will post in googledocs

General discussion about minimizing plastics, using less plastic bags, awareness of 'biodegradable'. Lots of misinformation out there, **have the conversation.**

- Workshop on behavioral change, confronting people with respect – AJ, George MacNiven

Mary brings up a guide on how to handle racism which was presented in comic form. **Making comics**, education publication to help people deal with litterbugs, what to say to someone who has just tossed their ciggie butt?

App to catch people littering out of cars – [Download EPA Litter Hey Tosser App](#)

ACTIONS

- AJ- make fb group, google doc and upload constitution
- AJ- ask ash for clothes
- Everyone- keep eyes and ears open to people who could possibly contribute (clothes etc- mainly mens and kids) or areas which would be interested
- Anthony- connect AJ and Bonnie with contact in Wollongong for food wastage event
- Rachel – connect with orchad street in Bondi to get bottles supplied, glass jars
- Anja- look into getting feed bags, tree guards
- George- connect AJ with underwater cleanup group
- Mary- contact USYD environmental collective to get the word out there
- Bonnie and George M- talk to AJ about behavioral change workshop
- AJ- look into Green turtle (Take3)
- Everyone encouraged to download EPA Litter App