

Minutes - OSCAR General Meeting

Thursday 7 pm, 28 May 2020

Held online via Zoom

1. Opening, Welcome to Attendees and Acknowledgment of Country

2. Attendance and apologies

- i. Attendance: Tony Philbrick (DW), Lesley Dimmock (FOB), Mark Evans (Assoc), Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Megan Knight (Assoc), Richard Dennis (SSCA), Greg Smith (Assoc), Gillian Hall (Dulong Futures), Rowan Stanley (Assoc), Pam Rogowski (Palmwoods Living History Society), T Barry (Caloundra RA), Lucy Wittholz (Assoc), Colin Verrall (Assoc), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), John Hare (PBCA), Charles Toms (MRA), Melva Hobson (MCG), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC).
- ii. Apologies: Debbie Day (MRA), Tony Gibson (Assoc), John Roberts (WPSQ), Kathryn Hyman (TWWS), Estelle Blair (C&NSCC).

3. Declaration of interests

Melva Hobson is a member of LGIA Super

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 27 February (distributed via website)

4.1 Confirmation of minutes

That the Minutes be accepted as accurate

Moved: Tony Philbric

Seconded: Tony Barry

Carried

4.2 Business arising from Minutes

(NB numbers in brackets relate to previous month's minutes)

4.2.1 (9.2) To be discussed under general business see 9.2

4.2.2 (9.4) Deferred to General Business agenda 9.7

4.2.3 (9.5) Oscar's representative on Airport Forum

Motion to write to the Airport Forum Chairman advising him that Richard Dennis would be representing OSCAR in future.

Moved Charles Toms

Seconded Rowan Stanley

Carried

4.2.4 (9.6) Coolum West Surf Ranch project – Consolidated Property Group.

Discussion on the project including an update from Narelle, the following actions were agreed to:

- OSCAR to draft a letter to be sent to Kate Jones MP Minister for State Development, Tourism and Innovation.
- Development Watch is making a submission on behalf the consortium of members opposing the project
- OSCAR will jointly develop a campaign strategy against the Qld gov over this and other projects impacting on the floodplain

4.2.5 (10.1) Nomination of Gillian to Community Strategy Leadership committee: SCRC did not accept Gillian's nomination.

5. Correspondence

Inwards (see website)

Outwards (see website)

5.1 Business arising from correspondence = NIL

That correspondence inward and outward be accepted

Moved: John Hare

Seconded: Richard Dennis

Carried

6. Financial Report

6.1 Treasurers report is attached to the minutes.

6.1.1 March to May

No income was received.

Expenditure totalled \$1016, made up of: Insurance renewal \$553; hall hire for election forums \$165; mailbox renewal \$134 and web domain renewal \$164.

6.1.2 11 Months to May 2020

Year to date, income was \$956 and expenditure \$1198, resulting in a net shortfall of \$242. This shortfall reduced the bank balance to \$1003.94, as per the bank statement. The result is \$897 better than budget, resulting from savings on media workshops, hall hire and insurance offset by lower than budgeted membership fees.

That the treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Charles Toms

Seconded: Tony Berry

Carried

6.2 Accounts for payment

Renewal of our membership with SCEC at the cost of \$55.

Moved Charles Toms Seconded Richard Dennis that the SCEC renewal be approved.

Carried

7. Membership Report

7.1 New membership applications for associate membership included in the attached report.

A general discussion about Associates followed, and it was agreed to refer this to the Executive to develop an updated policy on Associate Membership.

Moved Gillian Hall Seconded Tony Barry to accept the new members as listed and refer policy development to the Executive.

Carried

8. Member presentation

Nil

9. General Business

9.1 Standing Items:

(a) SC Airport Community Aviation Forum report:

As this group has not met since the last meeting, there is nothing to report

(b) CHAS (Susie Chapman):

The CHAS hasn't met because of LG elections then COVID-19

(c) SEQCA and QLGRA (Melva and Greg)

SEQCA continues to meet monthly via Zoom. SEQCA members OSCAR, Redlands 2030 and Brisbane Residents United participated in the Parliamentary Economic and Governance Committee Inquiry into the *Feasibility of introducing expenditure caps for Queensland local government elections*.

SEQCA has also been actively developing information and recommended actions concerning Code Assessable developments. Gecko (Gold Coast) produced a paper re Code assessable Development based around their experience re "egregious" outcomes from Code assessable development. Dr Phillipa England from Griffith University has prepared a document based on the Gecko report on *Proposed Reforms to the Planning Act* on behalf of SEQCA. SEQCA is seeking examples of poor outcomes from Code assessable development across SEQ to include with the submission. Narelle McCarthy is handling that on behalf of both SCEC and OSCAR.

SEQCA is also turning its mind to the State election and identifying issues that form part of the SEQCA election agenda. In particular planning issues including the 2021/2 review of the South East Queensland Regional Plan; green space, environment and koala habitat; climate change and planning legislation, the decision making processes (code assessable, deemed approvals, refusals, appeals/costs; rolling amendments; and consultation time-frames and process.

QLGRA Management committee continues to meet monthly (via Skype). The focus has been on expenditure caps inquiry and inquiry into ECQ election result portal failures. QLGRA have made submissions on both and continue to work closely with OSCAR, SEQCA, Redlands 2030 and BRU as part of the "community voice" when dealing with State government and parliamentary committees.

Currently preparing a submission to the ECQ on issues with, and potential improvements that should be made to the Electronic Disclosure System (EDS).

(d) SCRC and Noosa Councils:

SCRC – meetings have been pretty tame and procedural thus far (eg. Appointment to portfolios).M2M debate today probably the most interesting.

Noosa – have considered several DAs (nothing too contentious and nothing so far to suggest that the new Council will be significantly different in its approach to such matters), procedural issues such as committee membership, membership on boards, councillor remuneration policy. Two confidential sessions so far (with a third on the Agenda for a Special Meeting tomorrow, Friday 29 May).

As these meetings are live-streamed, members are urged to watch council meetings.

9.2 DA approval and appeal process:

The document to which this motion applies is attached to OSCAR Updates and the email sent with the Zoom link.

Motion:

That OSCAR notes Noosa Council's consideration of the issue of Planning Appeals and supports Noosa Council's action in writing to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and, further, supports Noosa Council's intention to submit a motion to the Local Government Association of Queensland 2020 conference on this matter. Need to check that the new council are continuing with the submission.

Moved John Hare Seconded Rowan Stanley

Carried

9.3 Establishment of OSCAR working groups

That OSCAR establishes the following working groups to address current issues as suggested by OSCAR Executive details are in the minutes dated 15 April:

- *The new SCRC Planning Scheme development*
- *Local government reform (ongoing)*
- *Climate change - SCRC and Noosa responses - will have a strategic link with the Planning Scheme development WG*

Moved Tony Philbrick Seconded Keith Sweatman

Carried

9.4 Upcoming State election

Possible election issues include: QR Beerburrum to Nambour duplication; widening to 8 lanes Bruce highway and its impact; Mooloolooba Spit development; Population issues - the broader issue of population and particularly the carrying capacity of SEQ; and the concept of population caps and the need for it.

9.5 ECQ Web failure

OSCAR made a submission to the Legal affairs and Community Safety Committee re the failure of the ECQ website on election night and also participated in the public inquiry. The report from the committee to the Legislative assembly will be on the parliamentary committee website by early June. (NB the report was posted on the Committee website on the 2 June 2020.)

9.6 Council election study and evaluation – resolved that this be deferred until after the ECQ report is tabled to see if there are any recommendations re a further inquiry.

10 Other items

Nil

11. Next meeting is scheduled for 25 June 2020, to be held online starting at 7 pm.

12 Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.