MINUTES

Red Hill Community Association

2015 Annual General Meeting

**Sat 22 November, St Georges Anglican Church Hall, Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill, 11am**

# Appointment of Chairperson

David Maddocks was appointed Chair and opened the meeting by welcoming guests in attendance.

# In Attendance

David Maddocks, Felicity Jackson, Jenny McIlroy, Kerry Watson, Bob Anselmi, Mark Stirling, David Gibb, Lyn Connor, Wendy Fleetwood

# Apologies

John Elderidge, Julie Elderidge, Denis McIlroy, David Mumby, Donald Jackson, Jenny Rowntree, Marion Trevellyan, David Harrison, Colin Barter, Jan Oliver, Greg Hunt MP

# Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the RCHA Annual General meeting on Saturday 22 November 2014 were made available and accepted unchanged.

Moved: Kerry Watson Seconded: David Maddocks Carried

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Jenny McIlroy presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Moved: Jenny Seconded: David Maddocks Carried

Treasurer’s report attached.

The RH memorial loans will be transferred to the Bendigo Bank account.

# Chairman’s Report

David Maddocks presented the Chairman’s Report and a copy is attached. He also spoke of a RHCA planned community meeting in March 2016 regarding the rollout of National Broadband Network in the Red Hill district.

David Maddocks thanked committee members Felicity, Jenny, John and Kerry and Mark for their work and members of RHCA for their ongoing support and urged the need for increasing our membership.

Treasurer Jenny McIlroy paid tribute on behalf of the committee to the David Maddocks and his leadership in 2015 and commitment to RHCA. Seconded Felicity Jackson

# DISCUSSION

There was open discussion and guests invited to participate. There was a more informal update on the Red Hill Community Park progress and the planned Opening Ceremony for the local community on Sunday 24 January.

Fundraising ideas were discussed to complete the war memorial. It was acknowledged that local community had been extremely generous to date and that RHCA may have to revisit more economical options to complete the paving and seating. To finish the project we need $26,000 including loan repayments compared to the existing budget. Fundraising options discussed were:

* Bendigo Bank support (applications now twice per annum)
* Bunnings sausage sizzle
* an “open garden’ display day
* raffles
* Grant funds may be possible from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs and Minister Greg Hunt’s office.
* The MP “Flexigrants” (for an amount up to $1,000)
* A second mailout to residents in the 3937 and 3938 postcodes.

A problem is that most people would see the memorial as “done” and there is no need for donation.

These items will be addressed at next committee meeting.

Mark Stirling spoke to the issues that are critical such as roadside clearing, branch overhangs, MPS Fire Management Plan, VicRoads work and mobile phone blackspots. Lyn Connor offered to distribute the RH fire safety key messages in the Lions’ Hill n Ridge newsletter and potential fridge magnets. Hill n Ridge reported on key fire plan components in their publication at this time last year - a copy is to be obtained.

# Election of RCHA Committee Members

The following committee members were elected unopposed for 2016.

David Maddocks President

Mark Stirling Vice President

Jenny McIlroy Treasurer

Kerry Watson Secretary until March 2016.

Felicity Jackson committee

John Elderidge committee

Nominations accepted.

Moved: David Maddocks Seconded: Wendy Fleetwood Carried

# OTHER BUSINESS

Lyn Connor commented that RHCA did not seem very accessible to the community and despite the website and Newsletter people did not really know what RHCA was doing. It is important that our Newsletter goes to all our contacts and not just to members and we should make use of Lions’ Hill n Ridge that distributes 1200 copies locally.

Jenny suggested that RHCA meetings be “open” to the community, and it was agreed to progress this idea at the next committee meeting along with expanding the mailing list for our Newsletter and committee meeting minutes be distributed widely.

RHCA needs to draw on the community capacity and determine their interests possibly via online and printed surveys. “Survey Monkey” is an easy and free online service to utilize.

Kerry suggested that RHCA needs validation from the community and if people like what we are doing then they will join as a member and therefore have a say.

Mark commented that the proposed Red Hill planning statement is an opportunity to engage with the community and it is critical to do this.

# Special thanks

David thanked all those who attended.

The meeting was closed by David Maddocks and morning tea was enjoyed.