

Meeting Name:	Minutes of Executive Meeting	Date:	April 9 2019
Aim:	General Business - Agenda	Minutes:	Helen Hughes
Venue:	1 Elgin Street, Maitland	Time:	6pm – 8.45pm
Attendees	Anne Kelly, Liz Griffiths, Ruth Adams, Helen Hughes, Cecily Lenton, Johnny Wilson, Amorelle & Andrew Dempster	Apologies	Leisha Parkinson

Members to send responses to actions in minutes to slowfoodhuntermvalley@gmail.com

Thanks to all for contributing to a lovely meal!

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<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting Business arising: SFHV bank accounts. It was agreed that we remain with the CBA for the convenience of depositing cash 24/7. Thanks to Leisha for her work in investigating options.</p> <p>2. Correspondence in: <i>Amorelle</i> has emailed SF Australia regarding SFI organisational change relating to the transition from convivium to food communities. The membership model will be discontinued & food communities will be asked to make a minimum contribution to SFI of \$1000 per annum. <i>Alex Miller</i> who is organising the Fair Share Community Day in Newcastle on 22nd June emailed to confirm SFHV's participation in providing Disco Soup from rescued vegetables on the day.</p>	<p>Minutes moved by Ruth, seconded by Helen and carried Matt, Anne & Helen to meet at local CBA to amend signatories</p> <p>SFHV executive to provide feedback to Amorelle</p> <p>Anne & Zoe liaising with Alex.</p>
<p>3. Treasurer's Report YTD we have posted a surplus of \$1,492, which is after \$2,988 for the Watarrka project. This takes available funds to \$23,435.</p>	<p>Moved by Liz, seconded by Helen "that the treasurers report be accepted"</p> <p>Helen emailed report to members & friends</p>
<p>4. Watarrka debrief A report has been prepared by Amorelle & Andrew documenting SFHV's involvement with the project over the last 5 years. The initial goals of the project have been far surpassed with Amorelle & Andrew attending the opening of the new school building in March. It has now come to an end however Andrew will continue his contact with the communities. A huge thank you goes to Andrew for his enormous contribution & ongoing commitment.</p>	<p>Helen will email the report to members & friends.</p>
<p>5. Gardens in Africa Commitment</p>	<p>Ruth to look into this & report to group.</p>
<p>6. SF Insurance & Sign on Book A sign on book needs to be used at every SFHV event. There needs to be a central place for sign on & the book needs to be part of SFHV Events kit.</p>	

<p>7. New SF Model Amorelle spoke to the group about SFI organisational change. SF membership has dropped worldwide & the International Congress is currently discussing different models of membership. The object is to grow the SF movement & the move from convivia to SF communities may be a way to achieve this. This poses many questions: How do we deal with this in Australia? Can the convivium model work in tandem with SF communities? What voting rights does a community have at Congress? How is insurance funded? How much money is paid to SFI per annum? Thanks to Amorelle for outlining the changes & opening discussion on the matter.</p>	<p>Ongoing discussion. Feedback can be provided to Amorelle.</p>
<p>8. Debrief of Maitland Taste Festival Questions to be answered: What was SFHV trying to achieve? What worked well? What could be improved? Were there any problems and do you have ideas to address these? What was the feedback/comments you received on or about the event? Thanks to Leisha & Cecily for their invaluable input.</p>	<p>Liz, Anne, Helen & producers to give written feedback to be collated by the Executive committee to assist in planning for 2020.</p>
<p>9. David Holmgren Event This will take place at Newcastle City Library on 22/6.</p>	
<p>10. Tocal Planning Ruth requires updated SFHV pamphlets for Tocal as well as membership forms to spread the SF message. Volunteer numbers needed in order to arrange entry passes to Tocal.</p>	<p>Helen to email members with a request for assistance & roster outline. Liz, Anne & Cecily to liaise re updating SFHV pamphlets for Tocal.</p>
<p>11. Social Media, Try Bookings & WuFoo platform There was a brief discussion regarding the use of social media to appeal for Tocal volunteers and use of the WuFoo platform to create order forms for fresh food boxes etc.</p>	
<p>12. SFHV Annual Report Liz presented 4 bound copies of the Annual Report to the executive. A huge thank you to Liz for all her work. Amorelle will take one to the International Congress meeting in June.</p>	<p>A link to the report will be placed on the SFHV website.</p>
<p>13. Talking Dinners & Talking Farms Derice is organising a Winter Talking Dinner for July. Date & venue tbc. Liz is organising a day trip visiting 3 farms in August. Date & venue tbc.</p>	
<p>14. SF gatherings for 2019 Next General Meeting: Tuesday 7/5/19 Polish Hall Central Maitland @ 6pm. A cheese platter will be provided at a small cost. BYO drinks. Next Executive Meeting Tuesday 21/5/19 @ 6pm at 1 Elgin St. All welcome.</p>	