

Meeting Name:	Executive Meeting	Date:	July 21, 2020
Aim:	Agenda	Minutes:	Helen Hughes
Venue:	Zoom Meeting	Time:	7pm – 9.15pm
Attendees	Anne Kelly, Johnny Wilson, Helen Hughes, Jess Hodge, Matt Kerr, Ruth Adams, Cecily Lenton, Amorelle Dempster, Ian Clarke.	Apologies	Bob Adams

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

Minutes / Decisions	Action
<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting Business arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ern Hardes Scholarship • Riverlights Multicultural Festival <p>2. Correspondence in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEP Grant of \$15,000 for native food garden • Seed Library • Excursion to the Country • SFI Membership issues • Sally Sneddon – SF banner, planting guide • Plastic Free July competition 	<p>Minutes moved by Anne, seconded by Ruth and carried.</p>
<p>3. Treasurer's Report Cash position YTD: Main account - \$22,407/EM account - \$7,809/Grants account - \$20,307/Community Kitchen account - \$2,024. <i>Recent revenue:</i> EM \$1,500; CEP Grant \$15,000; CK \$500 Rotary plus \$1,000 Stockland Grant <i>Outgoings:</i> SFHV pull-up banner; EH Scholarship \$2,000; Donation to SFI 1,000 Euro TBC</p>	<p>Moved by Ian, seconded by Helen and carried.</p> <p>Anne and Amorelle to consult with SFI 24/7</p>
<p>1. Ern Hardes Scholarship in partnership with HOGS There are currently 5 applications. All applicants will be given a membership to HOGS and SFHV. Interviews scheduled for 9/8.</p>	<p>AK will represent SFHV on interview panel.</p>
<p>2. Riverlights Virtual Festival October 2020 Meeting with MCC Events team. Proposal of a virtual Global Kitchen. Six cultural groups including an indigenous group have been contacted. Global kitchen to be set up in Riverlink building.</p>	<p>AD liaising with MCC events team and cultural groups. AD and HH to host Global Kitchen. MCC to confirm date of filming.</p>
<p>3. Terra Madre Virtual Event October 2020 to April 2021 Currently in discussion with MCC to use Riverlights Global Kitchen film as SFHV contribution to TMVE. Aim to promote Maitland as a cultural centre to global audience.</p>	
<p>4. Plastic Free July SFHV conducted a competition to promote PFJ on Facebook. Rhonda Osborn won a fresh vegetable box from Nebo Farm.</p>	

<p>5. Maitland Guide Hall Grant Funding received for re-peering of MG Hall. Work begins 28/9. Planting rescheduled for mid-October. Discussion with builder re footpath construction and disabled access.</p>	<p>AD to contact Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise for extra funding if needed.</p>
<p>6. Social Media Approximately 7,000 followers on Facebook to date. 1,287 followers on Instagram. Use of Airtable to schedule posts.</p>	<p>Exec members to like, comment and share posts. Contact Cecily re events SF should promote annually.</p>
<p>7. Community Gardens JH has been in email contact with a large number of CGs. Plan to produce Mailchimp newsletter for CG. JH and KW to create first newsletter in mid-August. A CG will be showcased in each newsletter. Mayfield CG to be showcased in August.</p>	
<p>8. Earth Market Third birthday on Thursday 6/8. EM competition to be launched with Maitland Mercury. To celebrate each producer will offer a market special. Social media posts to promote birthday and EM history.</p>	<p>EM Mailchimp to be sent one week prior to EM. AD to make birthday cake.</p>
<p>9. Seed Library Membership of 500 people. Donation of seeds is critical. Need for two way communication between library and members in order to get feedback on initial success of project and any issues experienced by members. Staffing of project is an issue.</p>	<p>JW to liaise with library staff re improvements in communication.</p>
<p>10. School Gardens Covid lockdown has effected usual SAKG program. Wicking beds performing well. Herb sales at EM generate income for purchase of equipment and seeds.</p>	
<p>11. Excursion to the Country 28/6 Slow Food Hunter Valley and friends visited Riverdene Nursery, Horn Farm and Springhill Beef on Sunday 28/6 and enjoyed a day in the country to find out how these wonderful families are doing their part in the battle against land degradation, loss of local knowledge and climate change.</p>	
<p>12. Membership There are still issues with membership on the SFI web page.</p>	<p>Ruth to contact SFI</p>
<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to fund a scholarship to virtually attend Change Course. • MCC seeking lockdown stories from Maitland locals for Pandemical Project. 	<p>CL to promote on FB</p>
<p>Next month's meeting is Tuesday, August 18 via Zoom. Meeting link and time will be emailed to attendees.</p>	