

Meeting Name:	Executive Meeting	Date:	June 20 2023
Aim:	Agenda	Minutes:	Anne Kelly
Venue:	Zoom	Time:	7pm – 8.25pm
Attendees	Ruth and Bob Adams, Sue and Matt Dennis, Helen Hughes, Ruth Neave, Anne Kelly	Apologies	Kendall Harrison, Marcus Bridges, Amorelle Dempster

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

Minutes / Decisions	Action
<p>1. Minutes of previous meeting moved Anne, seconded Helen</p> <p>Business arising:</p> <p>2. Correspondence in: Incorporation compliance SF Singleton notices Compliance for MCC Temporary Food Stall permit Taste organisation Seed Purchases Pumpkin and Seed Project info Taste Festival correspondence Square reconciliations Farming Ahead Newsletter Lake Mac U3A talk correspondence Taste payments and reimbursements Kurri No Waste Dinner correspondence Oz harvest Appeal SFI newsletters Mailchimp updates WA Olive Festival Biggest Morning Tea Correspondence Label purchase and payments MCC Winter Warmer Constitution to Slow Food Southern Highlands Tocal pork Volunteer Award nomination Correspondence with Meryl and AusVeg re varroa mite and lack of support of our small scale producers Newsletter requests from Bolwarra Café where pollinator seeds have been distributed Community Recognition Statement from Jenny A for Amorelle's Pumpkin Seed Project May 23 Moved Anne, Seconded Matt</p>	
<p>3. Treasurer's Report Matt to follow up re sending payment to SFI for another garden allocated by SFI No payment received yet from Tocal Funds from Pop Ups at Maitland Community Markets to go into general funds at present. Around \$30,000 in the main account \$7,211 EM account \$2,188 FRK account</p>	<p>Helen to follow up with Tocal</p> <p>Report adoption moved MK, seconded HH</p>

<p>4. Seed pack and Chat June 17 Most winter seed is now packed, and another Pack and Chat will be needed within a month to get Spring seed packed.</p>	
<p>5. Maitland Community Pop Up Market July 2 Selling winter soup and fresh produce at the Maitland Showground from the Teapot cafe</p>	
<p>6. Food Rescue Kitchen Renovation-at the Teapot Cafe</p>	<p>AK to follow up about the cost of grant or funding needed to renovate the sink area and install the steriliser. RN will help to look out for suitable grants once we have an idea of what is envisaged</p>
<p>7. Protein Transition Marcus to talk about tis at the next meeting</p>	
<p>8. Pumpkin and d Squash Seedbank Project Seed has been obtained and a plan for educating backyard and other producers drawn up at the Seedbank meeting last week. October for a pollinating demonstration with Matt at Nebo</p>	
<p>9. Ideas for social events and fundraisers Two suggestions: Picnic in an orchard-bring your own picnic, morning tea provided with live music. Small charge to encourage members and friends to attend. Spring solstice Sunday September 24. Suggested \$5 members, \$10 friends Art Auction at the Teapot café , donations for art from members and friends as well as the art left from the FRK fundraiser last year. Evening event in October with canapes using food destined for landfill and drinks</p>	<p>RN to ask her group multo amici if they would play in the orchard AK to ask FRK if they would like to run the atr auction fundraiser.</p>
<p>10. Riverlights Meeting on Thursday, June 22, Helen unable to attend but Beth at MCC will let us know what is happening.</p>	
<p>11. Gardens in Africa Matt to follow up as in mentioned in the treasurer's report</p>	
<p>12. Varroa Mite Emergency Update and Tocal Native Bee Workshop in November Amorelle reports no progress for our local producers on supporting crop pollination, Matt Dennis confirms that there has been no communication. We will promote the native Bee Workshop in the newsletter.</p>	
<p>13. Storage Area for EM – condition of EM infrastructure Safety issue- Kendall has cleaned up the marquee bags. Som attempt has been made to clean up the storage area but it is felt that a professional clean is needed. Marcus may have made some enquiries.</p>	<p>Check with MB to see if we can get someone to do this job.</p>
<p>14. Food Waste Dinner went well. There may be a few minor costs to pay. Thanks to all those who helped.</p>	
<p>Reports:</p>	

<p>Earth Market: Drive to increase customers, going to republish some gardening posts with links to the EM Facebook page. Plastic Free July we will be supporting the collection of soft plastics at the earth market but calling for customers to deposit soft plastics with us at the EM.</p> <p>Food Rescue Kitchen: Very busy with possible need for some more volunteers. Question about the reserve roster, does that still exist?</p> <p>Seed Library: Seed stocks are quite good with a lot of pumpkin seed in. Still hoping to hear from the company who have released Rachael Ward's film to see if we can have a screening in Maitland.</p> <p>Membership: RA suggested that we survey our members and volunteers to see what attracted them to SF and what skills they might have etc. RN has had experience in writing surveys and has offered to help. Also suggested that some students at the UoN might be interested in helping to draft up a some survey questions</p> <p>Ark of Taste: Ruth Neave to get back to us at the next Zoom Meeting (August) to update us on the scope of Ark of Taste nominations</p>	
<p>Next month's meeting: Whistler 6pm July 18th.</p>	