



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 19 August 2020
Location	Hall School Museum and Zoom Meeting
Committee Members	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Ralph Southwell, Phil Robson, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop.
Other Attendees	Alastair Crombie, President Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre Doug Anstess, President Hall Mens Shed Bob Richardson, President, Hall Collectors Club
Apologies	

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1	Minutes of committee meeting 15 July 2020 Minutes were accepted as a true record Moved by Peter T. Seconded by Peter H
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2. Presidents report

2.1	Peter Toet report. Peter welcomed the three new members to the meeting and thanked them for coming. It was important that they be part of all discussions. All Committee members agreed. A lot is going on in Hall. The Committee is cognizant of the role that they need to take on. Many Hall residents approach members to take on board their issues. They voted for us to represent them so we must all take the role seriously.
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3. Treasurers report.

3.1	<p>Tabling of financial statements</p> <p>Treasurers Report,</p> <p>Treasurer, John Starr tabled electronically the Transaction report for transactions since the last meeting for ratification</p> <p>With the Cottage and the Pavilion closed down the only income the Association has received has been from member's fees.</p> <p>Workers' Compensation Insurance has been paid up for the year. Public Liability and Volunteers insurances are due soon.</p> <p>John moved that all transactions be ratified. Peter T seconded. All agreed.</p>
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4. Correspondence

4.1	<p>E:mail from ACT Government re parking in Hall during Floriade</p> <p>An e:mail was received from ACT Parks following our request for support with parking signs during Floriade Re-imagined.. The request for support was denied so the Association will request the Mens Shed for help with these.</p>
4.2	<p>E:mail Polocrosse Secretary re parking in Hall during Floriade.</p> <p>An e:mail was received from the Polocrosse Club re parking during Floriade and a meeting was arranged between the club and the VHDP. The Association advised the Polocrosse Committee that there would be no parking on the polocrosse field. They were happy with this.</p> <p>The Polocrosse Club mentioned that the Polocrosse Clubrooms were not being fully utilised. Given the current circumstances Polocrosse events would not be going ahead in the foreseeable future and offered these to other community groups for use. Their grounds are available for major events as long as there is no parking or vehicles on the polocrosse playing field and parking attendants are provided.</p>

5. Agenda Items

5.1	<p>Sheep Dog AGM</p> <p>Peter H provided the Committee with information on the Sheep Dog Trials AGM which will be held at the Hall Pavilion on Friday 21 August at 1pm. The Sheep Dog Trials are a very important event for Hall and Peter encouraged all members to join the Sheep Dog Club and to attend the AGM. This would to show the high level of support from the Hall community. They do not have a large membership and running</p>
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	<p>the event is very manpower intensive so new members are very welcome.</p> <p>There was discussion about the main concern of the trials leaving Hall for Bungendore. The Dog Trials committee have assured the Association that they have no intention of leaving Hall. They are also currently negotiating with the Hall School Museum for their Dog Trial memorabilia such as the Governor General’s sash to be housed there and maybe used in exhibitions.</p>
5.2	<p>Update on Floriade Re-imagined</p> <p>The small display boxes that were built by the Mens Shed and planted with annuals and tulip bulbs by the community are going well. The wheelbarrows and wine barrels will arrive in early September. All should provide a fantastic display.</p>
5.3	<p>Update on Hall Honeys and Victoria Street</p> <p>The Committee discussed the proposed community consultation proposed by Jonathan Palmer and Leigh Crocker. Leigh and Jonathan intend sending a simple survey to the Hall Honeys email list (those who received “bee hotels”). The Committee had concerns with this method as it did not include all residents and Victoria Street stakeholders. Peter T had real concerns about our duty of care if someone was stung and they were allergic to bees.</p> <p>The Committee expects that there should be a more detailed process of community consultation before plans are finalised and implemented. A survey would be appropriate as one element but is not itself consultation.</p> <p>Consultation to include public meetings pop up exhibitions and a walk through of the design on site. Types of shrubs, seating and maintenance should be canvassed.</p> <p>The ACT Government should be involved and give approval for the final design.</p> <p>The Committee requested that Robert and Olga should develop a community consultation process with Leigh Crocker and Jonathan Palmer for agreement and implementation.</p>
5.4	<p>Speeding on Victoria Street</p> <p>Peter H has been approached by a community member about his concern about a car that was speeding in Victoria Street and then into Gladstone Street. There are more people wandering around Hall as it is getting busier so it is a concern. When Police regularly patrol Hall there is less speeding.</p> <p>The Committee discussed ways to address this issue. Some research is being done in the ACT on displaying actual vehicle speed on active signs as a way of slowing drivers. Heather felt that building a small roundabout would help to slow traffic.</p> <p>As a school bus interchange is located on Gladstone Street this causes a big risk from speeding drivers as there are hundreds of children moving around morning and afternoon.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee should request ACT Roads to address the issue in</p>

	consultation with the VHDPA.
5.5	<p>Communication with lapsed VHDPA members</p> <p>Robert told the Committee that using e:mails and letters about 83 reminders have been sent out to lapsed members. From this we have received 16 renewals, some from people who have been lapsed for a long time and from long standing residents. This shows the value in carrying out this type of communication.</p>
5.6	<p>Condition of Reserve in Victoria Street</p> <p>There have been a number of complaints over the past couple of months about the condition of the public reserve opposite the School Museum on Victoria Street. Water trucks turning have damaged part of the reserve, some people are driving across it and it is constantly used as overflow parking for the Hall Vet clients. Olga is to look into what we can and can't do in relation to the reserve to make it presentable. One suggestion was that it could have been used to make a wonderful display for Floriade Re-imagined. Maybe rubber bollards could be installed around the reserve to protect the park from further damage.</p>

6. General business.

6.1	<p>Doug Anstess had three items for discussion.</p> <p>Doug enquired as to the mowing and maintenance of the School grounds. There are two groups who are responsible. The pre-school surrounds are the responsibility of ACT Property Group and Jim's Mowing has been contracted by the VHDPA for the remainder of the site. Jim's charge \$200, or \$300 with whipper snipping. However they have over a period of time stopped mowing behind the Cottage, and would now find it more difficult with the picnic table and other gardens that have been installed by the Mens Shed. Tidying and clearing needs to be done around the Annex, out the front and behind the Cottage. The Mens Shed will clear some of the high shrubs around the buildings. TCCS is responsible for the nature strip; the VHDPA is responsible for the rest.</p> <p>Peter H will contact Jim's Mowing about this.</p> <p>Doug also mentioned that there is more maintenance that is required, particularly the log barriers that are rotten and falling down. It was suggested that these be replaced by the recycled plastic posts by the ACT government.</p> <p>Another issue that has been identified by the Mens Shed is a big pine tree that has been hit by lightning and requires attention so that it doesn't fall on the Mens Shed. It is a heritage listed 1919 pine. TCCS will be contacted about this.</p>
6.2	<p>Alarm System at School Museum</p> <p>Phil asked if the alarm had been repaired. Peter T said there was to be a review on Friday. He will follow up with Richard Daintree.</p>

6.3	<p>MLA Responses to Hall requests prior to ACT election</p> <p>Robert told the Committee that the responses from the MLAs were on the Hall website. There has been no substantive response from ACT Labor yet.</p>
6.4	<p>Park Upgrade</p> <p>There is nothing further to report on the Park Upgrade. Olga to follow up.</p>
6.5	<p>VHDPA AGM</p> <p>It was again agreed to hold the AGM when Covid-19 Stage 3 is established by ACT Health and VHDPA members can be accommodated at the AGM in the Pavilion. The Association has until the end of November 2020 to hold the AGM.</p>
6.6	<p>Insurance</p> <p>John S brought up the topic of insurance at the Collectors Club following the fire at their clubrooms, and if there was any impact on the VHDPA. Bob told the Committee that there was no liability for the building and contents. Tony supported this by saying that Sport and Recreation had provided a licence for the Wood Choppers to take over the building and another for the Pony Club. The Pony Club and the axeman are their own entities and have nothing to do with the VHDPA. Their members are covered by their own public liability. Bob explained that they have a deal with the axemen to pay half their rent of \$500pa by way of a donation.</p> <p>John stated that our insurance didn't indemnify the buildings it only provided insurance for volunteers working on official VHDPA activities. Phil stated that all buildings are government owned so we are not responsible</p> <p>Doug asked the insurance situation for members over 70. Our insurance is graded and covers members up to 90 years of age.</p> <p>Insurance is about to be renewed. Sub Groups will be notified of coverage and will be required to then notify their members.</p>

7. Sub-group reports.

7.1	<p>Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre – Alastair Crombie</p> <p>Alastair explained that next year (2011) will be a special year for the Museum. It has been 15 years since the Hall Primary School was closed. The VHDPA fought for 3 years to keep the school open without success.</p> <p>Following an Association sponsored Conservation Skills Workshop the inaugural meeting of the “Friends of the Museum” was held, with Phil Robson installed as the first Honorary Curator. As next year will be the 10th anniversary of this meeting the Museum would like to celebrate. It has been an extraordinary trajectory from that time when the School Room was the Museum until now. In</p>
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	<p>a relatively short period of time the Museum has become what it is today. The VHDPA has been central to that. The Rural Fringe has also been supportive providing space for Museum articles in each edition. Alastair said the Museum volunteers are looking for ideas for the 10th Anniversary celebrations.</p> <p>The things that are happening currently - the Museum has its own in-house server and computer network that can store its whole collection on a private virtual network.. This is a huge shift in the capability of the site. The Museum is constantly renewing their displays and every 2/3 years there is a major undertaking.</p> <p>They are continuing to work hard to build relationships with pioneer families – the latest is the Brown Family. They are working with Bevis Brown and his niece on the history of the family. Claude and Mabel Brown have provided a memoir, a lengthy 6000 word manuscript from the 1970s.</p> <p>Alastair provided the Museum Annual Report and requested that it be widely circulated.</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Hall Rotary Club – Ralph Southwell</p> <p>The Rotary Club is meeting fortnightly now at Gold Creek. They have stopped their zoom meetings. The markets are going well. All is business as usual.</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Hall Mens Shed – Doug Anstess</p> <p>Doug stated his appreciation at being at the meeting.</p> <p>The Mens Shed has 60 members. Two new members have joined since the closedown and two more are joining tomorrow. Around 20 attend each Thursday. Up to 10 in the cottage and the rest outside. The Annex is now heated so more project work is happening. Some members come on Tuesday and very rarely some come on Saturday. Latest projects include a singer sewing machine table that was sold on Gumtree for \$250 and a circular folding table for sale at \$200. The club has obtained spare timber from bookshops. They will use some of this to repair benches at the old tennis court.</p> <p>The garden area behind the Cottage is progressing well. Can be used now. They have preserved the “spirit” poles. The Shed expects to have its next BBQ in the first week of September in the garden area.</p> <p>The old tennis court has had the weeds sprayed. It is a really big job, chipping out stuff and taking it to the tip. It requires a hoe and flat spade. Need to clean out the shed and use a Karcher to clean up. They will straighten poles and restore the picnic table. A very large ant heap needs removing which Peter T volunteered to remove. They will require a Dingo to smooth out the ground. John S volunteered his tractor with blade. The Shed was encouraged to take before and after pictures of the tennis court</p> <p>.</p> <p>It is good to see the garden beds ready for Floriade using garden boxes which were made at the Mens Shed.</p>

	They are looking forward to the Christmas Party on 8 December.
7.4	<p>Hall Collectors Club – Bob Richardson</p> <p>Bob thanked the Committee for inviting him to attend the meeting. Bob said that the club started in 2011 and now had 70 members. Not much is happening during the pandemic. They have appointed an event co-ordinator who will organise field trips when it is ok to move around again.</p> <p>The clubroom shed has been burnt and the Club may need to look for another venue. Maybe the Pony Club?</p>
	Peter T thanked all the Special Interest Groups for attending. It was in the best interest of Hall for all to work together

8. Action Items

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1.1	<u>Street Lighting</u>	<p>Improved night time lighting</p> <p>Peter T to follow up. The issue is related to unlit parking area on Loftus/Victoria Streets. Additional light on each side of lampposts in that area directed onto the parked vehicles should work.</p>	Peter Toet	Sept Mtg

Next Meeting. 16 September 2020

VHDPA Sect. Olga Minion