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**Minutes of the Branch Rover Council, Held on April 16th, 2016 at Heathcote Training Centre.**

Meeting Opened: 3.39pm

**Present:**

Golden West:

Greater Western Sydney: Matt Lee, Rachel Ewings, Rachael Fulton, Deborah Ewings, John Gale, Gabrielle Fulton, Michael Barton, Angus Boxall

Hume: Daniel Hill, Madeline Kayess

Hunter and Coastal: Clair Udy, Gabrielle Bodle, Luke McIvor, Jess Andrews,

Lones: Phil Nickl

North Coast:

North West: Raymond Landel,

Riverina:

South Coast and Tablelands: Marshall Roderick, Jake Moodie, Harrison Lantry, Rhiannon Hughes, Catherine Bowie, Jonathon LeMeasurier, Greg Pearce

South Metropolitan: Emma Krupinski, Julian Davies, Madeline Steinback, Mike Weatherly, Aaron Tomlins, Ian MacDonald,

Sydney North: Thomas Crawford, Liam Pullan, Nick Buchner, Emma Watson, Jamie Ride, Grahme Madden, Mark Ferris,

OP Guides:

BRC Executive: Daniel Brown, Jessica Shea, Ayla Jones, Simone Haider, Liam Painter, Luke Saunders, Luke Robertson, Joel Harris, Christopher Ward, Sarah Manning, Walter Waerner, Peter Favelle

Guests:

**Apologies**

Golden West:

Greater Western Sydney:

Hume: Ian Bromley,



Hunter and Coastal: Hugh Mooney, Crystal Patch, Nicole Allen,

Lones:

North Coast:

North West:

Riverina: Harley McLachlan, Emma-Mai Bentley, Brendon Kingdom,

South Coast and Tablelands:

South Metropolitan:

Sydney North:

OP Guides:

Other: Robert Zamora

Guests:

## **1. Previous Minutes**

### 1.1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

*Motion made: The council accepts the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate account of that meeting*

*Made: Liam Painter (BRC Executive)*

*Seconded: Ian MacDonald (South Metropolitan)*

*Carried. 4 abstaining.*

### 1.2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

## **2. Correspondance**

### 2.1. In- Both to be discussed in general business

2.1.1. Lodge BP Invitation

2.1.2. Stage Trailer

### 2.2. Out

None

None



**3. Treasurer's Report**

None

**4. Workplace Health and Safety**

None

**5. Agenda papers**

5.1. Delegates Paper (Constitutional Vote will require 2\3 majority)- Carried over from previous meeting. Amendment has been proposed following discussion with several Regions. Both the original and amended versions were read to the council.

*Motion: The NSW BRC adopt the proposed amendments to the Region Delegates to the NSW BRC Paper*

*Motion Made: Luke Saunders (BRC Executive)*

*Motion Seconded: Julien Davies (South Metropolitan)*

*Motion carried.*

*Motion: The NSW BRC adopt the proposed Constitutional Amendments to Section 3 of the NSW Branch Rover Council Constitution.*

*Made: Luke Saunders (BRC Executive)*

*Seconded: Jonothan LeMeasurier (South Coast and Tablelands)*

*Motion Carried. 1 Abstaining.*

Note: It was decided that this would take place as of the May General Meeting

5.2. Rover Welfare- Ayla Jones

*Motion: That the NSW Branch Rover Council adopts and actions the following recommendations*

- 1. That a formal Rover-specific welfare role for NSW be created for all Major Events*
- 2. That the NSW BRC source a set of resources for Rover-age welfare to be distributed to members of the Rover section in NSW*
- 3. That formal "Rover Support" people in scouting are confirmed and have contact details distributed to Region Commissioners/RRCs for assistance where required*

*Motion Made: Ayla Jones*

*Clarification for the motion was requested. Where there is no rover-specific welfare organised by the major event staff, or national, we will require contingent based welfare instead"*

*Motion Seconded: Ray Landel (North West)*

*Motion Carried.*

5.3. Branch Ball Tender-pending confirmation on some items- Withdrawn



## 6. General Business

### 6.1. Crew Finances- Wal

This item has come out of the Chief Commissioner's Council. A lot of money is owed in fees to Regions. In the future, if there are outstanding fees after 90+ days, Crews will automatically be placed into recess. At present, notifications are sent to Regions and they will be passing this information onto crews and Regions. Wal will be receiving the information as it hits 90 days and will be passing it onto crews.

### 6.2. Workshops- recommendation from earlier workshop at Conference- Walter Waerner and Ayla Jones

A number of recommendations were made during the workshop, which will be circulated with the minutes. Overall it is thought that the workshop program should continue with several changes.

*Motion: That the council accept this recommendation and continue the Workshop program*

*Motion Made: Simone Haider (BRC Executive)*

*Motion Seconded: Keith Buckley (Sydney North)*

*Motion carried. 1 Abstaining.*

### 6.3. Stage Trailer

We have received a letter from NOVA 969 offering the sale of the stage trailer for \$1000.00. A budget presenting the expenses and income from the trailer was also presented to the council.

Questions arose about whether we can lease out the externally to Scouting, under the policies circulated earlier this year. These policies relate to adventurous activity hire, and the trailer should not be included in this.

The additional equipment on the trailer alone is worth more than the price of sale. The trailer would be worth much more than this to the correct buyer.

We do need to find somewhere to store the trailer, and we do have some options there.

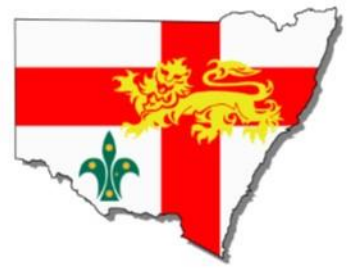
In opposition- would there be anything to stop us selling the trailer on and making profit this way? At the moment we make approximately \$800.00 per year from the trailer, and could make much more by selling the item on.

We also have the ability to make modifications to the trailer, including branding it with NSW Rovers promotional images, it is well known as the NSW Rovers trailer.

In terms of promotion, it may be far more important than as an asset.

NOVA no longer want this, and there are other parties interested. We will lose this asset if we do not buy it, which would be a shame given the amount we have already invested.

*Motion: That the New South Wales Branch Rover Council purchase the Stage Trailer off Nova 969 for \$1000 + Stamp Duty*



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*Motion Made: Liam Painter (BRC Executive)*  
*Motion Seconded: Tom Crawford (Sydney North)*  
*Motion Carried*

*Motion: That the New South Wales Branch Rover Council approves the payment of the Registration and Motor Vehicle Tax for 2016, and which then becomes a part of the operating expenses of the BRC, and reviewed each year at a meeting before the 14th of April when the rego is due (around February)*

*Motion Made Liam Painter (BRC Executive)*  
*Motion Seconded, Ian MacDonald (South Metropolitan)*  
*Motion Carried*

*Motion: That the New South Wales Branch Rover Council agrees that the insurance costs for the stage trailer are made apart of the operational expenses of the BRC each year*

*Motion Made: Liam Painter (BRC Executive)*  
*Motion Seconded: Tom Crawford (Sydney North)*  
*Motion Carried.*

*Motion: That the New South Wales Branch Rover Council Assets Committee will be placed in charge of the stage trailer.*

*Motion Made: Liam Painter (BRC Executive)*  
*Motion Seconded: Tom Crawford (Sydney North)*  
*Motion Carried*

**Action Item: Walter Waerner and Liam Painter will work on recovering the outstanding invoices.**

**Current maintenance to be done on the trailer is to be investigated by the Assets Committee and presented to the Council at the May Branch Council Meeting.**

6.4. ATA and QSA Association

Held over from last Meeting

Nothing on this point.

6.5. Calendar Update-Liam

As was covered last year, the BRC requests Regions share their calendars with the New South Wales Branch Rover Council's. This will allow region events to be shared with a wider audience, as well as allowing regions to consider all events when setting new dates.

**Last year's guide on how to share these calendars will be recirculated.**

6.6. Universities-SCAT

Held over from the previous meeting.



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SCAT have declined to address this agenda item.

- 6.7. Role Descriptions- These need to be updated, and will be done so for the May meeting. If anyone has suggestions relating to this please email [secretary@nsw.rovers.com.au](mailto:secretary@nsw.rovers.com.au). We would also like to propose the role description of events coordinator. This will be presented at the meeting.

- 6.8. Email Lists- Simone

Please ensure Regions have sent the contact details for their Branch Rover Council Delegates so they may be added to the appropriate email lists. These will be updated along with the hosting for the emails, which will be switched around as soon as possible.

We also seek permission to set up an email list which includes all rover email addresses. Provided there is an opt out option the council approves this.

**Liam and Sarah to work on the setting up and running of this.**

- 6.9. 100 Years of Cubs picnic at Government House. Looking for helpers. Please contact [chairman@nsw.rovers.com.au](mailto:chairman@nsw.rovers.com.au)

- 6.10. Iceland Moot- 2017

Approximate prices for World Moot have been set. The final prices should be available when applications open on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moot Buddies closes on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Following feedback from rovers in other States, there are requests for feedback from this council. The most pressing concern is the lack of confirmation of the prices for expeditions. This needs to be done in order for our rovers to be able to confirm our places in expeditions and the wider Moot.

- 6.11. Branch Ball Tender-pending confirmation on some items- Withdrawn

- 6.12. Finding a Scout Hall for the NSW BRC

Ordinarily the council meets at NSW State Office in Homebush, which does get quite tight at times when the entire council is meeting. We wish to find a hall around the State to be able to fit with our needs. If there are vacant halls which Regions feel may be appropriate for the council's needs, including storage of our assets as well as training and meeting purposes. Costs regarding the hall will be crucial to this plan,





and will have to be negotiated on an individual basis, dependent on the hall inquestion.

**Regions to submit halls they believe appropriate to the chair prior to the May meeting.**

6.13. Bush Dance Tender- Greater Western Sydney

Prior to this item clarification was requested regarding the inclusion of items and the sending out of the same with the Agenda. In regards to a late item, it is up to the discretion of the chair whether an item is to be sent out or not. Generally, unless there is a pressing financial or time restriction they will not be circulated until the meeting. Specifically regarding event tenders, the decision rests entirely with the Chair, and a precedent has been set either way in the past.

The Tender was presented as listed in the proposal.

There were some concerns raised over the format of the event, as it is aimed at being a more contemporary take than the event has traditionally seen. This makes it seem as though it is simply aimed at being a big party, rather than retaining the expected feel of the event.

There were also concerns raised over the lack of several figures, with the organising committee planning to add several costs onto the ticket price as needed. The concern was raised, that if those tendering for the event are unable to be certain, then how can the council accept the tender confidently.

The break even for the tender has been set low, as there have been several difficulties with the event in the past.

*Motion: That the council accept the tender as proposed, pending costings for the camping and Caller/Bush Band to be presented at the May General Meeting.*

*Motion Made: Angus Boxall (Greater Western Sydney)*

*Motion Seconded: Jonothan LeMeasurier (South Coast and Tablelands)*

*Motion Carried*

6.14. Delegates paper- Greater Western Sydney

Paper presented to the council. Recommendation that the New South Wales Branch Rover Council accept the following change to the Constitution.

3.1 Delegates from each of the Region Rover Councils. Where no Region Rover Council occurs, Rovers appointed by the Region.

3.1.1. Delegates must be:

a) Current members of Scouts Australia NSW Branch; and



- b) Members of a Crew in the Region they are representing; and
- c) Endorsed by their Region Rover Council prior to the agenda for a council meeting being circulated

3.1.2. Each delegate is entitled to one (1) vote at meetings of the Council to a maximum of Two (2) votes per Region Rover Council.

6.15. Other Items from Floor.

6.15.1. Snow Moot- In the past the bus driver has been willing to stop in Campbelltown to make it easier on the Hume Rovers to get home at a decent hour. It is requested that the Snow Moot team organise for this to occur again.

6.15.2. St. George's Day and ANZAC Day are coming up. The details are available on Facebook currently and will be shared on NSW Rovers this week. Thankyou also to Jamie- Leigh Ride for her assistance on these events.

6.15.3. There has been a request for any Rover Crews or individuals who would be interested in helping with the Starlight Foundations Star BQ. For further details please contact the Service Officer.

6.15.4. We have been invited to an event with the Lodge BP Foundation. Details and the letter received will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.

6.16. Forms- YA1, YA2, C7 and Police Clearances

We need Rovers to put in their forms to Region Offices, including YA1 forms for anyone who has not already completed a Police Clearance. These need to be done as soon as possible by all Rovers.

C7 forms and YA2- Appointment for Crew Leader also needs to be completed for Crew Leaders to be placed into the appropriate positions. This also directly affects Scoutlink access, as if you are not Crew Leader you need to submit an A2 to apply for appointment as a Formation Administration Officer.

**Next Meeting: 28th May, 2016**

**Location: TBC**

**Paper Submissions due by: 11th May, 2016**

**Reports Due by: 21st May**