**Braidwood Garden Club**

**Minutes of meeting held on 27 October 2021**

**At Ryrie Park**

Meeting Commenced: 10:13am

Present: John Tuckwell, Jane Moore, Fran Woods (via zoom), Rosemary De Martin, Charmian Thomas, Leonie Jolley, Amanda Scott, Bronwyn Johnson.

 Apologies: Margy Gardner, Chris James.

1. **Previous Minutes**: Moved: John Tuckwell Seconded: Fran Woods
2. **Business Arising**: Nil not on the agenda
3. **Correspondence**:

In: Emails: (i) JM to Margy; (ii) GCA re Our gardens; (iii) Lillian re website; (iv) Christine Leddy re email address x 2; (v) Mona to JT; (vi) Bookings for October meeting.

Out: Emails – (i) Margy to JM; (ii) ) Rose to Tracey Bool; (iii) Margy to Christine Leddy; (iv) JT to Di Izzard; (v)JT to Mona x 2.

Snail Mail in: GCA annual report.

1. **Treasurer's Report**:

Opening balance $5384.01; income $465.00; expenditure $104.50; profit $360.50. Closing balance $5744.01. Membership: currently we have 96 members and 1 guest member. 4 members have paid their fees twice which Amanda is trying to sort out.

1. **Newsletter**:

Margy is an apology today, but would like any newsletter contributions by the next Monday. Rose, Bronwyn and Chris have already made contributions.

1. **Publicity:**

Chris is an apology today, but sent an email detailing activities. Unfortunately she missed Changing Times this week, but has now made herself a calendar to remind her. Both Changing Times and Braidwood Bugle would like more regular contributions. A discussion was had regarding this, and the committee felt that monthly contributions were enough, but if people want more information to direct them to the website and instagram.

1. **Past Activities**:

*14 October 2021 Local Gardens – John*

49 members attended, visiting 3 very different gardens. The weather gods were good to us and the rain held off until we all went home. One of the urns was not working; Charmian proposed we buy a new urn, this was seconded by John and carried by the committee.

1. **Future Activities**:

 *a. 11 November 2021 Tarago – Margy*

Margy has organised 3 gardens for us to visit; Merigan in Tarago, Bongarlarby and Marlow in Lake Bathurst. She is visiting the gardens next Tuesday to check out morning tea and lunch arrangements. The plan is to meet at Ryrie Park at 8:45am for a 9aam departure. There is also an optional visit to Nirvalley nursery. We are still limited to 50 vaccinated members; John will provide Margy with a list of members who went on the October visits as it shows the names of people whose vaccination evidence was sighted. Margy can add any new names to this list so we can ask for vaccine evidence. Charmian will get the urns to Margy, and we will ask members to bring their own morning tea and lunch.

 *b. 9 December 2021 Christmas Party*

The raffle this year includes dinner and accommodation at Mona. The preparation of the quiz is going well. We will have a plant swap table again this year; members can either swap a plant or buy one for a gold coin donation. We will also have a Christmas decoration competition, which must be home made from natural materials. Attendees would vote for the best decoration by placing a Christmas bauble in front of their favourite decoration. The club has tablecloths but we will need to decorate the tables.

 *c. 10 February 2022 - John*

Nothing new.

 *d. 10 March 2022 - Amanda*

Nothing new

 *e. 14 April 2022 - Chris*

Chris has two other possible gardens to visit which she is following up.

*f. 12 May 2022 Visit to Noel and Trish Butler – Bronwyn*

 Nothing new.

*g. 9 June 2022 Speaker*

Rose has managed to contact Tracey Bool and she has agreed to speak to the garden club in June.

 *h. 14 July 2022 Truffles Amanda*

Amanda has been in touch with Virginia Groot Obbink

 *i. 11 August 2022 – AGM*

John has spoken to Mona who will be happy to host our AGM. Jane suggested the speaker this time could be the head gardener at Mona along with a garden tour.

*j. Future Ideas.*

Araluen, Crookwell, Gunning/ Gundaroo, Foxglove Garden in Tilba and a weekend trip to Melbourne were suggested by various committee members.

**11. Any other business:**

*a. The Website – Fran*

The website was updated yesterday. The invoice for our next payment is due in November. John put the membership form on the website, but has been unable to access it; Fran has fixed this problem during the meeting. Fran would like some help with the website and a request for assistance is to be put in the newsletter.

1. *Sensory Garden*

John has planted nasturtiums and sunflowers, and Rose has planted grape hyacinth. A discussion was had on another plant for the hot bed, but no decision was reached.

1. *Cards.*

Fran has collated the votes down to 25 photos; she will send these 25 for us to choose the best for the cards.

1. *Award.*

The award was displayed at the VIC. John has spoken to Michelle at the club and she is happy for the award to be hung there.

1. *Community Notice Board*

Nick Fry has emailed asking for thoughts on his idea of a community notice board at the entrance to town. After some discussion the committee decided the idea had some merit, but not at the entrance to town as it would be a traffic hazard. John will reply to the email.

1. *Braidwood Show - John*

John has spoken to Di Izzard and the show is planned for 5/3/2022. Discussion on the donations we usually make to the show society. The decision was we will donate $50 for flowers, potted plants and champion veg, and $20 for potted plants (youth). BGC will set up the flower exhibit.

**Next Committee meeting – Wednesday 24th November 2021 at Braidwood Servicemen’s Club.**

Meeting closed 11:55am