

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE MEETING APRIL 4TH AT 4PM
15 PEARL BEACH DRIVE**

Attendance: Victoria Crawford, Lynne Lillico, Malcolm Davison, Paul Barclaire Donna Higgins

Reason for extraordinary meeting – to deal with a motion to remove an executive member regarding how the anonymous “opinion piece” was handled. The executive also discussed what occurs if there is a motion to remove any members from the executive committee, the meeting with Karina Stafford and Nigel Tisdale and some finance matters. Standard agenda not followed.

Complaint1 –“Dissemination of opinion piece” left in noticeboard at shop

The complaint was discussed. The constitution, clause 8, section (3) (b) requires the executive to give notice to the member of the complaint and give the member 14 days to make a submission.

It was agreed to do this.

The question of whether a member of the executive should be removed as a result of a motion submitted by a member was discussed.

Victoria Crawford had sought pro bono legal advice from a barrister.

- He suggested such a motion should be considered at a Special general meeting due to its importance in dealing with membership of the executive committee
- We must give three weeks’ notice of a Special General Meeting
- We should send out motion and the executive members submission when we give notice of a Special General Meeting
- Executive member has the option to send it with the motion or at least seven days before the meeting

Victoria Crawford suggested that the person proposing the motion could be given two minutes to explain the motion and the executive member could also be given two minutes to explain their submission. Each could answer up to five questions.

Decision: To discuss further with both parties.

Complaint 2 - Van Davy’s email

Karina Stafford sent Victoria Crawford a complaint re Van Davy’s email which was critical of Karina Stafford and the resigning executive committee members. She was concerned about his “derision of her ... and ... the absolute nastiness and personal attack”. While the executive committee does not condone personal attacks, we have no control over such actions or written statements sent from a private email, including those expressed on private FaceBook accounts.

The executive reiterated that no member had distributed email addresses to Van Davy or anyone else. The use of emails he has obtained over time is not something the PBPA executive committee has control of nor responsibility for. The current constitution and guidelines do not cover such instances.

The Guidelines say:

Privacy provisions of the Privacy Act 1988 govern the collection, protection and disclosure of personal information provided to Pearl Beach Progress Association by its Members, volunteers, students and stakeholders.

and

The Association is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information it collects, holds and administers.

We have upheld the above.

If Karina Stafford has an issue with the content of Van Davy's letter the executive committee believes she could take it up with him and attempt to resolve his views.

Meeting with Karina Stafford and Nigel Tisdale

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the executive with additional information so the executive could better understand their reasons and to assist this and future executives to work effectively.

At the meeting with Victoria on Friday 29 March (Good Friday) Karina Stafford said the Executive Committee was dysfunctional, she felt new members were not wanted, and that some members were not stepping up to take on roles. She also said there wasn't support for new initiatives or their promotion.

Nigel Tisdale reiterated the reasons he had stated in his letter of resignation.

Victoria Crawford asked why no steps had been taken to resolve the issues as they saw them. Karina Stafford said she did not believe there was anything that could have been achieved.

Both Karina Stafford and Nigel Tisdale provided suggestions for changes to the structure of the executive committee (ie fewer members) and changes to how elections are managed (eg uncontested positions should be advertised before nominations close). These will be considered by the executive committee within the context of the constitution before the next election.

Financial

The Executive Committee agreed for the Treasurer to pay bills for the hall ceiling works up to \$50,000.

Action needed:

- To invoice an October Hall hirer \$1450
- Invoices to be sent to Music scholarship sponsors
- It appears the Darwells paid their membership twice -VC to investigate
- Re imbursement to Jeannie Albrecht of \$131.26 for expenses for book fair cafe

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm