

# MINUTES

Bendigo Easter Fair Inc  
Committee of Management

Time : 4pm  
Date : Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003  
Venue: City of Greater Bendigo Meeting Room

## 1. Attendance and Apologies

Brett Henderson (Vice President), Maree Murphy (Treasurer), Fay Buerger (Committee), Geoff Cartwright (Committee), Peter Robertson (Manager), Barry Secombe, Ken Gilchrist, Rosalie Rogers, Simon Mulqueen. Brett Henderson Chaired the Meeting.

## 2. Open Discussion

Ken Gilchrist (Council's solicitor) reviewed the "Wrongs and Others Act" and the "equipment and Public Safety Act" in reference to the potential of personal litigation etc.

His considered opinion was that members and committee members of an incorporated association are protected from personal liability by virtue of the incorporation of the Association. There are two exceptions relevant to the issue of public safety. These arise under the "Occupational Health And Safety Act" and "The Equipment (Public Safety) Act". In each case Workcover may prosecute committee members if the Association were to commit an offence against those Act's with the consent or connivance of or the wilful neglect of an officer of the Association. "Wilful Neglect" means doing an intentional or recklessly deliberate act in complete disregard of the consequences of that Act. The Wrongs Act provides for protection of volunteers and the liability attaches to the Association rather than the individual volunteer.

Further discussion ensued.

## 3. Resignation

The resignation of Barry Rochford, former President of B.E.F. was accepted by the Committee

## 4. Nominations for new Committee Members

Brett nominated 3 new Committee Members, Barry Secombe, Ken Gilchrist and Rosalie Rogers.  
Moved Brett, seconded Fay. Accepted unanimously.

## 5. Appointment of Vacant Officer Positions

Brett moved motion to appoint new officers to the Committee after he informed the Committee that he intended to stand down from being Vice President. Moved Brett – seconded Fay.

**6. Officers Election**

President - Barry Secombe nominated Fay Buerger as President. Seconded by Ken Gilchrist. A Vote was taken and Fay was duly appointed President.

Vice President – Barry nominated Rosalie Rogers – seconded by Fay. A vote was taken and Rosalie was appointed unanimously.

Secretary – Brett nominated Maree Murphy – seconded by Fay. A vote was taken and Maree was appointed. Maree to maintain her position as Public Officer of B.E.F.

Treasurer – Brett nominated Barry – seconded by Fay. A vote was taken and Barry was appointed.

**7. Bank Signatories**

Due to the change of Office Bearers there is a need to change the bank signatories. Barry Secombe, Fay Buerger, Rosalie Rogers and Maree Murphy were nominated by Brett seconded by Maree, as signatories to the B.E.F. with any 2 to sign.

**Meeting Closed** at 5:07pm.

**Next Meeting** 4<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 6pm at Senior Citizens Room at Library Building.