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NEWSLETTER AND P.N. MINUTES for 13th November 2023

APOLOGIES: Lindsay Gibson, Mike Kiff, Celia Miraglia, Jenny Wilkins

ATTENDANCE: Philip Surtees, Barbara Morris, Faye Holloway, Lorraine Keen, Ron Gascoigne, Eileen Senn, Murray Cox, Faye Breslin. Margaret Hunt, Laurel Morris and Phil Reed.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING as being true and correct.

Accepted: Philip Surtees

Seconded: Faye Holloway

CORRESPONDENCE:

Latest updates of charitable News from A.C.N.C.

- Focus on consultation highlighted in annual A.C.N.C report.
- A.C.N.C. publishes Equality Australian Decision Impact.
- Advice on donating to overseas humanitarian relief charities.
- Notice of revoked charity registration.
- Have your say of digital crypto currency assets.
- Have your say on N.F.D. Blueprint issues paper.
- Guidance and resources for charities.

For more information on any of the above, please contact information@wwwacnc.gov.au

Connect Groups Peak Post.

- Updates from Peak Support Sector
- Latest on services and activities - info@connectgroups.org.au

Phone call from a member, Sandra Brown - She came across a natural pain relief cream while travelling up North called Zea. It is an anti-inflammatory cream that contains 100% natural active ingredients, plus Vitamin E to help assist muscle, joint and nerve pain and is available on line. Our member found it very beneficial. If any more information on price, and how to obtain the cream is required, it can be looked up on your web browser <https://www.zea.com.au/>. Should a sufficient number of our group wish to try Zea product(s) then perhaps as a group we can command a better price.

A.C.N.C. A reminder that it is time for us to submit our group's Annual Information Statement (AIS) to the A.C.N.C.

Brian Aitcheson has advised that Jeanne Reid of 47 Saunders Street passed away and could we take her off the list. This has been taken care of.

Diane Smith of Lilydale Melbourne re: her health problems. We will reply to her.

Gary Sharplin, saying that in view of September's newsletter, he hopes we don't have to close our doors. We will reply to him.

Accepted: Laurel Morris

Seconded: Ron Gascoigne

TREASURER'S REPORT AS AT 2/11/2023

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Attendance	20.00	Postage	85.70
Joining Fee	10.00	Morning Tea	20.00
Membership	70.00		
Membership D.D.	20.00		
Donation D.D.	10.00		
Transfer from Term Dep	1,000.00		
Donation Pay Pal	77.95		
TOTAL	1,207.95		105.70
Balance b/fwd.			320.63
BANK		Deposits	1,207.95
Cheque account paid	105.70		
Balance c/f	1,422.88		
TOTAL	1,528.58		1,528.58
Balance c/f			1,422.88
ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT			
Postage	0.00		
Morning Tea	20.00		
Accident Cream	191.30		

Accepted: Barbara Morris

Seconded: Phil Surtees

A CONTINUATION OF LAST MONTH'S A.G.M.

Barbara Morris confirmed that she would volunteer as Secretary. (This position couldn't be finalised last month as she wasn't able to attend the meeting). Phil Reed confirmed that he volunteers as Chairman.

Correct an error on the joining fee from \$10.00 as stated to \$5.00.

As the deposit interest rate has risen, it was decided to change the present term deposit to 12 months and not 6 months as previously done.

There was a concern over the storage of equipment. Phil Reed and Faye Holloway offered to split the storage of items between them i.e., P.A. System, Foot Spas, Boxes of PN Books (to be eventually handed out) and a display board.

Discussed future cheques signatories. Signatories at the moment are Faye Holloway, Ron Gascoigne and Philip Surtees. Paperwork is needed to change signatures and will need to be received from the bank to show identification i.e., Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

The AGM finished at 11.00 am and then the General Meeting began right after.

GENERAL MEETING

The PN Support Group will NOT close down now as we have a volunteer (Phil Reed) for the position of Chairman that was vacant due to Ron having stepped down from the position after 25 years at the helm. Phil is highly qualified to be a chairman and comes with a raft of qualifications to his name. Phil attended the October meeting as a fellow sufferer with P.N. and on hearing of Ron's intended resignation and subsequent dismantling of the P.N. Group, decided he would give it a go to keep the movement going. Amongst other things, he would like to offer numerous interesting suggestions and new ideas for the running of the group, e.g.,

1. To bring in more technology to administration to save time and money,
2. More guest speakers talking about topics that are of interest to members,
3. Maybe, networking each meeting using video conferencing e.g., Zoom to allow members to watch the meeting live or download the video after the recorded meeting, and,
4. Converting the P.N. book into electronic format (pdf) to allow the book to be attached to an e-mail to get more books to interested parties faster and cheaper.

With our annual fee remaining \$10 we can see that the cost of postage for 11 newsletters is greater than the fee received. Those who still receive the newsletter by post are asked to review their situation to see if they can accept it by e-mail. Perhaps a family member or friend could receive the newsletter by e-mail and then print it for you. If you are unable to change you will still have it sent by post (maybe you could add something to your annual payment to help us cover costs).

Phil has also stated that as Chairman, he is the one who will be responsible if anyone has a suggestion or a problem regarding our group. He will be available at any time as he is the "Go-to" man. He hopes to offer continual improvement with more service to our members.

Following is a note he wanted to be attached to the newsletter.

"Hi all - At the Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, we will always be looking to do things better to enable you to get more from the group.

So, here's a question for you, "How likely are you to promote the P.N. Support Group to a relative or friend who has P.N? Decide by asking yourself "what score out of ten would you give the group for the service it provides at present?" If less than eight out of ten (8/10) then we, the group administrators, need to know your thoughts".

Please let Phil know by: E-mail: phil@pgrsystems.net OR mobile phone: 0417 186 337.

We, as your administrators of the group, cannot make things better unless you tell us what needs improving.

To make things a little more interesting the name of each person submitting their problem and/or suggestion received will go in to the "hat" and the one problem /suggestion drawn will win one year's free membership valued at \$10.

The draw closes 5 pm W.A. time on 31/12/2023 and the winner will be announced at February's meeting on 12/2/2024.

Please keep in mind... we now have two "Phils". Phil Surtees is the Vice-Chairman and Phil Reed is the new Chairman.

The meeting closed at 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be the last for the year on Monday 11th December and held at The Niche Cnr Aberdare Road and Hospital Avenue, in Shenton Park from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. As it's a Christmas wind up could everyone attending, please bring a plate and a joke, as per tradition.