

Agenda FERN Board 17/1/2017 – Commence 7pm

Present: Catherine Lumsden, Tom Draffen, Karen Bartz, Simon Peterffy, Thom Scott

Visiting: Jette Klapper, Maximilliano Lopez

1. Replacement of non active board members.

Aariel has resigned, resignation accepted, replacing with Jette. Karen and Ben will manage secretarial role.

Motion: Simon Seconded: Tom

2. Synergy, financials

Synergy has visited and altered switch board. Financial report accepted.

3. Bikes / supervision/ theft

Police will be notified re theft of bikes Monday.

Simon and Tom to put ideas down and they be circulated to the board for discussion for decision on business model later. Proceed with tightening up procedures and making bike area usable.

Motion: Simon Seconded: Thom

Curtis will return when he can.

4. Jette and Chaco

Jette to be employed as café manager and soupi chef. Needs Visa 187. Board authorises Cath and Karen to finalise the visa application and to form working group with Jette and Maximilliano and to keep the board informed of process. With the understanding that FERN is not liable to any ongoing financial responsibility if the situation at FERN changes.

Motion: Simon Seconded: Cath

5. Soupis and dogs/ alcohol/ non vegan food – authority of board members/ incident/ concert

Motion: Due to ongoing dog incidents (dog excrement, dogs entering cooking area, aggression from dogs towards people and other dogs) and the boards duty of care to our community, we no longer welcome dogs on site at FERN. There will be a sign erected at the gate saying No dogs, no drugs, no alcohol, no smoking, no non vegan food please respect this harmonious community space. In addition, any board member or staff can bar a member of the public for four weeks such time as the board can consider the situation and decide if the ban is ongoing or temporary. Legal advise will be sought in the drafting of any warning notice.

Motion: Simon Seconded: Karen

6. Community corrections/ work placements / project co-op/ Centrelink volunteer status

Community Corrections can send weekend people, others can work off fines, can help with watering, chickens, dishes etc at weekends. Karen and Simon to be authorised to proceed with Community Correction, no paedophiles, no violent behaviour.

New project to be pursued with Communicare for food co-op, Simon, Cath and Karen
Work For the Dole Placements to be pursued and claims for this will be followed through by Ben. Ben will follow up with Centrelink volunteer status and form work, see Tom.

Meeting closed 8.20pm