

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Talbot Brook Land Management Association Inc. held at Talbot Hall on 12th September 2010

Attendance

Colin Cable
Betty Cable
Geoff Williams
David Breen
Hedy Krasevac
Luke Edwards
Colin Luelf
Adrian Emin
Dereck Emin
Gary Lawrence
Nick Emin
Robin Scott
Austen Harrup
Liz Manning
Brian Clarke
Robyn Davies

Apologies

Gillian Acutt
Bruce Acutt
Laurie Fairclough
Rob Boggs
Eggy Boggs
Steven Davies
Becky Kable
Dennis Luelf
Sue Trinidad
Alistair Dougall

Meeting opened at 2:05pm.

Proxies in favour of the President were tabled from Rob & Eggy Boggs

Minutes of AGM 13th December 2009

Minutes	Moved – Liz Manning
	Seconded – Betty Cable
	Accepted

Minutes of meeting 13th June 2010

Correction - Liz – LCDC was not “dead” yet but in the process of winding up

Minutes Moved – Liz Manning
 Seconded – Hedi Krasevac
 Accepted

Presidents Report

Presidents Report 2009—2010.

During the last two years we have been planting seedlings on sites namely that of “Falconhurst,” Dennis & Joanne Luefs, and also Don & Becky Kables at Talbot Hall Road.

These projects were done in two stages each, with approx 25000 seedlings in total. The first stage in each property look healthy and show good growth, however the second stages in these projects have seen far less rainfall, and we will be lucky if we can get 50% strike rate.

This year is going to be devastating for the whole agricultural Community, with the lack of ground pasture for stock, also the lack of baled hay for the summer period carryover.

2011 will see 2 projects, that of John & Rosemary Harris property at Myorka, which the Swan River Trust and the Dept of Water will organize and provide the labor to plant the seedlings.

The second project will be held at Steve Davies property on Helena Road York involving some 12000 seedlings. This project will be planted out by the Talbot Brook Land management through funding from Lottery west, Swan River Trust, and the Dept of Water.

Fencing will be supplied for Alisdair Dougall & Sue Trinidad’s creek line on Qualen Road over the next couple of weeks, which involves some 1.5klms to fence the remainder of their creek line.

Funding for this project will be sourced from Lottery west, Dept of water, and the Wheat belt NRM, 2011-2012 project. As part of the Gwambygine pool project, which is to address tributaries that flow south into the Dale & Avon river systems.

The reserve on Qualen Road is still an ongoing issue, having applied to the Shire to erect gates on the main entrance to deter rubbish dumping & vehicular traffic destroying revegetated areas our Association intends to restore as per Management program submitted to the Shire.

There are two other access entrances for the use of fire control and plantation purposes. An application has been submitted to the Shire regarding Land for Wildlife registration, which will give our Association greater support from Dept of Environment and Conservation in the future.

The Shire has been notified regarding no dumping of rubbish signs and have yet to be erected.

There will be a Shire meeting at the Greenhills Hall on the 20th Sept at 3pm which I shall attend or any other interested parties.

A website has been created for our group through a member and local landholder, Sue Trinidad. The Website address is— <http://talbotbrooklma.blogspot.com/> and gives a history of the Talbot group, information about meetings, minutes and projects undertaken. It also provides a slideshow of projects over the decade of TLMA. Comments can be made on the website and this can be used as a future communication avenue. Feedback is welcome.

We will be looking for further projects for 2011—2012 onwards and doing field trips to other sites.

Researchers from Murdoch University plan to do a mapping program of the Talbot Catchment at the extent of revegetation since the group's inception to the present date. They are hopeful they will generate enough interest at Murdoch to provide more tree planter's inn the future.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have been involved on tree planting days this year and the catering of meals for these days.

I look forward for a more exciting future for our Association with the involvement of more people & researchers from other areas and organizations, and keep generating the interest and improving our environment.

Colin Cable President.

Report accepted	Moved – Brian Claeke
	Seconded – Robin Scott
	Accepted

Treasurer's Report

Physical copy attached – presented by Geoff

Report accepted	Moved – Austen Harrup
	Seconded – Liz Manning
	Accepted

Correspondence

1. Apologies and proxy from Rob & Eggy Boggs
2. Apologies from Gillian & Bruce Acutt 7/9/10
3. Bendigo Bank – contributing to community \$150,000 so far
4. Shire of York 6/1/10 – support for transfer of vestment of Qualen Rd. \$15,000 in 2009/10 budget for cleanup and rehabilitation works
5. Shire of York 26/8/10 support for TBLMA 2010/11. Rrequire a tax invoice to be sent to the Shire of York for \$500 by TBLMA Treasurer

Election of Office Bearers

Treasurer – previously held by Rob Boggs

Rob Boggs had sent his apologies and offered to stand again

Nominated: Hedi Krasevac

Seconded: Robyn Davies

No further nominations

Elected unopposed

Secretary – previously held by Geoff Williams

Geoff offered to stand again

Nominated: Brian Clarke

Seconded: Betty Cable

No further nominations

Elected unopposed

Committee

Hedi Krasevac

Nominated: Robyn Davies

Seconded: Liz Manning

Brian Clarke

Nominated: David Breen

Seconded: Betty Cable

Both elected

David Breen offered a vote of thanks to existing and newly elected office holders
Agreed unanimously

Review of 2010 planting projects

The Luelf and Kable projects saw 25,000 seedlings planted, 2010 was a very dry winter and survival rates were down to 70% and 65% respectively as of beginning of September 2010.

2011 projects

Qualen Rd Reserve

Colin has offered to attend the next shire meeting and ask some questions in relation to the vesting of the Qualen Rd reserve

Question: Will the shire support the TBLMA application for the the Qualen Rd reserve be listed in the “Land for Wildlife” program?

Question: Does the shire support the erection of double gates at the reserve entrance to deter the dumping of rubbish?

Question: Will the shire erect “no dumping rubbish” signs at strategic locations on the boundary of the reserve?

Harris project

The project to revegetate sections of 6 Mile creek tributaries on “Myorka” has been assessed as requiring 18,000 seedlings and the Dept of Water has indicated that it will organise the seedlings and the planting. TBLMA will assist in project management.

Steve Davies project

This project is on Helena Rd and is above the Cabon Neutral project on Terry Davies property completed in 2009. this project has been assessed as requiring 12,000 seedlings and these will be organised and planted by TBLMA in 2011.

General Business

Talbot Volunteer Fire members attended led by Gary Lawrence. He thanked TBLMA and hoped that the two groups could cooperate. The gates to be erected at the main entrance to Qualen Rd reserve could be a problem if attending a fire in the reserve. The gates could hinder access of fire trucks and other vehicles

Also a member was unhappy with receiving a letter and visit from DEC about clearing a fence line. They believed that a TBLMA member had sent DEC a letter complaining about the fence line clearing under TBLMA letterhead.

The fire Act 5(ii) allowed for clearing to 1.5m outside of the boundary fence line up to 1ha maximum.

Similar limitations are prescribed in the Environment Protection Act 51(a)

Colin offered that TBLMA wanted to work with all of the people of the catchment
Colin also offered to work with Talbot fire brigade to raise awareness and help attract more members to the fire volunteers

A copy of the TBLMA mailing list to be sent to Gary Lawrence to help Talbot Fire expand its membership

The Shire would provide for the gravel pit in the Qualen reserve to be levelled, no entry signs erected and no dumping rubbish signs.

It was agreed that the gates would be chained but not locked so fire vehicles could get in without trying to unlock or cut the chain, and that other entrances would be blocked with logs or rocks.

Talbot Fire also asked that small landholders keep fire breaks clean and maintain properties with fire control measures. Also that landholders not plant trees along boundary fence lines.

After discussion about the use of TBLMA letter head the following motion was put:

Motion – That members and others are not to use the letterhead of TBLMA without the express permission of the group president or secretary.

Moved: Austen Harrup

Seconded: Colin Cable

Accepted

It was noted that letters carrying the letterhead must be brought to the next meeting and be entered into correspondence.

Motion: Write DEC for the name of the person who sent the letter about the boundary fence line clearing, if it was on TBLMA letterhead. Adrian Emin agreed to provide the TBLMA secretary with the Lot number or address for the above letter.

Moved: Austen Harrup

Seconded: Hedi Krasevac

Accepted

Brian asked Talbot Fire about joining and getting training

It was pointed out that TBLMA members at the meeting, other than those resenting the Talbot Fire had received an notice about the recent fire meeting.

Gary Lawrence undertook to ask Terry about notices of meetings and training, also he would talk to Steve.

Bendigo Bank offered local groups sponsorship

Motion: that Bendigo Bank applied to for \$2,220.00 for 3 tree planters (\$1,020) and 10 kidney trays (\$1,200).

Moved: Brian Clarke

Seconded: David Breen

Accepted

Colin Luelf asked that his property at the head of Talbot Brook be considered for revegetation along the creek line.

Motion: TBLMA to organise approximately 3km of riparian revegetation on Colin Luelf's property for 2012/13

Moved: Hedi Krasevac

Seconded: Betty Cable

Accepted

Laurie Fairclough has undertaken to fit a couple of gates on the end of the previously revegetated areas on Robin Scott's property on Talbot Hall Rd.

Colin suggested that there may be some seedlings left over from the 2011 plantings and that these could be used for infill in 2011, also an assessment would be done for any further work to be scheduled for 2012.

It was suggested that TBLMA, Talbot Community Group and Talbot Volunteer Fire should form a closer association, maybe starting at executive level.

Colin Luelf suggested that if landholders had exposed Telstra telephone lines on their properties or along their boundaries that the landholder phone 13 23 03 and report exposed and possibly dangerous cables.

Liz talked about possible field walks & farm visits

Also a visit to the community seed orchard

The Wild Flower Society has a collection of small flowering shrubs

All of these are sources of seed of local province

Next meeting 20th Sept 2010

Suggested walk in Qualen reserve by members

A farm visit to Bill Butler at Pingelly to see reclaimed salt areas, reveg and oil malleys
He has 25 years experience in farm development

Adrian Richardson has been developing his property since 1998

Including direct seeding of salt bush, 17 dams to drought proof, 30ha of tree lines for protection and milling

Interested members should call Liz

Meeting closed 3:20pm