

Environmental Health Special Interest Group AGM 2011

Telephone , 24 October 2011

Open: 1335 EST

Minutes: Clive Rosewarne and Peter Tait

Present: Glenda Verrinder, Marion Carey, Michael Bentley, Roseanne Peel, Margaret Stebbings, Clive Rosewarne, Rachel Tham, Adrian Heard, Peter Tait, Therese Lewis,

Apologies: Rosalie Schultz, Beverley Guest-Smith, Roscoe Taylor, Liz Hanna, Laura Newstead,

Previous Minutes: moved: Glenda Verrinder, seconded: Margaret Stebbings. Accepted

Reports

Convenors Report – as per Annual Report, plus circulated Report against Work Plan.

Marion Carey asked if we could expand on the work being undertaken on nuclear industry; Clive Rosewarne gave an outline of our work currently on industry which included mining operations, proposed waste dump, transport of materials, nuclear medicine- call for inquiry into how radioactive isotopes are sourced and disposal options.

EnHealth report (Liz Hanna): n/a.

NETS Report (Margaret Stebbings): slow & constrained progress.

NICNAS (Andreas Lopata): n/a. CSG chemicals are a relevant issue and need to be watched. Liaise with Roseanne Peel.

APVMA (Sarah Lantz): n/a.

Finance

Opening balance: \$3644.18; income: \$664.53; Expenditure: nil; Closing balance: \$4308.17

Balance at 31 August 2011: \$4,972.33

Officer bearers and Committee

Convenor : Peter Tait nominated Glenda Verrinder, seconded Liz Hanna Agreed.
Committee

NT: Clive Rosewarne, nominated: Michael Bentley, seconded: Marion Carey

NSW: Roseanne Peel, nominated: Glenda Verrinder seconded: Rachel Tham

SA: Adrian Heard, nominated: Roseanne Peel, seconded: Michael Bentley

VIC: Glenda Verrinder, nominated: Margaret Stebbings, seconded: Roseanne Peel

TAS: Michael Bentley, nominated: Peter Tait, seconded: Clive Rosewarne

ACT: Liz Hanna, nominated: Clive Rosewarne, seconded: Margaret Stebbings

Vacant WA and Qld; representatives to be pursued

External Representatives

Liz Hanna – EnHealth, Andreas Lopata – NICNAS, Margaret Stebbings – NETS related, Sarah Lantz – APVMA, and VACAC – when / if Victorian government decides, ask Michael Schaeffer if he still wants to fill this role.

Business

SIG name change: Public Health & Ecology SIG. Accepted

Work Plan 2012: adopted with following additions:

- Under Liaison with other groups, add ‘continue collaboration with ANFA (Australia Nuclear Free Alliance)’ before ‘working with anti-nuclear groups etc’
- Under policy ambitions add: ‘developing policy on air quality’.
- Under advocacy add: ‘increase awareness of health and environment/ecosystem co-benefits’.

2012 Population Health Congress: proposal to hold preconference workshop, with an aim to work with Political Economy of Health SIG and with an international guest speaker who could combine ecological, social justice/political economy and health perspectives ie Vandana Shiva. Also have other activity during Conference with a view to influence action positions of four partners.

Other business

Next Meeting: late July / early August 2012 specifics tba

Closed: 1420 EST