

Woomelang Trading Co-operative Ltd

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 21st October 2013

Place: Woomelang General Store and Café

Time: 17.30

Present

Trish Fraser	Lisa Molina	Les Knights
Col Bailey		

Apologies

Nat	Jan	

That apologies be accepted: **Moved:** lisa

Seconded: les

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Col

Seconded: lisa

Business Arising from Previous Meeting:

Reports:

1. Planning

Equipment planning almost complete:

1. Vat – Les Knights has cut it down and only needs to finish the lid and can bring it down to Trish's any time
2. Mould and Deckle – Col Bailey / Men's Shed. The Group School has donated 3 A4 sets including mould and deckle, press and sponges/liners/absorbent sheets.
3. Electric cement mixer – Lions (testing to happen this week)
4. Pulp processing – currently using a blender, Craig working on getting insinkerator so we can devise a more production-quantity method
5. Shredder ready for use

2. Financial



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Current balance at bank \$301.45 after deposit of two new memberships

3. *Operational*

Equipment list now almost complete – see Planning.

Trish used 4 sheets of Tina's fish and chip paper to make the pulp. With water drained but not pressed out after processing, the pulp weighed around 1kg. With water pressed out, around half a kilo. We need to experiment further with processing times and draining methods and weights, to make sure we get a consistent and usable pulp.

The pulp that Trish prepared for the Flower Show was too coarse – it needed quite a bit more processing in the blender before use. As people will see from the paper made, it makes uneven, hard paper.

Adding colour/scented oil to the water wasn't sufficient to colour the pulp, possibly since it wasn't in the vat for long enough. Suggest adding these things to the pulp while it is being processed, so the fibres can take it up during storage.

The press that comes with the paper-making kit is okay as far as it goes, but the bottom few sheets were hardly pressed at all – too wet even after 36 hours in the press to be hung to dry. Suggest tilting the press, making sure the base is well away from the surface the press is standing on, and use of more absorbent material between sheets.

The bottom three sheets were dried on their linen facers, which then peeled off fine.

Paper was quite hard, and had to be ironed.

4. *Sales*

No report.

5. *Training*

No report.

6. *Outreach*

The Flower Show stand was an unqualified success – Lisa and Trish had visitors throughout the afternoon. No applications for membership, but quite a few flyers taken.

We need to be more proactive now in going and talking to groups, because we can see the interest is there – especially if we make paper in front of people!

That reports be accepted:

Moved: Les

Seconded: Col

Correspondence:

In: No correspondence

Out: No correspondence



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General Business:

1. Equipment

Trish suggested that Lisa source felt for absorbent material, free if at all possible. Lisa agrees.

Trish will chase Craig about the insinkerator.

Trish will followup with Tina about bins/shredder/pool noodles.

2. Production methods

To be worked out at production sessions

3. Production sessions

Proposed having production sessions a couple of times a week, Trish to email/text/phone to find out best days for everyone.

Possible one session/week in the day, one in the evening.

4. Corporate membership

Trish will research the possibility of corporate memberships and report back to the meeting.

Dates / times for members present

Lisa – no mornings, prefers evenings, weekdays

Trish can do either daytime or evenings, weekdays

Les / Col afternoons or evenings, weekdays

Meeting Closed at: 18.23

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th November, 5.30 pm at the Café

