



MEETING DATE	Monday, 4 November 2019, Singleton Diggers.
TYPE OF MEETING	General Meeting
FACILITATOR/CHAIR	Greg Ball (President)
NOTE TAKER	Jill Cox
ATTENDEES	Neil Nelson, Robert & Leanne Bendeich, Robert Fogg, Daryl Stokes, Charlie Schmierer, Terry Ellis, Cliff Bryson, Kevin Cox, Aaron Fenwick, Stephen Schmierer, Jan Barry, Leonie Ball, Jan Walsh,
APPOLOGIES	Alan Humphreys

Minutes from the previous meeting – Monday 14 October 2019

MOTION – That the minutes from the previous meeting be true and correct.
<i>Moved: Neil Nelson, 2nd Charlie Schmierer. Accepted</i>

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

NEW ZEALAND TRIP: 11 people have paid deposit so far. A few more are interested.
 NLIS WORKSHOP: Well attended. Most attendees learnt some new things about the data base and how to use them.
 FARM MAPPING WORKSHOP: No one from our group was able to attend.
 MLA FUNDING FOR PDS: Update by Neil. After a few mishaps and delays on MLA's behalf, it was decided to ask for an extension of time to complete our final submission for funding. Greg Ball to write letter to MLA requesting this.

CORRESPONDANCE IN:

Emails from members re NZ trip, NLIS workshop, Christmas lunch
 LLS flyers re upcoming events
 James Matthews asked that information re DPI Young Farmers Business Program be sent to members

CORRESPONDANCE OUT:

Replies to members enquiries
 LLS flyers.
 Minutes & meeting notice

TREASURERS REPORT:

- **Treasurers Report from 01/10/2019 to 31/10/2019**
- **Account Balance \$22052.93**

INCOME: \$5500.00 (NZ deposits)

EXPENSES: Nil

Treasurer's report moved to be true and correct – Moved Jan Walsh, 2nd Neil Nelson, Accepted

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SOIL MOISTURE PROBES: Members of the group met at the Cox property on Dyrring Road before our meeting tonight. Sarah Giblin from LLS was unable to attend in person but gave a talk by phone about how LLS is expecting the probes to help farmers make decisions in the future. Data from the probes can be accessed via the LLS Website. There are presently 9 probes installed in the Hunter Valley and LLS is hoping to increase this to around 20 probes. Several members have offered their properties as new sites for the probes.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Leonie has organized this for Sunday 1 December, 12.00pm at the Royal Federal Hotel in Braxton.

SINGLETON 2020 CELEBRATION: It was suggested that SBLM put in an expression of interest to have the Ag Education Day added to the list of events. This would add more publicity for the day.

AG EDUCATION DAY: To be held Friday 12 June 2020 at Singleton Showground. This has been booked. Suggested topics are poultry either for meat or eggs, bee keeping, pastures (what's in the bag), selecting and feeding a competition steer, cost of producing an animal up to competition standard, feed identification, rissole cooking competition.

RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY: Rebates still available for cartage of fodder, water, fertilizer, seed and chemicals for farm use. A rebate is also available on water infrastructure installation. Details on RAA Website.

MEETING CLOSED 8.45pm

- **Next Meeting of the SB&LM Group –**
- Will be held Monday 3 February 2020, Singleton Diggers 7.30 pm.