

Tableland Business Women's Network

Dinner meeting Wednesday 27th January, 2010 at Tree Kangaroo Café, Malanda

As there is currently no President, the only Executive consisting of a Secretary and a Treasurer, this is a general report on what ensued at the dinner/ meeting.

There were 17 present; most of these were current members.

Apologies; Sue Fairley, Edith Crowther, Anne Cork, Anne English, Leslie Tye-Parsons, Wendy Richardson.

Wendy Richardson had presented a list of questions concerning members' feelings towards the TBWN, along with her personal responses. Sherryn Rendall (Treasurer) had summarized this as a shorter questionnaire which was handed out for filling in before dinner.

Because of a lack of President, Sheila Tait had volunteered to make introductory remarks to start discussion;

1. Outline of events leading up to present situation; few members at AGM, election of 3 executive only, failure to book venue and advertise December dinner, resignation of President in early January, uncertainty as to whether January dinner had been booked, eventual decision to hold general discussion/explanation at dinner, after confirmation that the venue had been booked.
2. Special thanks to Sherryn Rendall (Treasurer) and Maria Pesavento (web designer and Publicity Manager), for keeping things moving, and Janet Condon, (owner Tree Kangaroo Café), for agreeing to cater for us even if numbers were below her preferred minimum.
- 3 Acknowledge that the situation is a great disappointment to the inaugural members who, with a committee of 9 or 10, made such huge efforts to organise guest speakers and special events.
- 4 Acknowledge that membership could have reduced because of current financial hardship generally, and that personal problems, which are often concealed in a group setting, can have an effect on enthusiasm.
5. Personal feelings; the Secretary is prepared to attend meetings and dinner/meetings, keep Minutes, and perhaps arrange venues, but not to

organise raffles, speakers or events of any kind. The Treasurer is prepared to accept monies and Bank Statements, and pay accounts.

6. Choices; to wind up the organization, to have volunteers come forward as the organization is not legal in its present form.

The general discussion which followed proved that most members are happy to meet for dinner, with some suggestions about breakfast or lunch meetings, network on a local level, enjoy worthwhile guest speakers if and when available, and to continue the TBWN in a low-key manner for the time being,

The questionnaires will be collated and results published on e-news.

The Secretary will find the Constitution to ascertain how many should be on the executive committee, and how many are needed for a quorum.

Finally, a President and Vice-President offered their services. Michelle Bell-Turner offered herself as President, and Rhonda Sorensen as Vice President. Nomination forms were found and filled in. The follow-up of these moves must be the calling of a meeting at which a Special Resolution is proposed to elect these two nominees to position. The meeting will be the dinner/meeting on 24th March, 2010. The first notice of this must be presented to Maria Pesavento before Wednesday 3rd February, 2010. Sylvia Nelms offered to arrange dinner venues; Pamela Helps will contribute to the e-news.

The meeting closed about 9 pm.