

## **Dorchester Men's Shed**

Minutes of a meeting held on 29th April 2015; 5:30pm.

Venue : Poet Laureate Inn – Poundbury

Present ; Graeme Trinder, Peter Shakespeare, Brian Fowler, Jason Outlaw, Ben Lewington, Geoffrey Wilkinson, Jack Goward, Vin Sootarsing, Stuart Smith, Clive Gerrard, Tony Bevins.

Graeme opened the meeting by welcoming three new members, Stuart, Clive and Tony and explaining the origin, philosophy and growth of Men's Sheds.

The new sign was on display and a vote of thanks was given to Geoff who had drawn out the design and painted the signage.

Graeme update all with regard to our funding applications and was pleased to report that the POPP fund has almost agreed to award £1,900 but unfortunately the Town Council rejected the request for £500 because of the location being outside of the Council's perimeter however he also stated that this hurdle may be resolved through further discussion. Both Graeme and Peter have a second meeting with Magna arranged for 6th May to take the funding request to the next stage ... hopefully that may be an agreed sum..

Graeme said he was working towards a general opening end of May with an official opening by invited dignitaries early June. He went on to say that there was to be a unofficial opening on Thursday 14th where any member can come down and have a look round the premises, see what other opportunities there is at this location and have an open discussion of what is required and formulate a progress plan.

Graeme has agreed that Tuesdays am & pm and Thursdays am & pm with an evening session as a starter. Actual times will be discussed and agreed perhaps on the 14th.

Graeme thanked those who had brought membership payment to the meeting.

At this point, a proposal asked that the work Graeme has accomplished since his first Shed thoughts in November to where we are now, be recognised and acknowledged by awarding him Life Membership of the Men's Shed. All members agreed and the proposal was carried.

It was suggested that all members be e-mailed to ascertain who may hold current First Aid Certification. Jason said he check to see if we could 'tag' on to the Chestnut Court in house training for a small fee.

The question of Personable Liability Insurance was raised and Graeme said a quote would be obtained.

Facilities for the less able were discussed and various suggestions such as ramps, step ups and operating aids could be a priority working project.

The need to establish an induction process of machines and equipment for all members was agreed. It was also agreed there would need to be a schedule of competent operators.

An individual waiver for all personal hand tools was agreed.

This brought out the question of the maintenance of the equipment and it was deemed necessary to establish a Maintenance Schedule, Graeme thought that Axminster Tools would help with advice.

It was suggested that Travis Perkins may help / offer in relation to any updated training necessary to meet current Woodworking Operator regulations.

Jason suggested that we .. the Shed ... should have a mission statement .. Graeme and Peter will look at this.

Date of the next meeting was put at Thursday 14th May to coincide with the open invite to view the premises.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 18.35.