

All Blocks LUG Meeting | MINUTES



Meeting date | time 28 May 2018 | 5:30pm
Meeting location Toyworld West Auckland, Railside Road, Henderson

Meeting called by	David Wardle	David Wardle, Christine White, Vaughan Blok, Susan Day, Amit Sukhija, Michael Howell, Lisa Annette and Murray Brown, Stephen Smith, Pieter Lootsma, Tony Carpenter, James Burke, JB Woolston, Irene and Sean Gibbs, Johnathon and Louis Skipper (18 attendees)
Type of meeting	General	
Facilitator	David Wardle	
Note taker	Christine White	

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic *Auckland Museum* | Presenter *David Wardle*

David discussed the frustration surrounding negotiations between All Blocks LUG and Auckland Museum and the proposed All Blocks exhibition set for Saturday 28 April. Support for the event was pulled when the ticket price the museum planned on charging was revealed.

It was believed that the fee charged was exorbitant and if All Blocks had continued it would have damaged the LUG's viability. The decision to decline support was unanimous decision made by a poll of five All Blocks members. (the leadership team)

The Treasure Hunt went ahead and nine All Blocks members contributed to seven of the eight models in the hunt.

Action items

Models were returned to the contributors.

Agenda topic *All Blocks shows* | Presenter *David Wardle*

The LUG needs to organize three shows before the end of the year.

There is a possible venue in Flat Bush (former work colleague of David's opening a new early childhood center).

David would like to organize an event by December in West Auckland school that includes a Toyworld shop.

Stephen suggested a LEGO school fundraiser for Helensville Primary School. The school is raising funds to cover the costs of a student exchange to Hong Kong in November.

The format for a school fundraiser was discussed. 1 day event, possibly Sunday, Use Koiha event as a template, Kids building competition, Cake stall, Coffee Guy, exhibitors get paid (\$5 ticket – LUG gets \$1).

Vaughan indicates that Point View School, East Auckland is interested in hosting a show.

HamLUG will hand over the Hunua School event to All Blocks. This event is Feb 2019.

Conclusion: The LUG was in agreement to organize a one-day event for Helensville School, 10am to 4pm.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

Stephen to organize a time for David to meet the School team.

Stephen/David

ASAP

Amit to approach schools in West Auckland to see if there is a venue for a show later in the year.

Amit

Agenda topic *Membership* | **Presenter** *David Wardle*

There are about 70 members registered with All Blocks. Only about 25 people are active in responding to surveys and commenting about posts on Facebook.

Some members will remain loyal to AuckLUG but want to be Associate members of All Blocks.

Other members are committed to AuckLUG this year.

Conclusion: Keep up communication with all members and attempt to establish a more formal split between Full and Associate status.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Attempt to establish Full membership intentions.	David	See Subscription - Below
Amit will send out Toyworld member's cards once the member's list is available.	David/Amit	ASAP

Agenda topic *Website Verification Code* | **Presenter** *David Wardle*

The verification code is putting people off using the All Blocks website. The verification code is in place due to many members having weak passwords.

Advice is to keep the verification code algorithm until members strengthen the passwords.

Conclusion: The LUG agreed that it is valid to send out an email asking members to tidy up passwords.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Request members to strengthen passwords.	David	Next newsletter

Agenda topic *Facebook communication* | **Presenter** *David Wardle*

The All Blocks Members-Only secret Facebook group is to be the primary method of communicating to members. A dummy email can be set up to send messages to those people who do not use Facebook.

Conclusion: David to catch up with James Burke.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Arrange for Facebook to re-route emails to people who don't use Facebook.	David/James	ASAP

Agenda topic *Regular meetings* | **Presenter** *David Wardle*

The plan is to set dates in advance to promulgate regular meetings. The intention is to alternate venues from Toyworld West Auckland and Vaughan's place. Also alternate Sunday afternoon and a weekday night.

Some meetings will be more formal with others being informal or social.

Conclusion: Future meeting dates to be decided.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
David to look at calendar to see suitable meeting dates.	David	Next newsletter

Agenda topic *Subscription* | **Presenter** *David Wardle*

At the last All Blocks meeting, it was decided to charge an annual subscription of \$50 per member.

David is currently carrying about \$400 in costs for the LUG, this is principally the costs of setting up the website.

There was a discussion around families with several members. It was agreed that an additional \$10 for the extra members would be an appropriate fee. The fee is to cover costs of memberships.

The \$50 will pay for one All Blocks T shirt and one All Blocks name badge (Two black 1x8 bricks and one 1x8 name brick).

Associate Members not wanting Full Membership will need to pay the costs of T shirts and All Blocks Name badges at cost price.

At the moment, All Blocks does not have any revenue generating capability. Once the LUG has held several shows, the annual fee will be readdressed and may come from profits of those shows.

Matt Hebley has volunteered to be the Group Treasurer.

Conclusion: Group funds will be very transparent. All moneys will be accounted for.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Include this item in the next newsletter.	David	ASAP

MEETING CLOSED: 6:20PM

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Date *Thursday June 21 – 7pm* | **Next Meeting Venue** *Vaughan's place*

Special Instructions: None