

All Blocks LUG – Minutes

Monthly Meeting		
Saturday 15 February 2020	4.00pm	10 Milliken Ave, Mt Roskill
Meeting called by	David Wardle, President	
Type of meeting	Monthly Meeting	
Attendees	Vaughan Blok, Lisa Brown, Murray Brown, Annette Brown, Susan Casey, Tristan Casey Christine Coste, Sean David, Susan Day, Alison Harrison, James Harrison, Olivier Longley, Sarah Otter, David Wardle	
Apologies	Richard Miller	
Meeting led by	David Wardle, President	
Correspondence		
Discussion		
<p>David received a membership form from LEGO Ambassador Network. Required complete membership details and members who belong to other LUGs particularly people have joined All Blocks and joined AuckLUG. A recognized overlap.</p> <p>Ambassador community wanted to know who attended our shows. People under 18/over 18 years. David guessed 60% below 18 and 40% above 18 years old at our shows.</p> <p>As Ambassador, David has a brick-buddy to support him from LUG South - Gavin Evans.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Action item 1	Nil	Nil
Financial Report		
Discussion		
Mark Hebley would like to continue as Treasurer. Bank account set and contains funds.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Financial Report to follow.	Mark Hebley	14 March 2020
New Members		
Discussion		
Two new members approved by Susan Casey and Alison Harrison.		
Requests for membership from:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Huff – Green Bay • Nick Maria – 		

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- Kim Boyd – Orewa
- Bridgette Collins – Henderson
- Thomas Collins-Leat – Henderson – Junior Member. Will confirm to them.
- Christine Coste – Te Atatu (actively engaged with All Blocks)
- Baxter Burne – One Tree Hill. Junior member. Needs to have parents sign up as well.

Discussion around pricing for families joining the LUG.

Points raised:

- T-shirts/name badges are being paid for from proceeds of money earned from exhibitions.
- LUGs rules specify you must attend at least three meetings or exhibit at one show per year.
- First year in operation – overhead costs to the club \$88 (website, domain name, hosting).
- Costs per person is \$35 (t-shirt/name badge).
- We have junior members and guardian parents. Child gets the t-Shirt.

Decided to place on hold discussion around membership levels/prices. Points raised:

- David’s guiding principle: do not want fees to be a burden to the families and revenue we generate to return to the people who exhibited at the shows.
- Active Member: exhibited at one show and turned up to 3 meetings within a 12-month period.
- Full member (18 years old)/ Junior Member (require a guardian if under 16 years old) / Associate Member (residing outside of Auckland). Current requests for new members are at the current prices \$30/\$10 each recurring year. Or junior \$15/\$10.
- Parents: linking your voting rights to your child (who can’t vote). To discuss a better definition.
- Will review AuckLUGs changes before sending out a new membership letter.

Review of prices/membership levels to be placed on hold right now.

Discussion around LEGO International:

- LUG Support: LEGO look at the group and sometimes sends sets. We want to display to LEGO that our LUG is organized.
- LUG Bulk is a benefit of membership: Allows you to buy bulk LEGO from LEGO at a fraction of the price. Each person has a minimum/maximum. Certain amount of parts 80-85 that LUGS can buy. Most of it is in quantities of 25 (possibly plates can be purchased individually). Sent to one location/must be sorted. Minimum order quantity and price EUR4600. One LUG can join with another LUG. Goes to the Ambassador. Can count by weight.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Alison to send a draft ‘welcome letter’ to David for editing.	Alison Harrison	
Confirm current requests for membership.	David Wardle	

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David to update website to reflect current prices.	David Wardle	
Vaughan to obtain copy of AuckLUG's pricing and report back at next meeting.	Vaughan Blok	
Setting show dates for 2020		
Discussion		
<p>Generally, a Sunday show (10am to 3-4pm); access early on Sunday; fundraiser; David sets up a registration document; we get \$1/person out of the entry charge of \$5; social media is important.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Woodlands Park School (Richard Miller, Lead). Previous show 7 April 2019. School meeting 20th February to discuss. 2. Bricks n Blocks Art Exhibition. 13 April – 10th May 2020. Bricks for Kids having a breakout room for LEGO robotics. We have one alcove set aside for us. 1.5m to wall at back. Mosaics to hang on wall. Secure cabinets inside our roped area. No income for the LUG. Two ideas as a group to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual brick heads of YOU • Format of 8 x 8 display. Get 8x8 plate and if we could get 10. The wall has 8 long and all plates interlock. 3. East Tamaki ASR Show. Previous show 28th July 2019. (avoid HAM LUG is 20/21 June). School holidays – 28th June-13th July. 4. Helensville Primary School (Steve Smith, lead). Previously 25th August 2019. Is it possible for the school to source the tables? Loyal as they were our first show in 2018. 5. Rutherford Primary School (Christine Coste, lead). A potential school. David can go out and chat to PTA. Note to consider AKL Brick Show dates. 		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Richard to advise date of Woodlands Park.	Richard Miller	
David to talk to East Tamaki to set date end July.	David Wardle	
David to talk to Steve around Helensville.	David Wardle	
Christine to talk with David further.	Christine Coste	
Establishing a sponsorship arrangement		
Discussion		
<p>Toyworld West Auckland (Amit) and currently they receive from All Blocks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hang sign at shows • Logo on show tickets • Shop at ASR show 		

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<p>All Blocks receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored sets • Gift prizes \$50 for building competitions. Eg: \$150-\$200 • For LUG members, will ship for free if \$100/or more purchase. Email and internet bank. <p>Points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Helensville, Toyworld pulled out of exhibition prizes. • Need to formalize the sponsorship arrangement with Toyworld West Auckland. • Now we are a recognized LUG, we could consider other opportunities – Mighty Ape, Toyworld Syliva Park or Botany Town Centre (Clement) 		
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Alison to supply a draft sponsorship agreement for David to edit	Alison Harrison	
Other business		
Discussion		
<p>James: can we do a competition at our exhibition for people to walk on LEGO. To pay \$1 to assist with fundraising.</p> <p>Alison: Brickcon – cover the bottom of the north island. Do we invite to other LUGs to invite to exhibit at All Block’s shows?</p> <p>David: Next AKL brick show we will collaborate more extensively</p> <p>David: Celebrity – Hugh Millington – Director of Brick set website. 6th March. Waiheke with David and to see Vaughan’s museum.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
All Blocks invites the LUG’s to join our shows.	David Wardle	
Date of next Monthly Meeting		
Saturday 14 March 2020	4.00pm	72 Marsden Avenue, Mount Eden (Balmoral end)