



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

MINUTES of APY Special EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 20 July 2021

PRESENT on conference call – Bluejeans

Bernard Singer (BS) - Chair, Rex Tjami (RTJ), Richard King (RK), Anita Nyathi (AN), Tania King (TK), Willy Pompey (WP), Ebony De Rose (EDR), Michael Owen (MO), Ruth Morley (RM), Anton Baker (AB), Marita Baker (MB), Colin Koch (CK), Julieanne Campbell (JC), Owen Burton (OB), Gary Lewis (GL), Deborah Bailey (minutes).

Meeting opened at 11:52am.

RK highlighted the Agenda to;

1. Talk about what is happening in Adelaide in relation to COVID and lockdown.
2. Required decision on what does APY do in response to what is happening in Adelaide.
3. APY 40th celebrations – suggest postponing?
4. Approval for Michael Owen to publish online – board's decision re above.

RK explained to the Executive Board; the current SA lockdown for the next seven days is to commence from 6pm tonight. There are currently five (5) cases in SA. This Delta strain is highly infectious, contact tracing continues.

SA Police will monitor Port Augusta and will be stopping people from travel. New term of school is starting tomorrow, and some teachers are here and some still returning. Some have been asked to get tested and for the rest of the week they will be required to wear masks. Those that have come from Melbourne have been asked to get tested.

RK asked the question, does APY go into lockdown in line with the decision of SA and keep NT side open?

Discussion in language

BS suggested to keep the NT side open

TK reminded of previous lockdown and restrictions on APY that only food security and health were allowed.

BS reminded of the trucks delivering on APY over the next week.

RTJ reminded last time the trucks drivers would come in, not get out of the vehicles, and would wear a mask. They then drive off lands. Mai Wiru is from Adelaide

TK CDT transport comes from Alice Springs.

- RM asked if Executive wanted to make some rules such as wearing of masks, not leaving vehicle or entering building if coming from Adelaide. People can't enter from Adelaide onto the APY lands except for medical reasons.
- JC people are getting nervous and are wanting to come back to the lands and may need to contact greyhound and police to stop them
- RM suggested Rule 1 - to stop people coming back from Adelaide, Rule 2 - to postpone the Amata opening, Rule 3 – APY permit system to notify people
- GL suggested to close the permits for six months and need to abide by the Commonwealth law.
- BS suggested all permits are closed. People need to get tested before coming onto the lands.
- RK mentioned that we are talking about State law not Commonwealth law.
- RM from 6pm tonight there is to be no travel. People will be stopped at the Port Augusta or Coober Pedy areas.

RESOLUTION

APY will close the border the same as Adelaide for the next seven days.

Moved: Ebony De Rose

Seconded: Bernard Singer

All in Favor

RESOLUTION

APY Executive Board directs the General Manager to send an urgent letter to Mai Wiru requesting to postpone the opening of the Amata Store.

Moved: Willy Pompey

Seconded: Owen Burton

All in Favor

RESOLUTION

APY Remains open to essential travel between South Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Moved: Willy Pomp0ey

Seconded: Ebony De Rose

All in Favor

RK APY 40th Festival celebrations. Suggest in light of Covid matters this festival be rescheduled to 2022.

CK suggested it is a good idea to reschedule the meeting which may allow people the chance (Piranpa/Tjuta) the chance to get vaccinated therefore lowering the risk, minimise funding loss and hopefully lockdowns not as big as now.

RESOLUTION

APY Executive Board have discussed the APY 40th Festival celebrations and have decided to postpone the festival to April 2022 when most Anangu and Piranpa are vaccinated.

Moved: Owen Burton

Seconded: Willy Pompey

All in Favor

TK through the chair asked if Ceduna Bulk Haulers could continue their work as they are already on the lands. This question will be raised by many services.

RESOLUTION

APY Executive Board approve those who are currently working on the lands can continue to work and are not to leave APY lands for the next seven days.

Moved: Ebony De Rose

Seconded: Willy Pompey

All in Favor

RK mentioned the police will not be doing their change over as planned. Those already on the lands will work through

BS suggested to hold permits for one week.

Discussion Language

RESOLUTION

APY Executive Board directs APY to issue permit for essential workers only for the next seven days.

Moved: Ebony De Rose

Seconded: Gary Lewis

All in favor

RESOLUTION

APY Executive Board direct the General Manager to contact Greyhound Stateliner to request that no one be transported to APY lands.

Moved: Owen Burton

Seconded: Willy Pompey

All in favor

RM advised that Western Australia has just now announced they have closed borders to South Australia.

RESOLUTION

APY Executive Board give approval for Michael Owen to draft a Facebook message highlighting the Executive Boards decision today advising, APY is close for the next (7) days in line with the SA Premier's decision.

Moved: Bernard Singer

Seconded: Ebony De Rose

ALL in favor

BS declared the meeting closed at 1:17pm