

20th May 2007 Annual General Meeting

106 Wray Avenue, Fremantle



Meeting opened at 5.20 pm

Apologies:

Barbara Williams submitted her resignation No other apologies were received.

Attendances:

Lyn Annandale	Sue Drake-Brockman
Jeff Bloomfield	Maureen Nicholas
Jeff Trewern	Sally Marsh
Sandy Neilson	

Previous Minutes

The previous Annual General Meeting Minutes were accepted Maureen Nicholas and seconded Jeff Bloomfield.

Presidents Report 2006/2007

Location: Hau Giang

Current Projects in Hau Giang (March 2007)

- Locality Hiep Hung Commune
- Phuong Hiep District
- Hua Giang
- South Vietnam

CCV has a goal in Hau Giang:

- To assist all children to go school, as we believe that education is the answer to poverty reduction and hunger eradication in the long term.
- Therefore we are aiming our project at one community at a time, to provide everything they need to allow their children to go to school.

Our current projects in the area of Hau Giang include:

Building a 4 room secondary school

Providing a village well for the families of the children who will attend this school.

Providing 260 wheelchairs for children in the Phung Heip district (including the children who will go to our school).

Taking 3 dentists and an optician to Hau Giang – to examine and treat as many children as possible in 9 days. They have provided spectacles for children who needed them and extracted hundreds of teeth where necessary.

Examining the methods of building and set the standards for buildings supplied by CCV.

We are discussing an alternative building method e.g. Kits made from Colourbond and /or tilt up buildings.

Providing a cow bank to assist families to eventually allow their children to go to school instead of work.

1. Cow Bank

Many children cannot attend school because their parents need them to work during the day, therefore our goal is to assist the family as a whole by providing a sustainable income for them; by buying them a cow, which they can breed and sell for money.

We have examined the facilitation of cow banks in other areas of North Vietnam and believe that according to their results this is a very positive way to assist families to be self-sustaining in the long run. This should influence the overall economy of the area, which will lead to better health, education etc., which is our goal.

After extensive research and discussion with the DPI in Hau Giang we have decided to provide 50 of the poorest families with a cow. They give us back their 1st calf and keep the cow and future calves for themselves. We give that first calf to another family (if the calf is male we will sell it and buy a female calf for the new family).

This project will be implemented in two stages – with 25 heifers provided in each.

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If the project works well we will continue by buying more cows for more families in the future.

The Project management Committee for the Cow Bank comprise of people from :

- Farmers Union in Phung Hiep District
- DPI of Hau Giang
- Hiep Hung People's Committee
- Hau Giang Agricultural Expansion Centre HG

It will be facilitated and evaluated by Connecting Communities Vietnam

Two Australian cattle farmers (Jackie Hall and Peter Harris) with 20 years experience came to HG in April –to help us to choose 25 healthy heifers. They tagged, examined them, and the heifers have been trucked to Heip Hung – and have been allocated to 25 farming families who are the most needy.

They also spent time with the Farmer's Union and farmers in HH to educate them about raising cattle – and cattle husbandry –before the farmers received their cows.

CCV has also allocated the equivalent of \$35 per farmer to build a shelter for the heifers (as per the standard design in that area).

This project is 50% completed –having provided 25 heifers to 25 families. The families will be visited in approx 3 months time (from April 2007) to appraise the project – with the other 25 heifers being provided at that time if appropriate. In future we hope to expand the project by providing many more heifers.

2. Dental Equipment

We have 3 dentists and 2 dental nurses going to HG on 29th March. They will examine and treat around 1200 children. (THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED).

3. Optometrist

Our optometrist will be seeing around the same amount of children (time allowing) (THIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED).

4. Wells

CCV will provide at least 1 well in the Hiep Hung area. This will service around 100 families. We have decided to provide one big well rather than a lot of smaller ones –as it will be drilled deeper to better water – and also there will only be one well to maintain rather than hundreds. (ONGOING PROJECT AT A COST OF \$10,000).

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5. Four Classrooms

To be build I Hiep Hung
Approx \$32,000 (ONGOING PROJECT)

6. Airfares

CCV pays for the airfares of the president to travel to Vietnam 2 or 3 times per year to appraise projects and organize others.
However – other people with genuine contributions often make trips to assist.

E.G. Our Vice President has made several trips at his own expense over the last couple of years, and cannot continue this – his contributions are very necessary (ONGOING).

7. Wheelchairs and other goods to ship to VN

“Wheelchairs for Kids” donates wheelchairs to CCV to ship to Vietnam and distribute. We send two or three 40’ containers per year- at the cost of around \$2,500 each trip.

We have sent 4 containers so far (with approximately 1000 wheelchairs going to needy children). (ONGOING)

8. Medical clinics and equipment

The population of Hua Gaing Province is 800,000. They have 14 doctors (most of who work in the Health Dept) –this is why we are not building more clinics at this stage. There are currently 50 medical students who will graduate in 2010. –CCV will re assess the situation at that time and possibly build health station at that point.

Treasurer’s Report

CCV books have been passed at Audit and all information has been submitted and received by Charitable Collections – our license has been renewed for another 3 year period.

We had a deficit of \$16,655 which was due to the lack of fundraising that year. We rely solely on donations, sponsorship and fundraising for our financials.

CCV bank balance at the end of June 2006 was \$24,558

Election of Office Bearers 2007/2008:

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Executive Committee:

President: Lyn Annandale
Vice President: Jeff Bloomfield
Secretary: Sue Drake-Brockman
Treasurer: Sue Drake-Brockman

Committee:

Maureen Nicolas
Sally Marsh
Jeff Trewern
Sandy Neilson

The committees were unanimously approved.

General Business:

Corporate Sponsorship is required and we are going to make up 100 corporate folders for presentations.

The committee approved including an additional cost to all future projects to cover the airfares of members who accompany the president on trips to Vietnam.

Maureen will commence with a Christmas in July function and Lyn will begin work on our Blues Night.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm .