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LETS Connect NZ

The Conference is rapidly approaching. To date there are no nominations for the LCNZ Committee. All positions are up for election. Nominations need to be publicised so that Delegates know something of who they are voting for.

There is a proposal that will be presented to Conference that could make a considerable difference to LCNZ and the way it operates. This has been extensively discussed on the LETS Mail Group.

The suggestion is that a Goods and Skills List for Intertrading be set up on a Web page. This would allow those wishing to trade outside their System to find what was available in other areas and subject to any trading restrictions by their Management, should help facilitate trading. This would also allow the Managements of various Groups to address Balance problems throughout the year instead of having to try and do it all at Conferences.

Eventually as suitable Software becomes available this Web Page could operate as a shop and transactions would be able to be made on site. In the meantime any transactions would be done as at present using an LCNZ Cheque.

SURVEY

Could all LCNZ Member Groups please survey their members on the above question and return the results to the editor in time to be published in the March "NEWS"? The required details are:- Number of members surveyed, Number who think they would use the service, Number who would not and Number that did not know. Remembering that those without Web access would need to have that provided, perhaps by a member for a small fee.

This survey would also help Conference to come to a decision on this important matter.

MO\$\$

Ron Sharp would like a discussion to take place at this year's Conference on the following questions:-

How is LETS different from capitalism?

What do we have in common and where do we differ?

Is LETS a co-operative?

How do we resolve issues?

Should we be exclusive?

Should LETS accountability be as strict as capitalism's?

MOSS will have at least one car full from the Top of the South at Conference.

TATS

There will be a Mystery Auction at the Conference as

LCNZ A.G.M.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The above A.G.M. Will take place on the 17th of April 2005 (Sunday) at approximately 9.00am during the National Conference at Raincliff Youth Camp near Timaru.

All Conference attendees may attend and speak, however it is a "Delegates only" vote and only one Delegate from each Member Group may move and second issues and vote.

Proxy voting is available for any Group which cannot attend. Please select your proxy from any Member group, instruct them how you wish to vote, then advise the Committee in writing so that they may be recognised. You can also ask the Committee to arrange a Proxy for you prior to the Conference.

Please contact the Committee through the editor to advise Delegates and any Proxies

part of the Saturday evening entertainment and suitable parcels are requested from attendees, the contents must have some value please. TATS Management will provide several good value parcels. This is not a bottle auction as has been done in the past although bottles may be used.

We will also auction surplus items donated from the Market. All proceeds to go to the Group Hosting the next S.I. Regional Meeting, if this is announced on or before the Conference. Failing that, the proceeds will go to the Group hosting the next National Conference.

PLEASE NOTE

The discount period for the Conference is rapidly running out, any registrations postmarked March 1st or later will require a cheque for \$35.00. Don't miss out.

Wanted for Conference. One white and one blue Cooler scarves or neckerchiefs. Made by someone in a N.I. LET System. (They are soaked in water and contain crystals which keep you cool) These are urgently required, please advise availability through the editor.

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E-MAIL GROUP

This Group is for the use of any LETS Members from anywhere in the country. It is active from time to time as issues come up and is an excellent forum where you can have your say on any issue about LETS that interests you or just to ask general questions

A large number of people expressed an interest in using this at the last Conference but less than half have actually joined.

To join contact Christoph at [<cmhensch@gmx.net>](mailto:cmhensch@gmx.net)

TARANAKI

Plenty of public but lacking in member support for our last market. Maybe too much else on in town. Taranaki has so much on during the summer months, it is not possible to attend them all!!!

Three of us are looking forward to representing Taranaki LETS at Conference. I will be staying on for a few days, as I have never visited Timaru before. I would like to look around the district.

WE do need to spend, so please bring along small items to tempt us to buy at conference.

We have a keen interest from members for Internet trading. Further support is needed to make this a feasible option. Being nationwide, this would give us a greater range of products available to buy from.

Anne Taranaki LETS

N.G.D.E.

Nelson held an information evening on 20th January to explain the need for addressing the imbalance in the Exchange, creating the Balancing Account and to answer any questions about the policies put in place by the new Committee. The 18 or so members who attended, including Murray Rogers from Golden Bay who had driven over the Takaka Hill especially to attend the meeting, soon began to

enter into lively discussion and exchange of ideas. To minimise the need for imposing charges on all members, they were encouraged to make donations to the account, some have already donated from 10 - 100% of their monthly G\$ earnings, or opening balances.

The plan to tackle the Member debt includes crediting the following to the Balancing Account:-

All G\$ donations received by the Committee in the past 2 years. Paid into the admin. account but recorded as donations.

The G\$5 members monthly admin. fee, allowing the admin. account to go into a small debt.

Committee and Office Holders no longer to be paid G\$.

Credit balances of closed accounts. May no longer be given to another member.

Members' balances capped at + or - G\$ 750. Members given 6 months to achieve this, then any credit over 750 be paid to the Balancing account.

Market stall holders charged 10% commission on sales.

Sales from Committee stall at market, goods donated by members.

Sales of tea and coffee, provided by the Committee, at markets and meetings..

Donated items raffled at markets.

Payment for Working Bees carried out by the committee and willing volunteers.

G\$2 charge for paper copies of skills list other than one per year, e-mailed copies remain free.

All these to be reviewed monthly at the Committee meetings.

In two months the debt has been reduced from G\$ 64,428.92 to G\$48,020.48. **Linda Cleary**

Chairman N.G.D.E. prusmumclear.net.nz.

There were 4 Trades for a total of G\$175 for the month.

Jim McCaughan Editor.

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LETS Connect NZ Members and their Balances.

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