



Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc

Minutes of General Meeting 5th March 2014

Present: T Arnison, I Davis, C & G Bembrick, P Culley, D McMurray, M & R Webb, E Boxer

2. Apologies: L & J Hawkes, A Robinson, K Moorhead.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting. *Motion: That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as true and proper.* Moved E Boxer Seconded C Bembrick

No Business arising from the previous minutes.

4. Safety Management. No reports or incidents.

5. Correspondence. *Motion: That the meeting receive the correspondence.* Moved E Boxer, Seconded I Davis.

5.1 Business arising from the correspondence. C & G Bembrick agreed to take the Museums and Galleries Grant information and read it in detail to decide if there is a project suitable for this grant application. Suggestions for possible projects were to paint the room, purchase display cases and for assistance with cataloguing material. E Boxer agreed to assist with the grant application and negotiate with Gillian Salmon from Oberon Council if required.

6. Committee Reports.

6.1 Presidents Report

It was with great regret that at the last general meeting I received Peter Culley's resignation as Track Manager. We will miss him in that capacity

Another major event for the month was the official shed opening. As we all know the shed has been finished for quite a while and these official openings are as much a media grab as a thank you

We are having another visit from the ORSA in a fortnight's time. What they wish to inspect we do not know but it will be another aspect of our paper work.

We are hoping to arrange some more working bees and will keep you informed.

6.2 Systems Manager's Report- None tabled.

6.3 Treasures Report Moved M Webb, Seconded T Arnison

6.6 Publicity Report

Article on upcoming shed opening published in Oberon Review.

Article reporting on the shed opening event submitted to Oberon Review.

Article for next Community Newsletter in prep.

Our Museum was opened up for the Shed opening day. Donation from Paul McDonald.

Self-drive Branch Line Tour notes - copies left at Tarana Pub.

More updated brochures delivered to the Oberon VIC.

March Newsletter – appeal for all materials to Col at taranaob@activ8.net.au – no later than next Saturday please.

7. General Business

7.1 Presentation to P Culley. Tim Arnison presented Peter with a plaque noting his contribution as Track Manager to OTHR over the past 8 years. Tim thanked Peter for his generous contribution of time and effort over this period and welcomed Peter's commitment to remain a member.

7.2. Donation of tickets from the last stem train to Oberon by Paul McDonald . Request for the Secretary to write a thankyou letter to Paul for this donation.

7.3 Postcards. Col asked for more postcards to be printed with some corrections to the caption on the reverse of the card. Secretary to follow this up with K Moorhead.

8. Other Business.

8.1 David McMurray made some comments about the Shed Opening as both member of OTHR and OPTA. He indicated that OPTA would be a strong supporter of OTHR which would be beneficial to both groups. He also noted that Ken Lingabala was impressed with the amount of work achieved by OTHR. It was suggested that John Holland reinstate the track for OTHR which would have spinoffs for tourism and commerce.

Motion proposed by D McMurray: That OTHR write to John Holland, Paul Toole and Oberon Council thanking them for coming to the opening and inviting them to a common meeting to discuss the reopening of the line between Oberon and Tarana.

8.2 Visit by ARHS on 18th March. Len Truscott will bring a group to the railway for a visit. Col, Ian and Tim to facilitate this.

8.3. Comments from Peter Culley.

Peter noted that he would be taking 12months off as Track Manager and Committee Member, but would continue to attend working bees. He suggested more effort be made to publicise task oriented working bee's in a timely manner. The next working bee could include completing the concreting at the East and North of the Shed.

The NW corner of the interior of the shed could also be cleared to make a work area. Any left over concrete could be used here to lay a slab.

Peter also expressed that general members need to be informed of what is and is not happening at the railway. Minutes of meetings and Newsletters are available on the web page.

8.4 Richard Webb proposed a vote of thanks to Col and Glenda Bembrick for their work in identifying and documenting the Carlwood site.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday April 2nd, 7.30pm at Oberon RSL Club.