



Minutes of the General Meeting

1st April 2015 at 7.30 pm

Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Greg Bourne (Chair), Ian Davis, Arthur Robinson, Elaine Boxer, Graham Williams, Col Bembrick, John Brotchie, Glenda Bembrick, Richard & Marjorie Webb, Doug Booker

2 Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

Apologies Tim Arnison, Elizabeth Brotchie

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 4th March 2015 were distributed and read.

Resolution: *That the minutes from the previous general meeting as tabled be accepted as true and proper.*

Moved: Ian Davis, Seconded: Elaine Boxer, Carried

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion: No business arising

4 Safety Management

Discussion:

- Monthly safety report for March submitted to ONRSR
- No incidences reported during March
- 308 volunteer man hours recorded
- 89 volunteer admin hours recorded

5 Correspondence

Discussion:	Received:	Sent:
	10/03/15 Notice & invitation to partake street parade re WW1 celebrations	25/03/15 TA to THNSW follow up from Forum
	20/03/15 THNSW update of contacts	27/03/15 ONRSR Monthly report for March
	21/03/15 D McMurray – start up costs for business plan	30/03/15 TA to M Jensen re OHS plan dangerous goods
	23/03/15 Quote from Mark's Signage for shed	
	24/03/15 ATSB report Snowtown 2013	
	25/03/15 ATSB derailment SA	
	26/03/15 OBTA meeting notice	
	26/03/15 M Webb membership cards suggestion	
	27/03/15 KM to JB re BAS and PayPal	
	29/03/15 KM re restored PayPal account	
	30/03/15 J Glastonbury reply to business plans queries	

Resolution: *Motion: That the meeting receive the correspondence*

Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Col Bembrick, Carried.

5.1 Business Arising from Correspondence

Discussion: Arthur Robinson asked about the correspondence referring to a business plan. The Secretary replied that this was an ongoing discussion between John Glastonbury and David McMurray to ascertain a real cost for recreating a working rail line between Oberon and Tarana, necessary to create a business plan to apply for funding and grants

5.2 New Memberships

Discussion: Geoff Thompson
Martyn Salmon
Michael Jensen

Resolution: *Motion: That the new member applications be accepted.*
Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Col Bembrick Carried.

6 Committee Reports

6.1 President's Report

Discussion: Greg Bourne was tasked by Tim Arnison to give a brief President's report in his absence

- Attended the Transport Heritage NSW Forum on Saturday 21st March in Sydney. A good opportunity for networking eliciting many ideas, some of which may be advantageous.
- Confirmed that HS36 currently at Broadmeadow is earmarked for OTHR
- Negotiations with JHR regarding the release of funds and the repair of Oberon Station leaky roof are ongoing.
- OTHR committee has agreed to accept the offer of two Gradall excavators subject to them being in working order. Transport costs to be paid by OTHR.
- Meeting with Oberon Council Engineer re Albion Street crossing proved positive with progress to start on this project imminent.

6.2 Systems Manager's Report

Discussion: Systems Management documents are being reviewed and emended where necessary. This is an ongoing process with completed documents to be presented for ratification to the OTHR committee in April.

6.3 Treasurer's Report

Discussion:	The following accounts were presented to be passed for payment:	
	Reimburse Graham Williams	\$ 10.00
	Origin Energy	\$ 274.60
	Mawhood Bros	\$ 88.79
	Reimburse Graham Williams	\$ 51.35
	Australia Post	\$ 115.00
	Cheque 900557	\$ 50.00
	Oberon Engineering	\$ 117.00
	MCF Engineering	\$ 825.00
	RMS (tractor rego)	\$ 247.00
	Reimburse Tim Arnison	\$1,079.24
	Reimburse Col Bembrick	\$ 44.68
	Total expenses for March 2015	\$2,384.47
	 Total income for March 2015	 \$2,092.66
	IBD balance at 31 st March 2015	\$19,585.29

The following invoices were in hand to be paid

Reimburse Greg Bourne (fuel)	\$ 53.96
QBE (CTP insurance for tractor)	\$226.00
Mitre 10 (key cutting)	\$ 9.00

Resolution: *Motion : That the Treasurer's report be accepted as a true and accurate record
 Moved : John Brotchie Seconded : Ian Davis Carried*

6.4 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- Thanks to those volunteers who worked an extra two days last month.
 - All the sleepers at Hazelgrove have been measured and sorted
 - 74 dog spikes removed
 - Derail re-timbered
 - Track from Station into road will be finished this week and Greg Noble will certify the track. Metal dust to be spread.
 - Working bee starts Saturday 4th April

6.5 Publicity Officer's Report

- Discussion:
- Rail Heritage Display open day – very few visitors
 - Article in Oberon & Villages Community Newsletter
 - TMV sign holders – upgrade – one done, one in progress
 - Car cover for TMV “ Rocket” – modifications completed
 - Shed signage – images to Mark Taylor, quote received
 - Lithgow Valley Film Society re OTHR fundraising/birthday function – info now to hand and will be discussed at the April committee meeting
 - April Newsletter – appeal for all materials to Col at taranaob@activ8.net.au
No later than Sunday pm. Hard copy will be published after Easter holidays.

7 General Business

7.1 Item 1 April Working Bee

Discussion: A list of tasks to be achieved during the April working bee has been put on OTHR’s website. As the May working bee starts before the general meeting, the list of tasks for that month should be sent to Greg as early as possible for loading onto the website.

7.2 Item 2 Grants for shed signage

Discussion: Mark’s Signage quote for signs to be attached to the rolling stock shed totalled \$2400 not including installation. Discussion took place about options for funding this project including grants, sponsorship and Oberon Council donations or funding under Section 356 of the Local Government Act. Applications for the latter close on 10th April 2015.

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Send costs of council rates, electricity & lease to Elaine re Oberon Council funding application</i>	<i>John Brotchie</i>	<i>asap</i>
	<i>Approach Reliance Credit Union with proposal for funding a special project re signage</i>	<i>Col Bembrick</i>	
	<i>Apply for funding from Oberon Council under Section 356 - for ongoing operating costs</i>	<i>Elaine</i>	<i>10/4/15</i>

7.3 Item 3 OTHR flag – colour?

Discussion: Discussion took place about what colour the background should be on the OTHR flag. A decision was reached that the background would be red with the white and black OTHR logo in the centre.

7.4 **Item 4 Stalwart semi-retires**

Discussion: Arthur Robinson announced this evening that he is stepping back from some of the hefty work in the precinct but, typical of his generosity, will continue to help in other ways. Arthur will still be encountered on duty at the Rail Heritage Display on open days, mowing and helping keep the grounds looking good and maintaining the tidy and clean state of the rolling stock.

Arthur has been a mainstay of the volunteers at OTHR for many years, never shirking the arduous tasks, always with an amenable and helpful attitude. For those of us lucky enough to know Arthur personally, one soon realises what a mine of information he is, local knowledge and railway knowledge.

Thank you Arthur, we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing your cheerful self out and about.

7.5 **Item 5 Sundry items**

Discussion:

- Marjorie Webb said that Australian entrepreneur Dick Smith is forming a new political party, despairing of the current rules and regulations in relation to his passion, aviation. Marjorie suggested that OTHR might contact Mr Smith informing him of the onerous regulations imposed on tourist rail in NSW.
- Arthur Robinson enquiring for Wayne Dempsey about discounted accommodation in Oberon. After making extensive enquiries previously on behalf of OTHR, Elaine Boxer replied in the negative.

Actions:

Item	Person	Deadline
<i>Write to Dick Smith re rail regulations in NSW</i>	<i>Elaine</i>	

9 **Meeting Closed** Next meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2015
