



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Wednesday 5th October 2016

at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), John Boxer, Elaine Boxer, Jim Hawkes, Peter Culley, Arthur Robinson, Marjorie & Richard Webb, Martyn Salmon, Graham Priddle, Col & Glenda Bembrick, David McMurray, John Brotchie, Barry Webb, Jenny and Phil O'Regan, Graham Priddle, J Judge, Ken Lingabala, Sam Harris, Greg Bourne, Don Capel.

Apologies Neville & Lesley Kurtz, Graham Williams, Ian Davis.

3 Minutes from Previous Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 5th October 2016 were distributed and read.

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

Moved: John Brotchie, Seconded: Glenda Bembrick, Carried

4 Committee Reports

4.1 President's Report

2016/17 has been a year that OTHR have achieved many things. Although there are people who say OTHR has not moved, the members and the Committee have achieved a lot. These reports must always start with safety. Unfortunately OTHR had one reported injury in the year when a visitor tripped over a sleeper inside the loco storage shed. Fortunately she was not seriously injured. As a result we have not been able to allow visitors into the shed until access roads are completed

The Heritage Operators Licence over the Oberon rail precinct has now been granted to OTHR. This was granted by TfNSW. At the same time we surrendered our lease over the same area. This allowed a sub-lease to be granted to the Skoda & Tatra group to build their new Museum on part of our car parking area off Scotia Avenue. We are sure that they will be very good neighbours and their display will enhance our station and railway project.

At the end of last year we applied to ONRSR to regain our accreditation, we had previously voluntarily suspended railway operations. The application was for a scaled back accreditation to operate section cars (TMV's) in the area of our HOL. Last month we had a site visit from ONRSR to discuss where we are at and it was suggested where parts of our audit paperwork should be progressing before their next visit.

We completed a Safety Interface agreement with John Holland for the area that our HOL meets the rest of the corridor to Tarana.

In the big shed the new storage room has been completed and part of this will be used as an office. The filing cabinets etc. have now been relocated to here.

John Holland Rail organised to replace the station roof using funds that had been given to OTHR by ARTC some years ago. The asbestos fibro tiles have been replaced by a corrugated metal roof. Now that the leaks have been stopped it is planned to paint the interior and set up our rail memorabilia display in these rooms.

The grant that we won last year, from Transport Heritage through Royal Australian Historical Society, to reroof end platform car CBA 850 has now been used. The three layers

of roofing have now been installed and look good. It just needs a coat of paint to complete the work. We have now applied for funding to do the roof of LHF 850 from the same source. We have also applied for a Federal Stronger Communities grant to assist with the repainting of the interior of the Station building and to Museums and Galleries of NSW for a grant to produce a DVD from all the photos and videos of the original operations on the Tarana Oberon line. Oberon Council once again gave us support of an in-kind contribution of \$5,000. OTHR has also raised funds through the Go fund me venture being run on the internet.

We are grateful for the donations we have received during the year. To name but a couple were some ground frame lever sets from State Rail and a generous donation of MDF from Borgs which has allowed us to fit out the new storeroom

In the year work has been carried out to make both loco's engines operate. We have engaged the services of members of Transport Heritage museum to undertake the moving of the locos from their current position in the weather, in front of the station, to the middle line of the rolling stock storage shed where they will be out of the elements and more restoration work can be carried out.

I attended two Transport Heritage Sector Development days during the year. As a result of our lobbying at these events there was a meeting of several rail heritage operators who were all having difficulty getting our Heritage Rail Operators Licence's. I am not sure if it was just coincidence but several were completed not long afterwards, ours being one.

In August OTHR was present at the Auction of railway equipment of the Canberra Rail Museum. Some members advised that one of the sleeper inserters available would be useful to us. This machine is now back in Oberon and awaiting work to be undertaken on it to return it to service.

Negotiations have been ongoing with other Heritage Rail groups to combine together to undertake training to allow some of our members to undertake or upgrade their track inspection qualifications.

Not that I want to single out people but I must point out the success that some members have had.

Colin Bembrick has completed a survey of the Oberon yard so that we can now accurately locate on paper where all our infrastructure and utilities are for use in the future. He has also undertaken forensic survey work at both Hazelgrove and Carlwood to locate where platforms etc. stood.

Graham Priddle has also done some planning work on replacement of the timber trestle bridge at Snake Valley Creek. At the current prices the hard wood that would be required is almost \$100,000 and it is expected there would be little change out of \$1.5 million to have the job done. This information is vital in planning for the future.

Barry Webb has done an incredible job of clearing vegetation from the line between town and Hazelgrove. Let's hope we can keep it clear in future.

Our members under the guidance of Graham Williams have cleared the way and laid the third road into the storage shed

David McMurray and I attended an E-marketing course arranged by Oberon Council in April. As a result we gained a lot of ideas as to how we can promote OTHR and make it more appealing to volunteers.

OTHR has agreed to lend one of our S wagons to The Tremaine Mill in Bathurst which is being changed into a heritage display centre. S wagons were used to bring bagged wheat into the mill and take away finished product. Several members were taken on a tour of the site which was fascinating.

The winter before last while it was so wet many trees fell down. We were given several large Peppermint gums that had fallen and these have now been milled by Warwick

Armstrong and are stored away, seasoning. Some of this timber will be used in the restoration of the S. wagons.

Other items that your committee has grappled with this last year was to bring the constitution up to date, and was completed in March. Planning to build a miniature train dual gauge track; looking at an interactive display using some of the ground frames we have to operate replica signals and points and an application to have HS 36 returned to Oberon when released from Broadmeadow round house.

We are having a major event on 10 & 11 March 2018 which will take the form of a Heritage Transport Rally based on the Oberon Rail Precinct. OTHR will have all our displays and equipment on display and being supported steam engines, Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club and the Skoda and Tatra Museum.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: See attached Annual Financial Report

Resolution: *Motion : That the Annual Financial Report be adopted as a true and accurate record of the association*
Moved: John Brotchie; Seconded : Martyn Salmon. Carried

Motion : That in the opinion of the Committee of Management Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due
Moved : John Brotchie, Seconded : Peter Culley Carried

5 Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Discussion: Standing orders were suspended at this point in the proceedings and the election of officers was carried out in accordance with the organisation's rules of association. Jim Hawkes took the Chair and declared vacant all the positions in the Committee of Management.
The following members were subsequently elected as Executive Officers and Committee of Management members for the forthcoming twelve months.

Executive Officers

<u>President</u>	Gregory Bourne
<u>Vice President</u>	Martyn Salmon
<u>Secretary</u>	Elaine Boxer
<u>Treasurer</u>	John Brotchie

Ordinary Committee of Management Members

Ian Davis
David McMurray
Peter Culley (Document Controller,
Ken Lingabala,
Tim Arnison.

- 6 **Meeting Closed 8pm.** There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**
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