



Minutes of the General Meeting

7th October 2015 at 7.50 pm

Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison(Chair), Ian Davis, Col Bembrick, Lyndle Hawkes, Jim Hawkes, Elaine Boxer, Arthur Robinson, John Brotchie, Peter Culley, Doug Booker, Graham Williams, Sally & Bob Parrington, Martyn Salmon

2 Apologies Glenda Bembrick, David McMurray, Richard & Marjorie Webb

3 Minutes from Previous Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 2nd September 2015 were distributed and read.

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

Moved: Tim Arnison Seconded: Elaine Boxer, Carried

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion: No business arising

4 Safety Management

Discussion:

- 185.25 man hours worked by volunteers
- 45 admin volunteer hours worked
- No incidences reported

5 Correspondence

Discussion:	Received:	Sent:
	10/09/15 Oberon Council Trade Waste Policy	11/09/15 T Arnison to LSMR thank you for visit
	10/09/15 THNSW reply to request assistance	13/09/15 Thank you letter to Tim Elderton re Graham Williams course
	17/09/15 ATSB report Warnervale 2014	16/09/15 T Arnison to Stan Knight Smith re roof repairs
	19/09/15 G Williams to Tim Arnison re moving fence CHH	24/09/15 T Arnison to Stan Knight Smith re asbestos from roof
	21/09/15 Col Bembrick Bathex organisation	24/09/15 T Arnison to Stan Knight Smith photos of asbestos from roof
	23/09/15 G Williams to T Arnison re asbestos from roof	26/09/15 ONRSR monthly report for August
	25/09/15 ATSB report Victoria 2014	
	29/09/15 C Bembrick re Bathex wash-up	
	29/09/15 Responses re Louise Prior's carriage	
	30/09/15 Patterson Points newsletter	
	30/09/15 Oberon Council waste vouchers	

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

Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Arthur Robinson Carried

6 Committee Reports

6.1 **President's Report**

Discussion:

Things achieved in the last twelve months:

- This is OTHR's 10th year in existence
- Albion Street crossing installed
- Planning of Lowes Mt Road crossing underway – now awaiting acquisition of suitable rail
- Track Manager, Graham Williams and the working bee group have replaced nearly all the sub-standard sleepers in the yard and made all the tracks fit for use
- Two large OTHR logo signs erected on the rolling stock shed to help raise our profile
- OTHR also had a large display at the recent Bathex exhibition held in conjunction with Bathurst's bicentennial celebrations
- A fundraising/anniversary film afternoon will be held on Sunday October 25th at Lithgow Film Society. Hope you all have your tickets, available at the Cobweb Craft shop.
- During the year OTHR agreed with ONRSR to voluntarily suspend railway operations until SMS are developed into a workable document which precludes getting adverse findings until OTHR is ready.
- It is a year since rolling stock moved
- Some OTHR members attended a first aid course
- OTHR is continuing negotiations to get HS36 returned from Broadmeadow to Oberon. Further assessments have to be carried out.
- Approaches have been made as to the possibility of using the rail access track between Hazelgrove and Carlwood as a cycle track. This might have merit for OTHR and will be further investigated this year.
- In November we had a successful "think morning" where all ideas were canvassed in relation to OTHR's future
- Members attended a Christmas Party in the rolling stock shed and everyone walked away with a gift!
- OTHR were open in conjunction with the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair in February. Bathurst Miniature Railway members brought a working display which caused much interest. Approximately 200 people came through the gates.
- An Oberon U3A bus trip to Valley Heights Railway museum was well attended by OTHR members in October.
- Recently some OTHR committee members visited the Lithgow State Mine Railway to meet their management and look around. Networking with other rail groups is vital for OTHR.
- The fence at the rear of the Station building has been moved to allow access for maintenance and to facilitate reading of the electricity meter.
- The amount of merchandise for sale has been extended, available for purchase in the Station buildings, in the Heritage Rail Display on the first Saturday each month which attracts varying responses but is an important element of OTHR's operation.
- During the year Greg Bourne stepped down from the Committee and our long time member and photographer, Doug Booker is leaving the district. Doug has very kindly donated his large collection of OTHR photos, taken over the years. Thank you to Doug and all the best. Hope to see you back from time to time.
- I am pleased to say that we have had no serious incidences or injuries. It's good to see all our members at working bees wearing the required hi-vis wear.
- In conclusion, it has been a busy year and I am sure that the coming year will be even more rewarding for our volunteers as we continue to make progress.

6.2 Treasurer's Report

Discussion:

Current account balance at 30 th September 2015	\$15,862.90
Interest bearing deposit account balance at 30 th September 2015	\$19,854.88

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

6.3 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- Thanks to the volunteers who turn up regularly at each working bee
 - Track work in the Station yard is ongoing
 - Plans to move the fence along Highland Pine boundary – ongoing
 - Recently, whilst working in the rail corridor, a JHR employee stopped to chat about OTHR, offering help and advice with issues as they arise in the future.
 - Sleepers sorted
 - Flagpole erected

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

- Discussion:
- Thanks to Elaine for publishing and distributing the September Newsletter
 - Two day Bathex display successful – thanks to all who made this possible. Favourable comments received from Alan McCrae, the organiser
 - Date for film afternoon at Lithgow Film Society – OTHR birthday/fundraiser – Sunday October 25th, 1.30pm – get your tickets now! Pre-purchase only, tickets are not available at the door.
 - Items for October newsletter to Col by this Friday pm.

7 **General Business**

7.1 **Item 1 Sundry items**

- Discussion:
- John Brotchie spoke at David McMurray's request who is advocating that OTHR join Oberon Business & Tourism Association as a full member. Discussion took place about the advantages of full membership has as opposed to the current membership. To be discussed further at the October Committee meeting.
 - David McMurray and John Brotchie will meet with a state government grants officer on Thursday 8th October
 - John Brotchie reminded all present that all purchases must be done with a purchase order
 - Peter Culley advocated regular Tool Box meetings during working bees
 - Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair will take place on Saturday 13th February 2016
 - Peter Culley said thank you to Bob & Sally Parrington who generously allow out-of-town working bee volunteers to use Jenolan Caravan Park amenities when volunteers are 'camping' at the Mens Shed.
 - Sally Parrington said they enjoy meeting the volunteers, who keep them up to date with OTHR doings.
 - Tim Arnison thanked Lyndle Hawkes for her long-suffering duties as Minute Secretary for the last 6 years.

8 **Meeting Closed** Next meeting: Wednesday 4th November 2015
