



Minutes of the General Meeting

3rd September 2014 at 7.30 pm

Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Ian Davis, Doug Booker, Graham Williams, Glenda Bembrick, Col Bembrick, Elaine Boxer, Arthur Robinson, Marjorie Webb, Richard Webb, Peter Culley, Greg Bourne

2 Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

Apologies David McMurray, Kylie Moorhead

3 Minutes from Previous Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 6th August 2014 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: Ian Davis, Carried

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion: OTHR website urgently needs updating and minutes appended

Actions: Item Person Deadline

Contact Julie Stott about update minutes on OTHR website Elaine

4 Safety Management

Discussion: No incidences reported

5 Correspondence

Discussion: The Secretary has been absent. A full correspondence report will be presented at the September committee meeting

6 Committee Reports

6.1 President's Report

- Discussion:
- Letter sent to ONRSR agreeing to voluntary suspension of rail operations until SMS documents are updated and relevant to OTHR's situation.
 - The raffle was drawn on 22nd August and winner notified. The winners were Lyn and Denis O'Brien of Denistone, long time members of OTHR.
 - Three items of rolling stock from Bathurst will be transported to Oberon on Saturday 13th September – provided all financial arrangements have been completed with JHR.
 - Contacted JHR requesting dog spikes – written request required
 - ONRSR "Cost Recovery" information seminar being held in Sydney on 8/9/14 – Tim to attend.
 - AGM to be held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 – Oberon RSL 7.30pm

| Actions: | Item | Person | Deadline |
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| | <i>Written request for dog spikes to Nev Nicholls, CEO John Holland Rail</i> | <i>Elaine</i> | |

6.2 Systems Manager's Report

Discussion: No Systems Manager's report

6.3 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: The following accounts were presented to be passed for payment:

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| Phillips Mini Mart (fuel) | \$ 667.05 |
| Oberon Council (rates, water) | \$ 189.20 |
| Wills Tyres (repair) | \$ 38.00 |
| Oberon Engineering | \$ 176.80 |
| Mitre 10 (oil, keys) | \$ 103.94 |
| Mawhoods IGA (groceries) | \$ 60.93 |
| Peter Evans (consultancy fees, travel) | \$ 620.00 |
| Total expenses for August 2014 | \$1,855.92 |
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| Total income for August 2014 | \$2,760.81 |
| Interest Bearing deposit balance at 31 st August 2014 | \$19,237.48 |

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as a true and accurate record.

*Moved : Marjorie Webb Seconded : Doug Booker
Carried*

| Actions: | Item | Person | Deadline |
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| | <i>Report total raffle takings at October general meeting</i> | <i>Marjorie</i> | <i>1/10/14</i> |

6.4 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- On 25th August Greg Noble visited Oberon Station and with Graham Williams carried out a rail track audit within the Station precinct.
 - On 30th August members of RTM visited Oberon Station and carried out work on the “home signal” which is now operational, and, when required, will return to work on the points near the rolling stock shed.
 - Working bees will now begin on the first Saturday of each month. The next working bee will start on Saturday 6th September.
 - Recommended – an article written by Wayne Dempsey in current issue of Australian Rail History magazine.

6.5 Publicity Officer's Report

- Discussion:
- July and August newsletters – some members did not receive their hard copies
 - OTHR will receive a letter from Insight Tours requesting a visit on Monday 13th October 2014. The visit will involve a group inspecting the entire Oberon Station precinct and partaking afternoon tea provided by OTHR.

Sleeper Club sales at “History in Motion” event Col 27/9/14

7 General Business

7.1 Item 1 “History in Motion”

- Discussion: “History in Motion” is a railway-themed entertainment to be held on Saturday 27th September at the Oberon Community Centre. Entertainers include professional musicians Jim Low and Jason and Chloe Roweth. Friends of Oberon Library together with OTHR will provide refreshments, included in the ticket price. Tickets can be purchased from Oberon Library, Cobweb Craft Shop in Oberon or Tim Arnison - \$20 adults and \$5 children under 18.
 Contact Tim – 6335 6307
 Cobweb Craft – 6336 1895
 OTHR will require some members to volunteer on the night – if you can help please contact the secretary Elaine 6336 0441.

7.2 Item 2 September working bee

- Discussion: Discussion took place about the need to pre-plan & publicise working bees to maximise volunteers’ capabilities. To this end future working bee dates & proposed tasks will be published in the Newsletter.
 The following tasks will be tackled at the September working bee :
- Lift rail and level ground under second road into shed
 - Attend to small trackwork tasks pointed out by Greg Noble
 - Weed spraying Oberon – Hazelgrove
 - More good sleepers required to be transported from tip site to Station precinct
 - Move some machinery to get to sleepers in Station precinct

| Actions: | Item | Person | Deadline |
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| | <i>What weed killer best for bitty bush eradication?</i> | <i>Richard Webb</i> | |
| | <i>Require quad bike and sprayer</i> | <i>Ian</i> | <i>Sept w.b.</i> |
| | <i>Sort sleepers at tip & transport to Station</i> | <i>Richard et al</i> | <i>7/9/14</i> |

7.3 Item 3 Sundry items

- Discussion:
- Greg Bourne enquired about the role of SMS documents consultant Peter Evans and in how Mr Evans task will help OTHR.
 - Graham Williams contacted the CEO of Transport Heritage NSW about OTHR receiving advice and help from a Rail Safety Officer
 - Graham Williams proposed that OTHR's Rail Heritage Display open on two Saturdays per month. Further discussion about this at September committee meeting.
 - Permanent signage is needed near the North Street entrance advertising opening times for OTHR's Rail Heritage Display, working bee times and possibly some contact numbers.
 - Discussion took place about OTHR website and the need for it to be current. Greg Bourne volunteered to undertake tuition which will enable him to manage the website.
 - Peter Culley commented and questioned various issues raised in the meeting with no definitive or constructive outcome.

| Actions: | Item | Person | Deadline |
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| | <i>Find documents defining a Pioneer Line – required by Peter Evans</i> | <i>Elaine?</i> | <i>asap</i> |
| | <i>Re-request help from Transport Heritage NSW Rail Safety Officer</i> | <i>Elaine</i> | |
| | <i>September Committee meeting agenda – opening Rail Heritage Display two Saturday per month?</i> | <i>Elaine</i> | <i>17/9/14</i> |
| | <i>Contact Julie Stott re learning how to manage OTHR website</i> | <i>Greg & Ian</i> | |

9 **Meeting Closed** Next meeting: Wednesday 1st October 2014
