



Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7.30 pm
Oberon RSL Club

The Meeting was preceded by a very informative address by Tim Elderton from Lithgow State Mine Railway. His address was a great inspiration to OTHR and the Committee and Members extend a sincere thankyou to him for his presentation.

1. Present: T Arnison, P Culley, G Williams, E Boxer, J Brotchie, D McMurray, I Davis, C & G Bembrick, M Salmon, J Hawkes, J Boxer, M & R Webb, A Robinson, G Priddle.

2. Apologies: G Bourne.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting:

The Minutes from the meeting of the 3rd August 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record;

Moved T Arnison.....; Seconded: P Culley..... Carried.

4. Safety Management

No safety issues identified.

5. Correspondence.

Received	Sent
5/9 M Lorimer Webpage suggestion	5/9 TA to RAHS re roof quote
8/9 ONRSR July return.	8/9 Invite J Hawkes to Chair AGM
8/9 F Duff feedback on RM001	8/9 Fence designs to C Riddiford
8/9 Spiro re StructaFlor delivery	9/9 TA to A Moritz re JH & C Holmes
12/9 AON Insurance request for info	
12/9 MOK painting delivery	
14/9 ONRSR confirm August return	
14/9 Comments re Mutton Falls signage	
16/9 RHA request Perway Civil trike	
16/9 RHA re Snelson Railway Collection auction	
20/9 Report of meeting with Oberon High	
21/9 ATSB report	
22/9 ID re storage room progress	
23/9 D McM Ross Jackson re fundraising	
27/9 Apologies for AGM	
26/9 TA SMS docs for Committee meeting	
29/9 TA update on HOL	
29/9 Organisation of delivery StructaFlor	

Resolution: *That the meeting receive the correspondence*

Move E Boxer; Seconded; T Arnison..... Carried.

6. President:

This year has been one where OTHR has seen progress and in other ways not seen as much activity as many of us would have wished.

Part of the way through the year we were told by John Holland Rail, the managing agents for the rail line between Tarana and Oberon, that the Licence and agreements that we had been operating under were not valid. We had to cease work on the infrastructure until this was corrected. We have now applied to become the Heritage Rail Operator for the Oberon Station precinct and this has been approved by TfNSW, the owners of the railway, and the paper work is being produced by JH. Let's hope that when this is completed the weather is kinder and we are able to work outside again.

But apart from this we have still achieved many things in the last twelve months such as :-

- An exchange of rail line with Zig Zag railway made possible by the transport provided by Oberon Council
- The installation of the road crossing of Lowes Mount Road.
- Signage on the rolling stock storage shed.
- Swapping with Valley Heights Loco Museum of some heavy 3phase workshop machinery for some display cabinets for our heritage displays.
- A 10th birthday celebration and film afternoon with the Lithgow Film Society.
- We also had a maned display at the Bathurst Gen and Mineral fair at Bathurst showgrounds.
- A group of us met at Tarana Station a group from Insight Tours who were travelling through the district by Rail Motor.
- We received delivery of rail memorabilia, equipment and a large miniature rail layout from Mr Ross Tighe.

Behind the scenes the work has carried on continuously.

Fund raising has a progressed. We produced The OTHR business plan which clearly states where we are and where we are aiming to go. This was part of the appeal we pushed to several corporation seeking their interest and some funding. Also we have launched a Go fund me account where we have received to date almost \$5,000

The review and rewriting of our SMS documents has been continuous. The documents under review are placed on the SMS web page, part of the OTHR web page, and we are very glad for the comments that have continued to come in as part of this review.

A planning meeting was held to identify and prioritise the works that have to be undertaken We had an induction afternoon where many current members and some new members undertook their induction or update.

Some of the materials are now on site for the building of a new storage shed inside the rolling stock shed. It is planned that when finished much of the office equipment, records and excess memorabilia will be moved from the station to there.

6.General Business.

6.1 A Robinson noted the ride-on mower was malfunctioning following re-fuelling. It was suggested that the incorrect fuel was used. Note to check fuel containers are labelled correctly.

6.2. J Hawkes thanked the Newsletter Editor for including the flyer for the OHCC Steam Fair in it. He noted OHCC was prepared to promote any activities foir this event proposed by OTHR.

6.3.P Culley reported that the General Manager of Oberon Council will support the construction of a miniature rail line at the station precinct as a tourist venture. Secretary to write to him regarding the role of OTHR and other miniature rail operators in the district.

6.4. A Christmas function was discussed and the general agreement was that a Bar-B-Que in the rolling stock shed was the best idea. Details to be confirmed at the next Committee Meeting.

Action: Check that fuel containers are labelled correctly

G Williams.

Action: Write to Oberon Council re miniature railway

E Boxer

The meeting: closed 9pm. Next meeting **Wednesday December 7th 2016.**