



Minutes of the General Meeting

3rd June 2015 at 7.30 pm

Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), John Brotchie, Col & Glenda Bembrick, Graham Williams, Doug Booker, Elaine Boxer, Arthur Robinson, Peter Culley
Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

2 Apologies Richard & Marjorie Webb, Ian Davis

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 6th May 2015 were distributed and read.

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

Moved: Doug Booker, Seconded: Tim Arnison, Carried

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion: No business arising

4 Safety Management

Discussion: No safety issues to report.
Ian Davis was absent from the meeting.

5 Correspondence

Discussion:	Received:	Sent:
	20/05/15 Col Bembrick re ONRSR Senior Safety Officer offer of advice	19/05/15 National Rail Museum re OTHR brochures and reply to their offer
	20/05/15 Col Bembrick cheque for \$150 from Insights Tours	21/05/15 Tim Arnison to Chris Schumacher re Lowes Mt Rd crossing
	13/05/15 Lynette Safranek re acquittal advice for Section 356 donation	02/06/15 Tim Arnison to Structaflor re Gate crossing
	18/05/15 Chris Schumacher re funding for Lowes Mt Rd crossing	26/05/15 Graham Williams to Zig Zag Railway re rail swap
	01/06/15 Quickbeds offer for fundraising	26/05/15 Tim Arnison to M Jensen re OH&S policy
	20/05/15 ATSB report	
	26/05/15 Reply from Dick Smith	

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

Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: John Brotchie Carried.

5.1 Business Arising from Correspondence

Discussion: • Offer for fundraising from Quickbeds – discuss at June committee meeting

5.2 New Memberships

Discussion: Steven Moore

Resolution: *Motion: That the new member applications be accepted.*

Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: John Brotchie Carried.

6 Committee Reports

6.1 President's Report

- Discussion:
- Lachlan Valley Railway will move the #73 Class locos at a date to be arranged.
 - A meeting was held with a delegation from Carter Holt Harvey to discuss future plans for Highland Pine Gate 1 on Lowes Mount Road. Replacing the crossing at Gate 6 was also discussed.
 - At the last committee meeting Col Bembrick presented a cheque for \$150 from Insights Tours, being a donation from the tour company after the Bembricks embarked on their recent South Australian adventure.
 - Col Bembrick presented a cheque for \$500 from Reliance Credit Union as part of ongoing sponsorship from Reliance. This will assist with costs for the proposed sign on the rolling stock shed. Reliance requested that OTHR display their banner somewhere within the station precinct.
 - Three camp beds have been purchased to facilitate the accommodation of out-of-town volunteers on working bees. The beds will be stored and used at the Mens Shed.
 - Last week a TV news story about a proposed Bathurst rail museum featuring footage of OTHR was brought to my attention. On investigation it was revealed that the "museum" is for model railways and that the reporter mistakenly used unrelated rail file footage.
 - During the June working bee, commencing on Saturday 6th June, relocation of the fence behind the station building will commence.

6.2 Systems Manager's Report

Discussion: The Systems Manager was absent

6.3 Treasurer's Report

Discussion:	The following accounts were presented for payment:	
	Bad debts (reconciliation of PayPal account)	\$ 215.00
	Catering expenses	\$ 32.28
	Electricity charges	\$ 268.34
	General repairs & maintenance	\$ 330.75
	Printing & stationery	\$ 93.19
	Rates, rent & lease expenses	\$ 182.00
	Total expenses for May 2015	\$1,121.66

Total income for May 2015	\$ 50.83
Interest bearing deposit balance at 31 st May 2015	\$19,237.48

The following accounts presented for payment:

MCF Engineering	\$ 191.40
Origin Energy	\$ 295.17
Oberon Engineering	\$ 26.45
Reimburse Tim Arnison (3 x camp beds)	\$ 297.00

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

6.4 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- Greg Noble delivered the paperwork for track certification, to be completed by OTHR.
 - There are enough plates to finish one side of the Albion St crossing
 - Pneumatic compression hammer has been repaired
 - 60lb rail retrieved from Coolah is suitable for mainline rail
 - 80 sleepers have been replaced on the middle road
 - Greg Noble asked if an OTHR flyer could be produced for display at his accommodation business as he often has rail enthusiasts staying.
 - Greg Noble took the old technical drawing of Oberon Station from the office to aid him to create an updated version. Discussion took place about whether there was a more modern version in the station office.

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Create a flyer for distribution to accommodation places and Visitors Information Centre</i>	<i>Col</i>	
	<i>Remit details for flyer info to Col + Greg Noble's contact</i>	<i>Graham</i>	

6.5 Publicity Officer's Report

- Discussion:
- Upcoming article on level crossing to be in July Oberon Community newsletter
 - TMV sign holders – upgrade – all three now completed
 - OTHR brochure design/compilation – draft edition presented tonight. Suggestion that THNSW be contacted about printing and costs.
 - Cheque received from Reliance Credit Union for \$500 as part of ongoing sponsorship. Reliance CU supplied an advertising banner and request that it be displayed somewhere in the station precinct.
 - Col & Glenda will supervise the Rail Heritage Display this coming Saturday.
 - Newsletter to go out Monday 8th June (email) and Tuesday 9th June (hard copy).
 - All materials for the next Newsletter to Col by Sunday 7th June.

7 General Business

7.1 Item 1 Sundry items

- Discussion:
- Tim Arnison contacted Mark Langdon, previous surveyor of Lowes Mt Rd crossing, who has agreed to redo the survey.
 - Tim Arnison discussed the lathe and bender currently stored in the rear of the rolling stock shed and the previous decision to donate this equipment to Valley Heights Railway. John Brotchie has contacted same whose responsibility it will be to collect the items. Peter Culley recommended that OTHR retain the sheet metal bender if possible.
 - Graham Williams said the Station roof is now in a critical condition. Tim Arnison did contact Stan Knight-Smith (JHR) who was unaware that a plumber had inspected the damage. The plumber who attempted to do that inspection said it was too dangerous for him to get onto the roof. Tim to follow up with Stan Knight-Smith.
 - Graham Williams has been advised to run the engines of #7321 for one hour each month but not to start #7307 which has a mechanical problem.
 - Elaine Boxer asked if there were any remnants of the Black Bullock Rd rail crossing remaining in place. Tim replied that the crossing would have to be reconstructed entirely.

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Contact Stan Knight-Smith re roof</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>asap</i>

8 **Meeting Closed** Next meeting: Wednesday 1st July 2015
