



Minutes of the General Meeting

1st July 2015 at 7.30 pm

Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Neville Green, Col Bembrick, Graham Williams, Jim Hawkes, Elaine Boxer
Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

2 Apologies Glenda Bembrick, John Glastonbury, John Brotchie, Ian Davis

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 3rd June 2015 were distributed and read.

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

Moved: Lyndle Hawkes, Seconded: Col Bembrick, Carried

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion: No business arising

4 Safety Management

Discussion:

- ONRSR Annual report due
- ONRSR Monthly report in hand

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Compile ONRSR annual report</i>	<i>Tim & Elaine</i>	<i>asap</i>

5 Correspondence

Discussion:	<i>Received:</i>	<i>Sent:</i>
	02/06/15 National Rail Museum brochures	04/06/15 Reply to JHR Interface enquiry
	16/06/15 Oberon Council invitation to nominate for Australia Day working party	08/06/15 John Brotchie – receipt to Insights Tours
	16/06/15 Greg Bourne resignation from OTHR committee	08/06/15 John Brotchie – receipt to Reliance Credit Union for \$500 donation
	20/06/15 Reliance Credit Union advice of beneficiary status	25/06/15 Tim Arnison to Stan Knight-Smith re leaking Station roof
	22/06/15 Mike Gibbons re Baldwin tender	30/06/15 Elaine Boxer to T Arnison, I Davis & C Bembrick re web passed membership form
	26/06/15 Mike O’Kane re proposed September fundraising function	

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

Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Lyndle Hawkes Carried.

5.1 Business Arising from Correspondence

- Discussion:
- Discussion took place about Mike Gibbons email asking if OTHR want the Baldwin tender which is in a parlous state and would require transport and associated costs to be brought to Oberon.
 - Discussion took place about Mike O’Kane’s proposed fundraising event to be held on Saturday September 26th at a venue in Kanimbla Valley. Tickets would retail for \$95 and require OTHR to furnish 6 volunteers to help with waiting and dishwashing duties on the night. Further discussion needed with Mike O’Kane to establish the status of OTHR volunteers at this event, how tickets will be allocated and sold.

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Contact Mike O’Kane for further details on fundraising event eg status of volunteers on the night, allocation of tickets and sales logistics</i>	<i>Elaine</i>	<i>asap</i>

6 Committee Reports

6.1 President’s Report

- Discussion:
- Photos of the leaking Station roof were sent to Stan Knight-Smith (JHR) who has contacted plumbers to investigate.
 - Visit from Jenny Edmonds (RTM) on Friday 3rd July to inspect the American Suburban carriages and discuss future plans for rejuvenation
 - During the June working bee the boundary fence was moved to allow access to the meter box located on the rear wall of Oberon Station building. A new padlock was instated.
 - Two resignations have been received in recent weeks. Greg Bourne has resigned from the OTHR committee and Julie Stott can no longer monitor the OTHR webpage. Greg Bourne has generously volunteered to continue updating the working bee dates on the webpage.
 - Offer of donated items from Peter Gleeson who is willing to deliver the items if accepted by OTHR – barrack crib box and manuals. These items would suit OTHR’s Rail Heritage Display.
 - No further contact from LVR re moving the #73 Class locos

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Contact Peter Gleeson re acceptance of offer crib box and manuals</i>	<i>Elaine</i>	

6.2 Systems Manager’s Report

Discussion: Meeting between Ian Davis & Tim Arnison took place today to peruse and discuss five reviewed SMS documents ready for submission to the Committee for ratification. These documents will be emailed to Committee members prior to the next Committee meeting on 15th July.

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6.3 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: The Treasurer was absent from the meeting, the accounts below were tabled at the June committee meeting.

Catering expenses	\$ 116.78
Merchandise expenses	\$ 270.00
Total expenses from 1st June to 17th June 2015	\$ 386.78
Total income from 1st June to 17th June 2015	\$2,019.16

Interest bearing deposit balance at 17th June 2015 **\$19,237.48**

6.4 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- Greg Noble has donated a rail saw
 - Pneumatic compression hammer has been repaired (thanks to Greg Noble)
 - Arthur Robinson, Martin Salmon & Graham Williams laid 130 sleepers in the middle road. About 20 more need to be placed but for the moment the positions of certain items of rolling stock precludes this.
 - C Frame & turnout to coal store to be completed
 - During the July working bee, due to start on Saturday 4th July, it is hoped that the excavator will be available to work at the tip site
 - No further communication from Michael Forbes at Zig Zag re rail swap
 - Drainage to be done with help of excavator in August?

Actions:

Item	Person	Deadline
<i>Contact Peter Culley re excavator use during w.b</i>	<i>Graham</i>	<i>Before 4/7/15</i>

6.5 Publicity Officer's Report

- Discussion:
- Major article on level crossing construction appeared in July edition Oberon Community Newsletter
 - New OTHR brochure design/compilation – draft #2 in progress
 - Frame B parts given to Barry Hughes for sandblasting
 - Possible dates for film afternoon at Lithgow Film Society for OTHR 10th anniversary and fundraiser comprising a film and afternoon tea. Discussion took place and a decision was made to select Sunday 25th October, which Col will confirm with the venue operators. Discussion ensued regarding publicity and group travel arrangements eg bus hire
 - OTHR are committed to participate at Bathex in Bathurst on 26th-27th September. A roster of volunteers will be required to attend the OTHR stand for each of the two day exposition.

Actions:

Item	Person	Deadline
<i>Contact Lithgow Film Society re date chosen for OTHR event 25/10/15</i>	<i>Col</i>	<i>asap</i>
<i>Contact Alan McRae re ascertaining the size of OTHR's stand at Bathex</i>	<i>Col</i>	

7 **General Business**

7.1 **Item 1 Sundry items**

- Discussion:
- Col Bembrick presented a cheque to OTHR for the sum of \$3000. To explain this generous donation an interesting tale ensued where Col volunteered for an organisation called Bathurst Greening which was pursuing a project to publish a detailed monograph on the Cox's Road including geology, flora, Aboriginal sites etc. When Bathurst Greening paid Col for his learned & comprehensive contribution to the project he decided to forward the unexpected windfall to OTHR. Thank you Col for your generosity. By the way, the publication is called "Cox's Road Dreaming" published by Bathurst Greening and is a comprehensive study of the route from Emu Plains to Bathurst.
 - Elaine Boxer said that the OTHR logo flag has been ordered.

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