



Minutes of the General Meeting

2nd September 2015 at 7.30 pm

Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), John Brotchie, Arthur Robinson, Elaine Boxer, Peter Culley, Ian Davis, Graham Williams, Marjorie & Richard Webb, Doug Booker
Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

2 Apologies Glenda & Col Bembrick, David McMurray

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 5th August 2015 were distributed and read.

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

Moved : Ian Davis, Seconded : John Brotchie , Carried

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion:

- Mike Lorimer has agreed to maintain and manage OTHR's website. Elaine Boxer will liaise with Mike to get the site up to date and maintain thereafter.

4 Safety Management

Discussion:

- No safety incidences reported in August
- 131 volunteer man hours worked during August
- 80 volunteer admin hours worked
- ONRSR monthly Safety report submitted

5 Correspondence

Discussion:	Received:	Sent:
	16/08/15 Col Bembrick – film afternoon price	18/08/15 ONRSR Annual Forecast Report 2015/16
	19/08/15 ONRSR acknowledgment Annual Forecast Report	23/08/15 Julie Stott request for info re webpage for Mike Lorimer
	19/08/15 ProRail Action Group request to join	25/08/15 Thank you to Denis O'Brien for photos
	20/08/15 GW re assistance JHR re welding for crossing	27/08/15 Mike Lorimer request confirmation of webpage work
	20/08/15 Reply Lithgow State Mine Railway	27/08/15 Order for more Peter's Railway books
	23/08/15 Correspondence with Mike Lorimer re webpage work	29/08/15 TA to Oberon Council re 356 donations presentation night
	24/08/15 Broadform Liability insurance request for info	30/08/15 TA re Lithgow State Mine Railway visit
	24/08/15 D McMurray re Skoda Tatra Register progress	
	24/08/15 T Knott re work for dole program	
	26/08/15 GW re visit to Bathurst Railway workshop	
	27/08/15 Notepad printing quote	
	28/08/15 Thank you from Culcairn/Holbrook rail	
	30/08/15 TA re October AGM	

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

Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Tim Arnison Carried.

5.1 Business Arising from Correspondence

- Discussion:
- Discussion took place about correspondence from the Pro-Rail Action Group which is seeking support in their efforts to lobby government to re-open the Newcastle rail line.
 - No firm date as yet for the visit to Lithgow State Mine Railway
 - Notepad printing quote – see Treasurer’s summary
 - More Peter’s Railway books have been ordered to replenish stocks for sale at Bathex and the 2016 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair open day.

6 Committee Reports

6.1 President’s Report

- Discussion:
- Attended Oberon Council’s 356 donations presentation where in-kind support for OTHR was re-affirmed for 2015/16 financial year.
 - Oberon Council has cleared overgrown and clogged drainage along both sides of Lowes Mt Rd. Oberon Council Director of Engineering, Chris Schumacher, was in attendance to inspect the drainage problems.
 - Volunteers for Bathex needed 26th – 27th September. Graham Williams & Arthur Robinson will attend on Saturday 26th in railway uniforms. John Brochie & Tim Arnison will also attend over the weekend. Contact Tim if you can help manning the static display at this event.
 - Mike O’Kane expressed his disappointment in the lack of interest from OTHR members in the event he organised as a fundraiser for OTHR. Funds raised will now go to the Kanimbla Valley Recreation Club. Mike suggested OTHR explore what their members are interested in so that future fundraising ideas are more successful.
 - Film Afternoon at Lithgow Film Society on Sunday 25th October 1.30pm
Two films will be shown – Ghost Trains and The Man from Cox’s River with afternoon tea during the interval. Total cost \$15 – tickets available from the Cobweb Craft Shop and Elaine Boxer (63360441). This is an OTHR fundraising event and 10th anniversary. Get your tickets early as the venue seating is limited to 60.
 - During the September working bee new signage will be erected on the rolling stock shed.

6.2 Treasurer’s Report

Discussion:	The following accounts were presented to be passed for payment:	
	Arrows Newsagency	\$ 9.08
	Mark's Signage	\$2,640.00
	IGA	\$ 41.02
	Mitre 10	\$ 78.95
	Oberon Council	\$ 196.55
	Moorhead Engineering	\$ 319.00
	Oberon Engineering	\$ 330.00
	Total expenses for August 2015	\$3,614.60
	Total income for August 2015	\$ 1,511.49

The following accounts were presented to the meeting to be passed for payment:

Arrows Newsagency	\$ 4.15
Mitre 10	\$ 181.79
Moorhead Engineering	\$ 40.35
Permanent Press	\$ 649.00

Quotes from Permanent Press for OTHR notepads

500 (quantity)	\$539.00
1000	\$979.00

Discussion took place about existing boxes of notepads in the office at Oberon Station. Decision to purchase new notepads deferred until a search of the Station office has occurred to ascertain whether stocks of the previous notepads remain.

Quote from Permanent Press for OTHR specific receipt books:

\$352 for 5 books containing total 500 receipts

\$484 for 10 books containing total 1000 receipts

Discussion took place about economies of scale. John Brotchie to order 10 receipt books for \$484.

Resolution: *Motion : That the above accounts be passed for payment and that Treasurer's summary be accepted as true and accurate.*

Moved : John Brotchie Seconded : Tim Arnison Carried

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Look for notepads in the Station Office</i>	<i>Elaine</i>	
	<i>Order 10 receipt books from Permanent Press</i>	<i>John Brotchie</i>	

6.3 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- Four turnouts in the Station yard have been re-sleepered
 - Greg Noble attended the Station to inspect the yard and is satisfied with the results
 - The third road into the rolling stock shed now has 10 metres of extra track and a stop – paperwork for certification pending
 - Approached SSR about moving the #73 Class locos – no reply to date
 - Track Manager recently completed a track inspection course at SSR
 - Signal post near the Station is now illuminated at night
 - Constructing the Lowes Mt Rd crossing during the October working bee will be dependent on acquiring enough heavy rail for the job
 - Mark Langdon returned the seat from the plough van which he generously had recovered in appropriate State Rail livery

6.4 Publicity Officer's Report

Discussion: The Publicity Officer was absent

7 General Business

7.1 Item 1 September newsletter articles

- Discussion:
- AGM date - 7th October 2015 - 7.30pm - Oberon RSL
 - Thanks to Barry Webb for shifting tons of soil in the Station yard
 - Remit any articles for the newsletter to Elaine Boxer

7.2 Item 2 Sundry items

- Discussion:
- Doug Booker announced he is leaving the area to live closer to family. Doug, who has had a long photographic history with OTHR, will give all his camera raw files to the safe keeping of Col Bembrick. All the best in the future Doug and thanks for your generosity and the wonderful visual archive you have bestowed on this special and ongoing project.
 - Arthur Robinson queried the whereabouts of a rare lamp in OTHR's Rail Heritage Display. Members suggested it may be in OTHR's display in the Reliance Credit Union organised by Col & Glenda Bembrick.
 - Graham Williams has been in contact with Alex Borosima who manages OTHR's Facebook page which needs updating. In future, regular volunteer Martin Salmon agreed to furnish Alex with current photos of working bee activities.
 - Graham Williams enquired if THNSW had responded to OTHR's request for financial help with transporting HS36 from Broadmeadow to Oberon. The Secretary said there had been no response as yet.
 - New flagpole to be erected
 - Membership renewals now due
 - New committee members required – contact Tim Arnison

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Put AGM date/details on website</i>	<i>Ian</i>	<i>Before 7/10/15</i>
	<i>Notice of AGM in Oberon Review</i>	<i>Elaine</i>	<i>Before 7/10/15</i>

8 **Other Business**

8.1 **Item 8.1 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair 2016**

Discussion: Request ideas for OTHR during the open day of the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair in February 2016

- Return of Bathurst Miniature Rail – need more track. Peter Culley suggested a loop up near the coal shed. Tim to measure up & scope possible mini rail loop
- Invite the Skoda & Tatra Register members to display their vehicles in the Station precinct
- Bathurst Car Club have contacted Graham Williams about having a display of cars at the Station
- Peter Culley suggested having a movie running inside the plough van
- All suggestions welcome to enhance OTHR's open day in conjunction with Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair. Contact a member of the Committee if you have an idea for the Steam Fair open day

9 **Meeting Closed** Next meeting: Wednesday 7th October 2015
