

**Minutes of the Inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Motor Museums Association Inc.  
Held at the National Motor Museum on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

Meeting commenced at 10:30am

**Present:** See Appendix A

**Apologies:** Ian Bone, Queensland Motorsport Museum (QLD delegate)  
Nick Fletcher, Australian War Memorial Museum

Kym Hulme Chairperson of the Australasian Motor Museums Association Steering Committee welcomed those present

Kym Hulme then introduced those members of the Steering Committee present at the meeting, these being

- **Wendy Muddell – NSW Representative**
- **Paul Costello – TAS Representative**
- **Kelvin Ferris – WA Representative**
- **Matthew Lombard – SA Representative**

Kym then went on to outline the results of the Steering Committees endeavours.

The principal outcome of the Steering Committees work was that they with our Public Officer, Chris Bennett, have finalised the Constitution of the AMMA, which has now been accepted for incorporation. Chris then confirmed some of the major points of the constitution and distributed copies to those in attendance. Further copies would be available upon request. Some general comments were made regarding the context of the constitution and its relevance to the organisation. Chris then handed out a copy of the objectives of the association as determined by those present at the foundation meeting in Geelong, approved by the Steering Committee and incorporated into the Constitution. After some more general discussion it was agreed that the Constitution, as currently in place, was an adequate skeleton from which to hang further amendments, as required and desired. Chris confirmed that the Constitution had been approved by the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs in South Australia and is legally valid in all States of Australia.

Kym Hulme then outlined some of the initial areas of future development for the association. Principal amongst these was to develop strategies in joint marketing including applications for federal and state development funding, development of overarching education programs, displays and assistance in exchange of research matters.

Kym Hulme then stated that the accounts of the AMMA which would be seceded by the hand over from the Steering Committee to the inaugural committee of the AMMA, the sum of \$2908 as levied from those foundation memberships.

For purposes outlined below, the meeting then immediately went into discussion regarding the setting of membership fees for the AMMA. After some discussion from the floor about the cost of membership including some comparative analysis of similar type organisations which some at the meeting belonged to. It was then decided that given the various levels of membership being considered, these being Institutional, Individual and Associate

Initially the following motions were placed before the attendees:

- **That institutional membership fee be \$50 Mark White/Phil**
- **That individual membership fee be \$25 Mark White/ Phil**
- **That Associate membership fee be \$10 Mark White**
- **That Corporate membership be set aside for the Committee to further evaluate**

After some discussion from the floor, in particular the relation to the relative 'cheapness' of some of the proposed membership fees and also how to differentiate between various levels of membership, where and more importantly how the lines would be drawn between membership, and where applicants to membership would fit, i.e. was institutional membership versus individuals membership to be levied by number of days a museum was open, how many people were employed to run the museums etc

After some considerable discussion Mark White asked for his motion to be withdrawn. The following motion was then proposed

- **That there be a flat fee to cover the categories of membership being, associate, individual and institutional and that this fee be \$50 per financial year. Ron West/Wendy Muddell**

Andrew Grant then suggested that this motion be amended to indicate that this be an *inaugural fee*, which would then allow for further discussion of this topic. All present agreed that this would be seen to be fair and reasonable thus the motion was amended accordingly.

As the matter of the associate, individual and institutional had at least been temporarily resolved, the matter remained of corporate membership, some discussion ensued from the floor as to what fee would be set for this category of membership.

- **That a corporate membership fee be set at \$1000 per financial/calendar year Mark White/Hugh Davis**

It was further proposed by Kym Hulme, that the **\$100 foundation membership be-held over for those institution whom had paid this membership**, thus enabling these institutions to be considered financial members for the first year of the Incorporated association, [untill30June 2009]

Kym said that costs to set up the association had been minimal, due to institutions and individual associated with the steering committee absorbing much of this cost and thanked them for their commitment to see the association up and running. All on the floor agreed.

The meeting then temporarily adjourned as a number of invited guests from South Australia were not financial members, this adjournment was to allow the South Australian state representative to canvas those institutions and individuals who potentially wished to join. The meeting then reconvened.

The following institutions requested to join the association

1. **Ruston's Classic Car Collection**
  2. **Goolwa Motor Museum**
  3. **National Military Vehicle Museum**
  4. **Jon Chittleborough, independent academic**
  5. **Peterborough Motorcycle Museum**
  6. **Hill Nostalgic Car Museum**
  7. **Kev's Kollection**
- **Matthew Lombard as South Australian Representative then proposed all the above institutions and individuals for membership. Kel Davis seconded this.**

Also present at the meeting were the following institutions which requested membership

1. **Gippsland Vehicle Collection (trading as Maffra's Big Shed)**
2. **Harrow Transportation Museum**

As no Victorian state representative was present (Davina Gibb the previous state representative having stepped down due to a change in her responsibilities with the RACV)

- **Matthew Lombard proposed these Museums for membership. Seconded by Ron West**

Kym Hulme then offered to step down from the position of Chairperson of the Steering Committee and that the Public Officer takes over the meeting for the election of the new Committee. The floor voted that Kym continue to chair the meeting.

The positions for the inaugural AMMA Committee were then announced and the following nominees were then elected from the floor

- **Kym Hulme Chairperson**
- **Wendy, Vice President**
- **Matthew Lombard, Secretary**

- **Mark White, Treasurer**
- **Graham Gow, QLD representative**
- **Phil Costello, Tas representative**
- **Reg Wilkins, NSW representative**
- **Kel Davis, Northern Territories**
- **Kelvin Ferris, Western Australia**
- **Michael Finnis, South Australia**
- **Peter Gault, Victorian**

It is to be noted that all of the above, whilst elected in their own right are also to be considered as representatives of the institution from which they come and that where possible if the position is vacated by the individual then it is the expectation of the AMMA that the institution will provide a replacement individual until the next AGM. Where this is not possible (particularly if the individual holding the position is a sole trader etc) then it is expected by the AMMA the outgoing individual will organise for a bi-election for a representative to take place within the region they represent. The successful candidate will then hold that position until the next AGM

- **Kym Hulme then asked on behalf of the AMMA if Chris would be prepared to stay on in the post of Public Officer as he had done a very good job of it to date. Chris thanked Kym for his comments and agreed to this. This motion was unanimously supported by the floor.**

The meeting adjourned at 11.30 to inspect the National Motor Museum's current touring exhibition 'Off The Beaten Track' then followed by lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1.00 with an illustrated talk by Andrew Grant relating to the Powerhouse Museum's, Sydney vehicle collection and the establishment of its remote storage site at Castle Hill, NSW, after which Andrew took general questions from the floor regarding to the Powerhouse Museum, collection management policies and procedures etc.

Kym Hulme now as the inaugural Chairperson referred back to the issues of the desired direction for the AMMA.

Richard Fewster suggested that as an initial effort towards joint marketing, and for individuals and institutions to communicate, that the AMMA look at a web based forum or a member's intranet, this would allow for the exchange of ideas and relevant issues. The floor felt that this was a worthy idea for the Executive Committee to pursue as the great physical separation between members would be conducive to such a medium.

Richards's proposal was the development of an AMMA website which would be an overarching format and allow individual institutions to link their already established, websites to the AMMA website. Further to this the AMMA develop the website to host those individual institutions that presently lacked a website. Part of this would be to work on a form of web based printable media which would allow all institutions involved to download and print out material to hand out to the general public.

Mark Giles informed the meeting that he had been working with both Performance Holden and Performance Ford magazine who each would be prepared to host a page in their respective magazines featuring a current and accurate listing of Motor Museums in Australasia. Kym Hulme then outlined the National Motor Museum's commitment to provide editorial text for Just Cars magazine, and that this might lead to further collaboration in the publication of an accurate listing of motor museums in Australasia.

A discussion ensued from the floor as to whether any listing of motor museums should be limited to only those members of the AMMA. As a result of this discussion it was felt from the floor that as the currency and accuracy of motor museum in Australasia had been so poorly handled, in the past, it was recommended that the AMMA hold a current and accurate listing of all motor museums in Australasia. It was felt that this listing should be available to the public in general and thus any publication of the listing should be in full. Also issues of privacy would need to be discussed in relation to the publication of any listing of motor museums via a publicly accessible medium. This was identified by the floor as an issue of priority for the incoming Executive Committee

Further to this the floor asked if the AMMA was to have a logo which would help it establish a presence. Matthew confirmed that some initial work had been done, and Richard Fewster volunteered to assist with this as he had some contacts in the design sector. The Executive committee will communicate basic ideas to Richard for further development. The floor felt that any logo should incorporate in some manner the name of the association in order to establish its presence. Matthew indicated that he had an approach from another individual with marketing experience who was prepared to assist the AMMA in development of a marketing strategy. Matthew put to the floor that the Executive Committee should be allowed to co-opt those which it felt would be of assistance to the Executive Committee in development of strategies in different areas of focus such as marketing, collections care/management etc. There was general agreement from the floor to this proposal.

Richard Fewster further offered to write and distribute a media release announcing the formation of the AMMA. There was general agreement from the floor that this should occur.

The floor asked in what format future meetings of the AMMA should adopt. Some general discussion ensued as to locations and costs involved in such meetings. Despite the central location of the present meeting, it was felt; in general, the AGM should move from state to state. Moving the meeting was an opportunity for each state to host the meeting and for each state delegate to invite those institutions or individuals whom might benefit from membership and who were not already members in the hope of increasing the membership and the presence of the association in the sector in general.

The meeting then concluded at 3:10pm

#### **Appendix A - List of those present**