

Minutes of Australasian Motor Museums Association Annual General Meeting held at the Museum of Fire, Penrith, NSW, held on 17 October 2009

Meeting opened at 1:30pm

Present:

Kym (Chair), Wendy (Vice-Chair), Mark (Treasurer), Matthew (Secretary), David (non voting observer from National Transport Museum, N.S.W.), Reg (NSW Rep.), Kel (NT Rep.), Kelvin (WA Rep.), Peter (VIC Rep.), Phil (TAS Rep.), Graham (QLD Rep.) Ron West, Andrew Grant

Apologies:

See attached

Chairman's Report

Kym thanked all for taking the time to attend the annual General Meeting, and noted that a number of attendees had come considerable distances to attend. Kym thanked Mark and the Museum of Fire for hosting both the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee Meetings. Kym stated that the current level of membership was members. Kym then outlined the situation up until now with regard to the AMMA website. The Association had set down a target of having the website going live by mid 2009; whilst this date wasn't quite achieved the website had gone live in a soft role out just after the target date. There had been some issues which need to be solved prior to this and Kym with Richard Fewster (Marketing Committee) had worked together to solve these, along with the expert assistance of Annette from That's Graphic. Whilst some of the initial ideas for the website had been incorporated into the site some other items had been held over for future development which will occur once the Associations had rebuilt its financial base. Kym felt that with the website now online and a positive presence membership should build-up. This build up will refill the Associations financial resources some of which can be set aside for further website development. Once all of the Association membership has had a chance to look at the website then the association will begin to market the website by doing such things as press releases. Some general discussion regarding the website and its content ensured with the general agreement of all that they were happy with the website and would look forward to its next incarnation to implement any changes. A vote of thanks to all involved in the website was moved by Andrew/Wendy, Agreed

Minutes of the Previous General Meeting

Although the Secretary acknowledged that he had had a previous discussion with Peter Gault over a lack of nominations noted in the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and that as these records had now been found the minutes would be corrected accordingly, the minutes were moved as read, Peter/Reg Agreed

Fees structure

The issue had been previously raised at the Executive Committee meeting, that in order to increase the Associations revenue the fee structure needs to be changed. It was therefore proposed to introduce a joining fee, but that this fee not be implemented until the 2011 membership year, in

order to finalise a number of outstanding membership issues. It was also felt that promoting this hold over period might quickly attract a number of members.

The following fee structure was proposed by the Executive Committee

Fees- \$50 Joining fee applicable to all institutional members effective as at 1 July 2010

\$100 fee being the annual membership fee for the Association effective 1 July 2010

The issue of Individual Membership and Associate Membership fees was to be held over until the next Annual General Meeting. In the meantime the fees for those members already under these categories are to remain as is.

\$1000 corporate membership fee was also to remain

Moved Kel/Andrew

Ron West questioned when the rise would/should be applied; Kel Davis pointed out that the AGM needs to set fees but that it could chose to defer the increase until 1/7/2010, as had been suggested.

Motion carried

Correspondence – None of significance

In regards to the regulations laid down by the South Australia Companies Office we have done all the important regulatory paperwork, and Chris Bennett had offered to continue as Public Officer and would insure that the Association continued to comply with regularity issues.

Treasurers Report

Mark handed out the attached documents to show the meeting that the number of current financial members, the outstanding memberships and the overall current financial situation of the Association. The Association had in the last couple of months had four new four new institutional members as listed below:

Elfin Heritage Centre, Victoria

McFeeters Motor Museum, New South Wales

Fire Services Museum of Victoria, Victoria

Bicheno motorcycle Museum and Restoration, Tasmania

Peter Gault thanked Mark and moved that the report be taken /Kel seconded

Agreed

SA Report – M Lombard for M Finniss, nothing major to note other than the number of members remained static. M. Finniss had successfully opened his museum in Goolwa

VIC Report - Peter Gault reported that he had contacted 34 motor museums in Victoria, of which 17 were current members of the association. Further to this he has sent out a questionnaire on issues

which the members might feel that the association should respond to, from this he has had 28 responses and had collected a significant amount of data. This questionnaire revealed that in Victoria, motor museums employed 17 staff and museums also had 189 volunteers. To further explore his state he had undertaken a road trip around the state. Peter noted with some concern that there were a number of significant vehicles housed in motor museums which are not well known and not well documented. Peter noted that with one significant exception most motor museums are regional museums and thus not easily visited without some planning. All the museums he had visited had felt that they wanted to swap promotional brochures, which in effect is cross promoting and this would be a very worthwhile exercise.

Bob West noted Peters comment about significant vehicles and mentioned that there had been recent comment about the Portable Movable Cultural Heritage Act.

Wendy Muddel spoke in regard to the Portable Movable Cultural Heritage Act and her previous work with the Commonwealth department of the Environment which administers the act. She felt that the combination of a weak act and an unwilling department meant that it was relatively a toothless tiger. Wendy felt that the department needed to be backed by the association but that also the association needed to back the right horse when pointing out to the department its failings. There was some general discussion amongst those gathered over the issue of historic motor vehicles being allowed to be exported from Australia.

Bob West pointed out that the issue of Australia's motor heritage being available for export was not just limited to motorcars but also included items of a motoring nature but not vehicles. Bob wondered if the association was to look at the issue whether it should extend its scope to include such items.

Peter Gault pointed out that following a recent conference in Europe he had attended he had found out that European Union rules prohibit the export of important heritage items including motor vehicles and that the European Union also actively repatriates vehicles back to the European Union.

Andrew Grant spoke of his experiences in relation to exporting of heritage items and his position at the Powerhouse Museum. Andrew felt that the key to any report was the word 'significance'. Any opposition to the export of a vehicle has to be based on this key word. However 'significance' is not clearly defined in the act and can be a point of contention.

Kym suggested that the newly elected Executive Committee should continue to look at this issue and that this would be something which the Association maybe able to assist the Department with in the future.

TAS report – Phil stated that his state had three current members and that there was a potential for three more members.

NT report – Kel stated that a total of three motor museums exist in the Northern Territories, two museums are members and that he would talk with Leo Izod, in Darwin, who runs the vehicle museum about joining the Association.

NSW/ACT Report - Reg had also undertaken a road trip around NSW and had visited 10 museums in the state. Reg noted that many motor museum operators were not technologically competent. He

also noted that some motor museums were not very 'easy to use' and that this maybe something that the Association should begin to address in the future. Reg also noted that ACT museums were to be placed on the website

WA Report - Kelvin noted that the association had four members in WA and that most of the museums are part time operations.

QLD Report –Graham noted that despite its size, and that the size was quite large, there were few motor museums in the state. QLD has a number of private collectors with significant collections, Ian Bone who had previously been the state representative had some connections with these private collectors and was happy to follow them up on behalf of the association and would work in concert with Graham to promote the Association within the state.

Any other business

AGM timetabling meetings

AGM need to be more seductive. Tourism speaker, Tourism Australia

RV magazines

Bike magazines

Downloadable maps i.e. Google Maps

Rod Harvey spoke about Bathurst Motor Racing Museum of which he is the Manager. The museum is now 20 years old. The Museum has 50 cars and 60 motorbikes on display along with various items of memorabilia. A Significant number of the vehicles on display are on loan. Visitor numbers are still increasing however the museum has diversified its activities; currently the museum attracts 31,000 people per year. National Motor Racing Museum has 3 full time staff to run the museum, which is in operation 7 days a week. And also holds 4 big events per year with 6,000 visitors on Bathurst weekend.

Andrew Grant talked about Castle Hill tour

Matt Lombard acknowledged the passing of Adrian Ryan Ford Motor Company of Australia historian. Adrian was well known and nationally acknowledged as the person who had single handed ensured the survival of much archival material held by the Ford Motor Company in Australia.

Peter – Changes to constitution need notification.

Notice for next AGM to have special AGM meeting prior to next AGM

President – Kym Peter/Kel

Vice President – Wendy/Matt

Ron/Kel

Secretary – Matt/Kym

Treasurer – Mark/Peter

QLD Rep – Graham

SA Rep – Michael

NT Rep – Kel

NSW/ACT Rep – Reg

VIC Rep – Peter

TAS Rep – Phil

WA Rep – Kel

3.30pm Meeting Closed

WA for AGM in 2010 early September book early

TAS for Executive Committee meeting