

Australasian Motor Museums Association, Executive Committee Meeting

Held: 1st October 2011 at the Army Museum, Bandiana, Victoria

Meeting started at 3:10pm

Present: Ron West (Vice Chair), Peter Gault (VIC. Rep. and Webmaster), Ian Bone (QLD. Rep.), Phil Costello (TAS. Rep), Mark White (Chair and Treasurer), Matt Lombard (Secretary and S.A. Rep)

Apologies: Kel Davis (N.T. Rep), Kelvin Ferris (W.A. Rep)

Finances

Mark reiterated the financial position of the Association, as per the AGM Minutes. Ian/Phil - Carried

Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting in April

Peter Brochures - Should read 18000 not 1800

Website – Page 5 of the minutes the figures are correct, but are the monthly averages, however the total should be quoted

Peter/Phil - Carried

Matters Arising

Phil suggested lifting the cost of the annual membership fee to cover the cost of printing the 18000 AMMA brochures or, of increasing the initial joining fee to \$200, which would help with costs of both website modifications and brochure printing costs

A question was tabled as to how the membership fees were arranged, the Treasurer stated that all financial reports, memberships etc were run on an 'accounting year' or a financial year i.e. June to July. Some discussion ensued over whether this was the most appropriate means of management of finances however it was agreed to continue the accounts on a fiscal year period as this is what is required in law and also made the most financial sense.

A vote of thanks to Mark & Museum Of Fire for their ongoing commitment and support to the Australasian Motor Museums Association was proposed, in particular for this year's AGM which Mark has worked continuously on to achieve. Ron/Ian - Carried

Peter raised the question of the Association carrying out a number of required legal procedures in the correct manner and pointed out that the Association had in particular failed when publishing its documents to place upon them the incorporation number, which was a legal requirement under the Incorporated Societies Act (S.A.). The Secretary apologised for this and pleaded ignorance to this particular clause, but said that in future this would happen. The Secretary thanked Peter for picking this up and suggested that Peter place in writing a number of points which he had outlined including a number of inconsistencies and anomalies within the current Association Constitution, regarding correct procedure and that these are passed to Ian Bone (QLD Rep) for further consultation between Ian Bone and the Chair. Peter agreed to outline, in writing, to Ian Bone those issues which he felt were outstanding and may put the Association at odds with the current Incorporated Societies Act

(S.A.). Some further discussion ensued regarding the propriety of certain decisions and actions which had taken place over the last few months in the Associations name. It was agreed that Peter would outline these, in writing, with Ian Bone, and that Ian Bone, with the assistance of David Peck (The Motorist) via email would explore resolutions to these matters post haste.

It was further raised that the current Incorporated Societies Act (S.A.) does not, possibly, sit very comfortably with the way that the Australasian Motor Museums Association conducts its business model and it was suggested that there was a possibility that we look at moving to a limited liability company model, as it might be that this model would suit our needs better, some discussion ensued, but no resolution came of this.

The issue of the Associations Constitution and the structure which the Constitution created, that the Association had to work within, has continued to cause some members disquiet and was seen to be one of the most ongoing contentious points. It was felt that matters had come to a head and needed to be resolved, so as to be able to be voted upon at the next Executive Committee meeting, and therefore to be finalised by an Extraordinary General Meeting at a future date, it was agreed to provide some sort of timeframe to conclude matters. It was agreed that Ian Bone would, once receiving submissions regarding the Constitution, coordinate a response within the next month or so.

The Chair suggested that as the issue of the Constitution was the most important that if there was no more urgent business to be carried out by the Executive Committee that any other items be held over to the next Executive Committee meeting in April 2012. No more matters were raised by those present.

The Executive Committee had received a standing offer from Kel Davis at the National Road Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs N.T. to host the next Executive Committee meeting, this was agreed and that Ron, who had volunteered to be the new Meetings coordinator would work with Kel to ensure a smooth organisation.

Meeting closed 4pm

Next AMMA Executive committee meeting Road Transport Hall of Fame, Alice Springs, either 14th or 18th, April 2012