



Evandale Light Railway and Steam Society General Meeting; February 6th, 2017

President: Peter Crowder

Meeting Opened: 19:30 hrs

Apologies: Arch Robinson

Members present: P Crowder, G Houston, P Riley, G Ness, G Reardon, R Richards, S Oppermann.

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting of November 7th 2016 were moved for acceptance by G Reardon and seconded by G Houston.

Business arising from minutes:

- The party Facebook page is yet to be re-activated. Arch will check with Ian Pease in regards the way to reactivate it. Arch contacted Ian and the Facebook page is now re-established. **Item closed**
- It was requested that ELR send a card to the son of Charles Goodwin. **Action - G Ness** to purchase a card and send to Glenn Goodwin.

Correspondence:

In: 15th January 2017 Waiver for the need to have audited accounts.
15th January 2017 Receipt for the payment of AALS Insurance.
January 2017 My State Statement.
December 2016 My State Statement
November 2016 My State Statement

Out: 11th January 2017 Evandale Express Issue 1 Volume 2
20th December 2016 Evandale Express Issue 3
15th December 2016 ELR & SS Annual return to the Department of Justice.
15th December 2016 Payment of AALS Insurance.
13th December 2016 Mins of General Meeting of 7th November distributed by email.

29th November 2016 Evandale Express Issue 2
10th November 2016 Evandale Express Issue 1
7th November 2016 October ELR & SS Financial Statement.
November 2016 to February 2017 various emails with Michael Wier re members contact details.

Moved by G Ness that the Correspondence Report be accepted. Seconded by P Crowder.
Carried

Treasurer's Report as at 31st January 2017

Attached to these Minutes

• Funds brought forward	\$
• Income for last month	\$
• Expenditure	\$
• New balance.	\$

Moved by G Reardon that the Report be accepted. Seconded by P Crowder. Carried by all

Matters Arising

- The party Facebook page for the Society requires a password for access. **Action** Graeme Reardon will pursue Ian Peas, such that a current Society member can take over the updating of the page. **G Ness will pursue via Arch.** Arch made contact with Ian Pease and the issue has been resolved. **Closed**
- Gilbert Ness made mention of the “Wings and Things” event being held in George Town, in February 2017. The George Town Rotary Club had approached Gilbert, with a view to ELR supporting the event with a static display. It was noted that the Beaconsfield Club has a portable track which could be utilized. **Action** Gilbert to put the Rotary Club in contact with the Beaconsfield Club. Gilbert intends to display a loco and 0 gauge tinsplate trainset at the event, as a contribution from ELR. **Update required from G Ness.** All in hand for the event on the 19th of February. ELR will make available a gazebo to G Ness.
- Some ideas on increasing patronage on ELR were discussed. Peter Lawson suggested that some family tickets should be offered to local schools. Peter Reily also suggested that the Society should have a weekend giving train rides at no charge. **Action** Peter Crowder to consider and advise.

Actions carried over

- Noted that Paul Morris, Neil Duncan and B McGowan may still have club keys after their membership had lapsed. **Action** Pete Crowder to make contact with the guys to arrange the return of the keys.

New Business

- The issue of capeweed was raised by P Crowder, with some discussion on how to deal with the weed. **Action** - P Crowder proposed that ELR purchase lime plus suitable weedkiller to manage the issue. Proposal was seconded by G Houston.
- Carrying on from the previous General Meeting, P Crowder proposed that “Little Jim be painted in the NSW Country Link XPT livery. It was also proposed that the General be repainted in its existing livery or some acceptable variant. **Action** – to be further considered by ELR and in particular in finding a volunteer to carry out the re-painting.
- Peter Crowder discussed a proposal to install shelving above the 5” gauge track within the shed. The costs were estimated at \$100.00. The proposal was seconded by G Houston. **Action** - P Crowder to procure the shelving.
- Peter Crowder discussed the current ELR contribution to the electricity bill (shared with the cricket and football clubs). P Crowder proposed that ELR increase their contribution from \$100.00 to \$200.00. The distribution would be \$100.00 paid to each club. It was also noted that ELR should take a meter reading each Sunday.
- It was noted that the proposed visit to Tullah has been cancelled. **All to note**
- P Crowder noted that the ELR rolling stock inspections were now due. Arch Robinson and Peter Crowder are the 2 nominated Competent Persons for ELR. It was noted that vehicle inspections must commence asap. **Post meeting note** – Arch Robinson has produced an inspection record that can be filled in when an inspection has been completed.
- G Houston noted that North Midlands Council have requested the society provide an insurance Certificate of Currency. **Action** – G Ness to pursue with AALS.
- Further to a model engineering event at the society site, it was confirmed that the Hobart Model Engineering Society is affiliated to AALS and hence there was no issue with their members running locos at Evandale. **All to note.**
- Steve Oppermann donated a microwave to the ELR. This is much appreciated and the society extends its thanks to Steve. **All to note**
- Michael Weir requested a key to the club facilities such that he could carry out various tasks midweek. **Action** G Reardon will arrange the provision of a key. Key provided – **Closed**

AOB

- A reminder was made in regards the record of takings on a Sunday and the need to make use of it. **All to note**
- G Ness and G Reardon have carried out a further review and update of the email addresses of society members. If any other anomalies emerge, please advise the Secretary. **All to note.**
- P Crowder noted that non-society members are not permitted to drive locos on public running days. **All to note.**

With no more business to be dealt with the meeting was closed at 20.47 hrs

Next General Meeting will be held on the 3rd of March 2017 at the Evandale Information Centre, commencing at 19.30 hrs.

