



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Tourist Railways Qld Inc held at Brisbane Tramway Museum Ferny Grove Saturday 9th November 2019

The Meeting was opened by the Vice-President at 10.10am.

1. Attendance (from the sign-in sheets) :

G Adams, P Barker, J Cooper, P Gregory, G Hayes, P Hyde, D Laker, M Lee, T Olsson, J Parnell, D Rollins, R Slater, K Tidey, B Witt.

Apologies : M Bushell, W Hurley, P Eldridge, W McPherson, R Gough and J Seymour, L Zelmer.

2. Membership Report

The Treasurer reported that all member groups were financial & eligible to vote as the fees for 2018/19 had been waived at the last Annual General Meeting.

3. Introduction of attendees

Those attending were asked to stand and introduce themselves to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Adoption of the minutes was moved by P Hyde seconded by G Adams, and carried unanimously. Nil discussion ensued.

5. Correspondence relating to the AGM

Inwards – Committee Return from Office of Fair Trading for 2019, request for agenda item by G Adams.

Outwards – Notice of Meeting, Return to Office of Fair Trading for 2018

Moved P Hyde, Seconded T Olsson. Carried unanimously.

6. President's Report

Mike Lee as Vice-President presented the following report:

At the previous AGM, Peter Ford was elected President. With his unfortunate passing early in the year there has been left a huge gap in railway knowledge, a network of contacts, and a range of technical insight and expertise that the ATRQ had full access to. With Peters access to, and involvement with technical committees, coupled with his drive and leadership, he ensured that the ATRQ was kept relevant and a useful resource to the members and a significant contributor to the broader Tourist and Heritage Railway community.

It is probably fair to say that the ATRQ has stagnated, while the many issues that affect the T & H rail sector continue to persist and perhaps even multiply. This needs to change, or member groups need to consider becoming aligned with the national body who offer a range of benefits ATRQ as a state based organisation cannot hope to match, in its current form. This topic will be discussed further during the meeting.

As a state based peak body, very little has happened during the year. My own organisation is in current possession of the ATRQ tamper, and have invested some time and resources in conducting repairs to get it working. It's current status is best described as serviceable but unreliable. We have also completed a training package and documentation to assist other groups in varying their accreditation if they ever intend to use it on their own infrastructure

A minute's silence was then observed in memory of Peter Ford.

Adoption of the report was moved by M Lee, seconded by R Slater, and carried unanimously.

Nil discussion ensued except as treated in Item 9 below.

7. Receipt and consideration of the Annual Financial Statements

Adoption of the report was moved by J Parnell, seconded by R Slater. and carried unanimously. (see page 3)

8. Election of the Management Committee for 2019/20

The following nominations were received from the floor for the various positions:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
President	Mike Lee (CKST)	Peter Hyde (BTMS)	Greg Adams (QRPG)
Vice-President	Bob Slater (AHRH)	Mike Lee (CKST)	Dave Rollins (QPSR)
Secretary	Peter Hyde (BTMS)	Bob Slater (AHRH)	Peter Gregory (SDSR)
Treasurer	John Parnell (ANGRMS)	Dave Rollins (QPSR)	Judy Cooper (AHRH)

As only one nomination was received for each position, the candidates were declared to be elected.

9. General Business

Future of ATRQ .

Wide ranging discussion took place regarding whether ATRQ should continue to exist or whether ATHRA represents a viable alternative organization to represent the interests of T&H groups in Queensland.

Negative aspects raised included –

- . The capacity for ATHRA to levy amounts from members. This was mentioned as an absolute impediment to membership by some groups
- . The capacity for the ATHRA Board to appoint additional members without elections being held.
- . The failure of ATHRA to act on past undertakings given at ATRQ meetings to commence consultation regarding amendments to the constitution.

Discussion then turned to the benefits received by members of both organizations.

It was pointed out that since the death of Peter Ford ATRQ had provided no benefit to members.

It was then mentioned by groups that were already members of ATHRA that they had received absolutely no information or benefit from their membership either. One group mentioned that they had received nothing except 3 letters requesting payment of their subscription which had in fact been paid!

It was moved by Bob Slater and Seconded by Peter Gregory -

That a supporting grant of \$200 for each operating member and \$100 for each static member be given for advancing their aims and objectives. Recipients are encouraged to consider using this funding towards payment of membership fees of the Association of Tourist and Heritage Rail Australia.
Carried unanimously.

It was eventually resolved that ATRQ should continue for the next 12 months with a review to take place then of the services that may have been received by those groups that will have decided to join ATHRA.

In view of the healthy state of ATRQ's finances it was decided not to charge fees for 2019/20.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

Financial Statements 2018/19
Association of Tourist Railways Queensland Inc
ABN 22 682 467 433

Statement of Income and Expenditure

<u>Income</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Membership fees	3,130.00	Nil
Total Income	3,130.00	Nil
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
ATHRA Membership	1,190.00	Nil
Licence Fees & Permits	53.59	55.35
Postage	50.00	Nil
Donation	250.00	Nil
Maintenance of Tamping Machine	Nil	250.00
Total Expenditure	1,543.50	1,836.35
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1,586.50	(1,836.35)

Balance Sheet

Current Assets

Cash at Bank	16,173.74	14,337.39
Total Current Assets	16,173.74	14,337.39

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities	nil	nil
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Net Assets

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Equity

Accumulated Surplus	14,587.24	16,173.74
Current Year Net (Deficit)/Surplus	1,586.50	(11,836.35)
<u>Total Equity</u>	16,173.74	14,337.39