



Minutes of the 2011 General Meeting

Meeting opened 3.00pm

Attendees

Ron Burns, Mark Kutniewski, Jack Brooks, Mick Spencer Cliff & Sylvia Smart, Eric Dodd, Shane Blitz, Jan McDonald, Scott Vallis, Wayne Rogers, Clinton Peach, Peter Kennedy, Glenn Webb, Heath & Julie Hickford, Elizabeth Shields, Ian Fullerton – President, Prue Fullerton - Treasurer, Joe Shields – Vice President, Jim Davey – Secretary.

Apologies

Chris Jones, Helen Baker, Wayne Murray Cox, Peter Shields, Gemma & Gavin Collins, Nick Battista

New business

Membership fees

Membership fees for the 2012-13 year be set at:-

Pilots	= \$60.00
Family	= \$75.00

Moved: Prue Fullerton Seconded: Ian Fullerton
Motion: Passed unanimously

Reports

Presidents Report

The association has had a rough start to the year. Due to the diligent works of Lorraine Poutney, it was discovered that the Assoc. was not incorporated and consequently the registration with ASIC had lapsed. However good things come after storms, a chance to rebuild and upgrade at the same time.

The incorporation in WA was reinstated with prodding from Jim and myself. We could then go to ASIC and apply for re- registration; we now have a new ARBN.

The people at ASIC are pedantic to the point of stupidity returning the application because a full stop was omitted.



WA read our constitution and wanted changes, hence the need for a special meeting. . We need to make sure we report office holders after every AGM to both WA and ASIC.

Another good thing out of the chaos is the forming of a Victorian Assoc. which has really stoked the fire under the twin towers at Kew, thank you Lorraine and Lennie.

As the Association was not incorporated, the last elections were not strictly valid, however Jim and I just ploughed on as there was no committee. My wife Prue reluctantly agreed to take on the roll of treasurer and has acquired some new skills using Myob.

Transferring the bank account was only finalized six weeks ago as we decided to use the Bendigo as it has branches all over Australia and therefore could be local to all signatories in the capital cities.

The website is being overhauled and I hope will be more attractive with the new logo (designed by Elizabeth Davey) .

A big thank you needs to go to Jim Davey our secretary for all his hard work reinstating the Association, without him it would have been a huge task. Thank you Jim.

Now to piloting issues, I am pleased to say that WA, Qld and Vic Associations are all talking to us and each other, keep it up *united we stand divided we fall*.

The new national Harmony is a fair way off, most jurisdictions waiting to see what others are going to do. The consensus of opinion is that there will be a nationwide basic requirement with each state adding one or two modules of its own.

BE AWARE it is up to the individual pilot to be qualified for the states in which they will be working. Remember if you are not legal there is no permit and no insurance and under the new proposed law of chain of responsibility you will be just as liable as the transport co.

The Stop/Slow/Go bat may be on the way out. We will do our best to keep the website updated with all the new individual state regulations when they become Law.

Use your new car stickers and keep a couple of application forms for to recruit new members, numbers count.

Finally a big thank you to Jim and Prue for all their hard work, and not forgetting Shakey Edwards from the WAPVDA and Lorraine and Lennie in Victoria.



We would welcome any input from members who think they can contribute some of their time to the Association in future.

Thank you all for attending today

Queensland.

The secretary reported on the current situation within Queensland and reconfirmed to those present that the previous three performance guidelines which covered the movement of oversize loads had been re-drafted and reissued as one single document – performance guidelines, Form 4, v6, Nov 2010.

Some of the changes under the new guidelines was discussed and those present were reminded that Queensland under their critical areas/roads is the only State that requires police escort's at 4.5 wide.



Western Australia

Ian Fullerton has attended several meetings of the Main Roads steering committee, the code of conduct is now split into two sections

1. Regulation under which pilots operate
2. Conduct, the way in which they operate

Other matters discussed include lack of a formal process to address complaints made against pilots. Eastern states pilots using spotlights rather than wig wags, colour of pilot vehicles, enforcement of all pilot vehicle compliance, bridge supervision training for eastern states pilots and the harmonisation of pilot and escort vehicle requirements nationally.

General Business

Jack Brooks raise many items in relation to the Association and away the Association conducts its business. There was a lively discussion in relation to all matters raised.

Shane Blitz suggested that the NPVDA should provide reciprocal membership to paid up members of state pilot Associations, it was pointed out by Jim Davey that this had been tried in the past and proved to be unworkable.

There was discussion as to including a member's forum on the web site so members could place any comments on. It was agreed that the Secretary would look at the feasibility of this addition. (Heath Hickford & Yogo offered to help with running a members forum on the website.)

Ron Burns - asked the chair if an auditor was to be appointed at this meeting. The secretary advised that, according to the new constitution there was no requirement that the association's books be audited.

The President thanks all for their input to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 4.00pm