

NATIONAL PILOT VEHICLE DRIVERS ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of the 2009 AGM

Meeting opened 3.00pm

President welcomed all members and friends including new members. President thanked member for advertising the association.

Apologies

As Tabled

Agenda topics

Confirmation of previous minutes
Minutes confirmed

Cliff Smart
Ron Burns

Business arising

National Executive Members elected unopposed.

President - Sylvia Smart
Vice President – Ian Fullerton
Treasurer – John Lissenberg
Secretary – Jim Davey

Committee members

No nomination for committee positions has been received by the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Treasurers' report

Moved – That the Treasurers Report be accepted as tabled.

Ron Burns
Cliff Smart

Presentation by VicRoads Officers.

The President welcomed the guest representatives from VicRoads and invited them to address the meeting.

Carmine is now in charge of the Certified Pilot program with VicRoads

When asked when will the Victorian Certified Pilot course be amended to meet national core competencies the meeting was advised that VicRoads are undertaking a review of the Certification program at this time and the review was expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

When will the Pilot Traffic control module be made available? In response to this the meeting was advised that it was expected to be made available to members by the end of the year.

Meeting was advised that NSW is looking at introduction of Pilot Accreditation – but it is not expected to be introduced until the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is established.

VicRoads officers were advised that in the 2003 Certified pilot book there is the option for a Pilot to contact the permit Office to change permits but currently the Permit Office no longer allow this. Therefore will this be changed in the next edition of the handbook?

There was discussion as to the renewal term for Certification – should it be 5 or 3 years for renewal. The general feeling of the meeting was 5 years

The meeting requested that both the Pilot Certification and traffic control certificate be renewed at the same time.

The subject of convoying was raised.... VicRoads agreed to look into this and report back to the Association.

The subject of Pilot operators entering intersections controlled by traffic lights was raised. In particular remaining there when the lights change to Red. It was the general opinion of the meeting that the pilot has NO protection and could be subject to infringement.

The meeting was advised that a 200mm clearance should be allowed under all overhead structure.

New business

Membership fees – Moved Treasurer that:-

The membership fees be zero for the 2009/10 & 2010/11 years and that this be reviewed at the 2010 AGM.

Seconded – President Motion: Passed

Reports by exception.

Meeting advised that the Secretary and President are meeting with representatives from the NTC and VicRoads to discuss various issues that are affecting the industry at the present time i.e. General awareness / LED lights / etc. (Refer letter to NTC April 2009)

WA - Draft pilot guideline (Code of Conduct) is available on the Dept of Main Roads web site.

QLD – After approx 4 years the review of the Oversize guidelines (Form 4, 6, & 7) has resulted in the development of a single document. A DRAFT is available through the secretary. At this time it is expected that this document will be completed by the end of the year

Victoria - VicRoads are calling for retired police to be TSS..

Meeting advised that the Associations web site is now open to all. He secretary advised that this decision will be reviewed at the 2010 AGM.

Current charges for Vic Roads escorts is - \$160/hr min 2 hrs weekday and 3 hrs weekend..

Joe Shield was accepted as an executive committee member

Meeting closed at 5.30pm