

Glenreagh Mountain Railway Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6th December 2008 at the Glenreagh School of Arts

- Ref** **Item**
- 1.0** Meeting opened at 2.05pm, President Artie Seewald in the chair.
- 2.0** **Attendance** : as per attendance record : Total members present : 45
Apologies : Annette Kramer, Erin Kramer, Sheila Kramer, Frank Dowdle, Ian Lindsay, Anne King-Scott, David & Maureen Heap, Christopher Frost, Ian Bamford, Steve Martin, Tessa Johnson-Walker.
In Attendance : Auditor Jonathan Ritchie.
Ballot Returning Officers : Noel Backman & Hugh MacAdam
- 3.0** **Minutes of AGM 18th November 2007**
Moved Acceptance of Minutes as corrected : Peter Dickson-Smith **Seconded** : Dick Corner
Passed
- 4.0** **Business Arising** : There was no business arising.
- 5.0** **Presidents Report** : The President Artie Seewald gave a verbal report during which he updated the progress of GMR accreditation indicating that a further submission has been made to ITSRR and we are now awaiting a response from the. The President paid tribute to the Accreditation team and especially to the effort put in by Greg Wilson.
The president also congratulated the Board & Finance Committee on the fiscal management that had been applied during the difficult past few months whilst our re-accreditation progressed which has produced a positive report from our auditor.
Artie also reported that our new administration office, the "Red Rattler" fit out is on track and approaching completion.
The president paid a big tribute to the ladies who had supported GMR with all their fund raising projects and catering, especially of the leadership given by Clare Collins, this was acknowledged by acclamation. Finally president Artie expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the workers and board members for their support in the last twelve months.
- 6.0** **Annual Report** : The Auditor Jonathan Ritchie was invited to present his report and respond to any questions. The Auditor complimented the GMR board on its fiscal management and commented that although the income was reduced, for obvious reasons, the overall profit for the year was up and the GMR equity had increased. As requested at the 2007 AGM a split up of the catering financials had been included this year.
There was one questions on notice tabled from David Page regarding the non inclusion of "in kind" financial valuations in the overall accounting results. The Auditor responded by saying such valuations could be included, but we would have to provide accurate details and care would be required as some "in kind" donations could be assessed as taxable by the ATO to the detriment of the donor.
Motion : *That the Annual report be accepted.*
Moved : Andrew Lee **Seconded** : Dick Corner **Carried**
- 7.0** **Annual Return** :
Motion : *that the Annual Return be lodged with the Chief Secretary's Office*
Moved : Peter Dickson-Smith **Seconded** : Judy Boatswain **Carried.**
- 8.0** **Election of Office Bearers for 2005/2006**
President : there were three nominations for President received :
Ron Wells, Andrew Lee & Terry Boatswain.
Ballot Result ; Andrew Lee declared President for the year 2008/2009.
- The outgoing President Arthur Seewald then invited the incoming President to take over the Chair. President Andrew Lee then assumed Chairmanship of the meeting.
- Vice-President – two to be appointed,**
Five nominations received:
Dr. John Kramer, Andrew Lee, Kevin Anderson, David Page & Terry Boatswain.
Ballot Result : Kevin Anderson & David Page declared Vice-Presidents for 2008/2009.

Treasurer :

One nomination received : Helen Bamford
Helen Bamford declared Treasurer for 2008/2009.

Secretary :

One Nominations Received : Peter Dickson-Smith
Peter Dickson-Smith declared Secretary for 2008/2009

Directors : 7 Required

Ten (10) Nominations were Received : Dr. John Kramer, Dennis Clack, Kevin Anderson, Ron Paul, Trevor Kelly, David Page, Andrew Lee, Ron Wells, Christopher Frost, Terry Boatswain. Three nominations were eliminated filling presidential & vice-presidential positions leaving a ballot un-necessary and the composition of the Board of Management resulting as :

Dr. John Kramer, Dennis Clack, Ron Paul, Trevor Kelly, Ron Wells, Terry Boatswain & Christopher Frost.

Returning Officers : The President on behalf of GMR thanked Noel Backman & Hugh MacAdam for carrying out the duties of returning officers.
The meeting acknowledged by acclamation.

It was reported that 77 votes were cast including 32 proxy votes.

During the Ballot counting periods the President invited individual Managers & Officers to present reports on their activities in the previous 12 months.

Tram Department : Russell Phemister : Russell outlined progress throughout the year and progress towards the erection of the stage 2 of the Shed. The painting and restoration of the trams plus the work on 792 and he made tribute to Valmai & Lindsay Thomson on their restoration work commitment.

Moorland Station : Ron Wells : Ron described the work to date with the anticipated platform concrete pour soon to happen.

Lowanna : David Page : David outlined the work completed in the last twelve months and acknowledged the assistance given by EnviTE, TURSA and Coffs Harbour City Council. He also reported on the Environmental Regeneration Grant given by the Dept. of the Environment & Heritage. David also reported on the recent storm damage to the Station roof and the efforts in hand to fund effective repairs.

The Chook Shed : Derek King-Scott : Derek reported on the fund raising efforts of the Chook Shed crew in their efforts to assist GMR and be self-supporting. To date they have raised \$3,300.

Funding : Peter Dickson-Smith : Peter reported on the five funding applications submitted. We have been unsuccessful with the FRRR Grant application but he was able to report that the NSW Area Assistance Program application for the funding of an Amenity Block for Glenreagh West had progressed to the next stage. Also he reported that the application to the NSW Dept. of Sport & Recreation for funding of an accessible ramp to the Station & an application to DEHCSIA Volunteer Grants have been acknowledged.

9.0 Appointment of Auditor : Auditors for 2008.

Motion : That JR & Co. be appointed GMR Auditors for the fiscal year 2008/2009.

Moved : Peter Dickson-Smith **Seconded :** Judy Boatswain **Carried**

10.0 Annual Dinner Christmas Party : The Golden Dog Hotel will be the venue on Saturday 20th December at 3.00pm. The party will be provided & sponsored by the proprietor Warren Dean.

11.0 Meeting Close : Before closing the Meeting the President expressed his thanks and appreciation for the work & support given in the past 12 months by the outgoing directors.
The Meeting then closed at 3.17pm.

Signed :
President

Date :