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54th ANNUAL CONVENTION

AGM AGENDA

Saturday, 03rd April, 2010 at 7.30 pm

at the grounds of the Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc, Brisbane.

1. The President of the Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers, Mr Noel Eberhardt, will hand over to the President of AALS, Mr Roger Kershaw.

2. APOLOGIES.

3. DEPARTED FRIENDS.

The following friends have departed this life since we were last together.

Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers, Harry Nilsen;
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Illawarra Live Steamers Co-op Ltd, Bert Bruce;
Central Coast Steam, Model Co-Op Ltd, Stan Smith;
Mudgee Miniature Railway Co-Op Society Ltd, Allan Bennett;
Steam Locomotive Society of Victoria, Wal Ferres;
Sunshine Coast Railway Modellers Society Inc, Gary Evans;
Sunshine Coast Railway Modellers Society Inc, Klaus Petzl;
Sydney live Steam Locomotive Society Co-Op Limited, Frank Collins;
Roseworthy Railway Club Inc, Ray Matthews;
Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Co-Op Society Ltd, Howard Civil;
Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Co-Op Society Ltd, Sandy Cockburn;
Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Maryborough Inc, Ken Moffett;
Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Maryborough Inc, William Stacey;
Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Maryborough Inc, Doug Kuskie;

The Chairman, Roger Kershaw, will call for a minute's silence to remember them.

4. **MINUTES of 2009 AGM (circulated)**
5. **CORRESPONDENCE.**
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (circulated). The President will make a verbal update. It will be tabled.**
7. **SECRETARY'S REPORT (circulated).**
8. **ADOPTION of FINANCIAL STATEMENT and receipt of AUDITOR'S REPORT (circulated)**
9. **INSURANCE OFFICER'S REPORT (circulated).**
10. **AMBSC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (circulated). The Chairman will make a verbal update. It will be tabled.**
11. **ALSSC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (circulated)**

12. GENERAL BUSINESS.

12.1 VOTING PROCEDURES

The Proxy Voting Form will serve the dual purpose of identifying your selected Proxy voter at the meeting and include an abbreviated list of the special business and tick boxes which may be completed with your (society's) instruction concerning your vote for each of the items. Voting may be conducted on the Proxy Voting Form enclosed or by your Proxy at the meeting.

12.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

12.2.1 National Vice-President of the AALS Ltd.

Two nominations have been received for the position of National Vice-President of the AALS. The Adelaide Miniature Railway Society has nominated John Wakefield. John Wakefield's CV is attached. The Penfield Model Engineers Society has nominated Ray Hall. Ray Hall's CV is attached.

Please cast your vote on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.

12.2.2 National Chairman of ALSSC.

One nomination has been received for the position of National Chairman of ALSSC. The Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-Op Limited has nominated Warwick Allison. Warwick Allison's CV is attached.

Only one nomination has been received, therefore Warwick Allison will be declared elected at the meeting.

12.2.3 National Secretary of ALSSC

One nomination has been received for the position of National Secretary of ALSSC. The Campaspe Valley Miniature Railway Inc has nominated Alf Grigg. Alf Grigg's CV is attached.

Only one nomination has been received, therefore Alf Grigg will be declared elected at the meeting.

12.2.4 National Secretary of AMBSC: The election of the AMBSC Secretary was removed from this agenda on legal advice after AALS Ltd received a grievance letter from Altona Miniature Railway Inc.

12.3 SPECIAL BUSINESS.

12.3.1

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSES THIS RESOLUTION:

The revised Code of Practices for Operation, Training and Standards for Interoperability and Safety of Miniature Railways, Road Vehicles and Plant be adopted.

Reasons for the resolution, 12.3.1:

The Australian Live Steamers Safety Committee has revised the format and layout of the Code of Practice so it is under the headings of Operation, Training and Standards. A Reference section outlines AALS and its two sub-committee's history and makeup to introduce the three parts. Their tables and diagrams have been placed with the text that refers to them and have been redrawn to better link with the text. Also, all diagrams have been redrawn to improve clarity and readability. Nothing from the previous document is missed; the substance and intent of the original document is retained with improved clarity and presentation. Some references to other AALS documents have been updated or corrected.

The draft Codes are available for inspection on the AALS website.

Comment: The Board supports this revision.

Please cast your vote on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.

12.3.2

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

That the following changes be made to the Code of Practice:

(Note: The clause numbers refer to the draft Code of Practice. Should these resolutions be adopted and the draft Code of Practice is not adopted then the resolutions will be inserted into the existing Code of Practice at their respective current CoP clause numbers.)

5.7.2 (delete existing clause in its entirety and substitute the following)

Societies shall not allow to ride on a Train any person who:

5.7.2.1 Is visibly ill; or

5.7.2.2 Is reasonably suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol; or

5.7.2.3 Cannot be safely seated on a Public Passenger Carriage or a Driving Carriage; or

5.7.2.4 Is smoking a cigarette, pipe or cigar; or

- 5.7.2.5 Is wearing loose or flowing clothing which may risk entanglement with any part of a Public Passenger Carriage or with Plant; or
- 5.7.2.6 Has bare feet; or
- 5.7.2.7 Is wearing thongs; or
- 5.7.2.8 Is wearing other unsuitable footwear such as open sandals, or scuffs unless:
 - (a) the person is to ride in a Public Passenger Carriage or a Driving Carriage of 7¼“ (184.15 mm) gauge with high sides of a height of at least 6” (150 mm) measured from the floor to the top of the side; and
 - (b) the person’s footwear is fastened such that it cannot fall from the person’s foot.

Reasons for the resolution 12.3.2.

This proposed amendment is a result of the consultation proposal by the Safety Committee to amend the provisions of the Code to permit member clubs to carry passengers with open footwear in high-sided 7¼”/184.15 mm gauge passenger riding cars. Footwear must be fastened such that the shoe cannot fall from the wearer’s foot, and excludes bare feet and thongs.

Comment: The Board supports this resolution.

Please cast your vote on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.

12.3.3

CAMPASPE VALLEY MINIATURE RAILWAY INC PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

That the following changes be made to the Code of Practice:

(Note: The clause numbers refer to the draft Code of Practice. Should these resolutions be adopted and the draft Code of Practice is not adopted then the resolutions will be inserted into the existing Code of Practice at their respective current CoP clause numbers.)

5.2 Delete existing clauses 5.2, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3 and substitute the following:

5.2 Minimum Age

- 5.2.1 The minimum age for Attendants when operating on Public Running days shall be fifteen (15) years of age.
- 5.2.2 The minimum age for Operators on Public Running days shall be fifteen (15) years of age.
- 5.2.3 On non-public running days the minimum age for a person in control of a Locomotive, Light Engine or Train shall be seven (7) years of age. Persons seven (7) to fifteen (15) years of age inclusive shall be under the Direct Supervision of an Operator eighteen (18) years of age or older at all times.

Reasons for the resolution 12.3.3.

Members are generally concerned about attracting and retaining younger members to the hobby. By allowing younger members to be involved with train operation would help achieve this aim. The current rule is thought by many to be too restrictive. This does not stop a club from imposing an older age limit if it feels their operating circumstances dictate a more mature age. It still requires a club to impose a testing regime for operators. There are many persons 15 to 18 year old within the hobby who are as capable of operating a locomotive under public running conditions as many of our older members.

Comment: The Board supports this resolution.

Please cast your vote on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.

12.4 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

There have not been any applications for affiliation with the Association this year.

12.5 AFFILIATION FEE 2010 – 2011

12.5.1 The Board recommends that the Affiliation Fee rise to \$3.30 (which includes the GST).

Comment: The reason is that the Association has had to incur significant legal expenses.

Please cast your votes on the Proxy Form enclosed, or cast your vote by your Proxy at the meeting.

13. WHEN AND WHERE: 2011 AND BEYOND

(Refer to the Appendix which is attached.)

As the 'New Convention Format Trial' letter explains, when the 2009 'Future of Conventions' survey replies were received, the Board found the majority of clubs which replied indicated they wanted annual conventions to continue. The Board responded with the trial outlined in the appendix.

2011 Convention: Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-op Ltd, New South Wales.

2012 Convention: Penfield Model Engineers Society Inc, South Australia.

Both of these sites follow the current rotation cycle.

14. VOTE OF THANKS

Close of Meeting.