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56th ANNUAL CONVENTION

AGM AGENDA

Saturday, 07th April, 2012 at 7.30 pm

at the grounds of the Penfield Model Engineers Society Inc, Edinburgh, SA.

1. The President of the Penfield Model Engineers Society, Mr Ray Hall, will hand over to the President of AALS, Mr Roger Kershaw.

2. APOLOGIES.

Dennis Hamilton, National Insurance Officer;
Laurie Fielder, North Qld State Representative;
Ed and Toni Millington, Sunshine Coast RMS;

Wayne Roberts, Tullamarine Live Steam Society;

3. DEPARTED FRIENDS.

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

James (Bert) Pollitt, Altona Miniature Railway Inc;
Henry Spencer, Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-op Ltd;
Bill Goold, Tullamarine Live Steam Society;
Paul Sturme, Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc;
Robyn Webster, Hornsby Model Engineers Co-op Ltd;
Des Pedley, Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Maryborough Inc;
Bob Lisle, Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Maryborough Inc;
Corinne Bunker, Illawarra Live Steamers Co-op Ltd;
Gerry Cripps, Model Engineers and Live Steamers' Association Maryborough Inc;
Chris Hyde, Box Hill Miniature Steam Railway Society Inc;
Maurie Turner, Adelaide Miniature Steam Railway Society.

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

4. MINUTES of 2011 AGM (circulated).

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (circulated). The President will make a verbal update.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT (circulated).

8. ADOPTION of FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and receipt of AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT (circulated).

9. INSURANCE OFFICER'S REPORT (circulated).

10. AMBSC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (circulated).

11. ALSSC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and CONSULTATION REPORT (circulated).

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 motions and tick boxes which may be completed with your (society's) instruction concerning your vote for each of the motions. Voting may be conducted on the Proxy Voting Form enclosed or by your Proxy at the meeting.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

12(a) National President of the AALS Ltd.

One nomination has been received for the position of National President of the AALS. The Orange Society of Model Engineers Co-op Limited has nominated David Proctor. David Proctor's CV is attached.

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

The new President of AALS, Mr David Proctor, will take the Chair.

12(b) National Insurance Officer of AALS Ltd.

One nomination has been received for the position of National Insurance Officer of the AALS. The Illawarra Live Steamers Co-op Ltd has nominated Dennis Hamilton. Dennis Hamilton's CV is attached.

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

12(c) National Chairman of AMBSC:

One nomination has been received for the position of National Chairman of AMBSC. The Orange Society of Model Engineers Co-op Limited has nominated Barry Potter. Barry Potter's CV is attached.

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

12(d) State Representative of AALS Ltd for North Queensland

One nomination has been received for the position of State Representative for North Queensland. The Townsville and District Society of Model Engineers Inc has nominated Laurie Fielder. Laurie Fielder's CV is attached.

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

12(e) State Representative of AALS Ltd for South Queensland

One nomination has been received for the position of State Representative for Southern Queensland. The Queensland Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc has nominated Don Hutchison. Don Hutchison's CV is attached.

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

12(f) State Representative of AALS Ltd for NSW

One nomination has been received for the position of State Representative for New South Wales. The Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Co-op Society Ltd has nominated Jeff Wakeham. Jeff Wakeham's CV is attached

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

12(g) State Representative of AALS Ltd for Victoria

No nominations have been received for the position of State Representative for Victoria. Therefore this position is vacant.

12(h) State Representative of AALS Ltd for Tasmania

One nomination has been received for the position of State Representative for Tasmania. The Evandale Light Railway & Steam Society Inc has nominated Peter Lawson. Peter Lawson's CV is attached.

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

12(i) State Representative of AALS Ltd for South Australia

One nomination has been received for the position of State Representative for South Australia. The Adelaide Miniature Steam Railway Society has nominated Peter Manning. Peter Manning's CV is attached.

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

12(j) State Representative of AALS Ltd for Western Australia

One nomination has been received for the position of State Representative for Western Australia. The Castledare Miniature Railways Society of WA Inc has nominated Richard Stuart. Richard Stuart's CV is attached.

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

13. SPECIAL BUSINESS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

13(a)

That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:

Reasons for the resolution, 13(a):

With the introduction of the duplex code in the last year the qualifications of an AMBSC boiler inspector were updated. This has caused a conflict with the standing orders. This proposed amendment is to bring the standing orders into line with the latest boiler code.

The standing orders also do not take account of all the boiler codes now on issue. A small amendment is required to recognise all the codes.

Standing Orders 5.7(d) :

5.7(d) Delete clause 5.7(d) in its entirety and substitute the following:

(d) All the committee members shall subscribe to the provisions of the Australian Miniature Boiler Safety Committee Boiler Codes Part 1 (Copper Boilers) Part 2 (Steel Boilers), Part 3 (Sub Miniature Boilers) and Part 4 (Duplex Steel Boilers) – as amended from time to time.

Comment: The Board supports these changes.

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

13(b)

That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:

Reasons for the resolution, 13(b):

This proposed amendment is to bring the standing orders into line with the latest boiler code.

Standing Orders 5.7(h)

5.7(h) Delete clause 5.7(h) in its entirety and substitute the following:

(h) Qualifications for a boiler inspector are:-

- (i) A person holding a tertiary qualification issued by an accredited university, college, or government agency, such qualification being in a field related to the design, testing, and operation of pressure vessels, or;
- (ii) A competent model boiler constructor who shall possess the following criteria to be eligible;
 - a) A minimum educational qualification of a NSW Higher School Certificate, or equivalent, or a trade certificate, or higher qualification, and
 - b) A minimum of three years membership of an AMBSC registered society, and
 - c) The successful construction of at least one miniature boiler, and
 - d) A minimum of two years experience in the practical operation of miniature boilers, and
 - e) Two current boiler inspectors to act as referees to attest to the satisfactory quality of workmanship of the nominee inspector.

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.

13(c)

That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:

Reasons for the resolution, 13(c):

At the last Directors meeting a paper was presented where a recommendation consequent on the introduction of the new Workplace Health and Safety Regulations is to embody within any AMBSC code changes the process to have any technical change independently verified for safety (as was done for Duplex). We will not have any direct acceptance from government bodies anymore and thus will maintain the current level of safety process.

5.6 (f) Add the following to the end of the current clause: “Any technical changes to the Codes shall have an assurance of safety through an independent verification by a suitably qualified person before incorporation into the Codes.”

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.

13(d)

That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders:

Reasons for the resolution, 13(d):

The proposed amendment is to clarify who approves AMBSC Boiler Inspectors. This amendment was recommended by our legal advisors.

5.7(i) Delete clause 5.7(i) in its entirety and substitute the following:

(i) Boiler inspectors shall be appointed by the Chairman and Secretary of the AMBSC.

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.

13(e)

That the following changes be made to the Constitution.

Reasons for the resolution, 13(e):

The addition of Clause 7.10 clarifies eligibility for AALS Life Membership. At the moment there is nothing to say what makes a person eligible for honorary life membership. This is clarified by the insertion of the following clause:

7.10.6: An honorary life membership may only be bestowed on a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association on a national level as well as to the live steam hobby at a member level.

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.

13(f)

That the following changes be made to the Code of Practice Standards for Interoperability and Safety of Miniature Railways, Road Vehicles and Plant.

Reasons for the resolution, 13(f):

Carriages

The essence of the change is to expand Clause 6.5.1.1 about 7¼” carriage length and to remove a typographical wording error. ” Note the first two words of 6.5.1.1 ‘Have enclosed’ are a typographical error and will be removed.

6.5.1.1 Delete clause 6.5.1.1 in its entirety and substitute the following:
Length 1830mm-2500mm (6’-8’) long bogie type to seat 4 to 7 Adults.

Insert the following clause:

6.5.1.1.1 “Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 6.5.1.1 the length of 7¼” gauge carriages may be extended beyond 2.5m to 4.5m when the design provides adequately for such length and additional loading and includes design features which ensure a low centre of gravity. Such features may include but not be limited to drop centres, underfloor location of air tanks and suitably weighted and strengthened bogies

Comment: The Board supports these changes.

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

13(g)

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

Reasons for the resolution, 13(g):

The Board proposes the following motion:

That the Code of Practice Gas Firing of AMBSC Boilers, as published on the AALS website from time to time is hereby incorporated by reference into this Code of Practice, and is hereby adopted.

Comment: The Board supports these changes.

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

14 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

After four applications in the previous AGM, there are no applications this year.

15. AFFILIATION FEE 2012 – 2013

The Board recommends that the Affiliation Fee remains at \$1.50 (which includes the GST).

Comment: The reasons are that the Association's expenses are stable and this figure will maintain a satisfactory level of funds.

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

16. WHEN AND WHERE: 2013 AND BEYOND

2013: The Queensland Society of Model Engineers has made the bookings for the equipment hire to host the 2013 Convention and is continuing its infrastructure maintenance programme in preparation.

2014 Convention: Tullamarine Live Steam Society is constructing extra track facilities in readiness to host the 2014 event. The AALS Board was approached by the Society for financial assistance and it was determined that the society be granted \$5,000 towards the costs of materials. Note, those facilities are in excess of those required by the club for its normal operations.

2015: Penfield has offered to host.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SUBMISSIONS FROM YOUR SOCIETY TO HOST FOR 2015, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, OF COURSE, ARE STILL WELCOMED BY THE BOARD.

17. VOTE OF THANKS

Close of Meeting.

The presentation of annual awards will be at 7.30 pm (1930) tomorrow, Sunday 08th April.