



**Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club
(ACMOC) – Chapter 19
General Meeting
Date: 26th March, 2023
Location: Fern Museum & workshop, Silvan**

Attendees:	G.Slocombe M.Turpin P.Mekis R. Fern B.Jackel K.Lock M.Hutchings R.Burns B.Tribuzi	R.Honess N.Clydsdale D.Robins J.Loaring S.Jackel P.Hughes R.Bassett-Smith G.Cotton	Copies: ACMOC office, Peoria International Director Chapter 18 secretary Chapter 29 secretary Chapter 30 secretary
Guests:	Mrs Karen Lock Ms Averil Hedley Bob Southall Paul Tribuzi	Jim Davey Mick Farnham Wayne Rieschieck	
Apologies:	E.Thiele Mrs M.Thiele L.Rees M.Meyer M.Robinson R.Ewe S.Kenny T.Wood W.Hurlston G.Hunter P.Johansen L.Norton	P.Slocombe B.Cornfoot T.Laurien O.Mould Ms J.Dennison R.Horne I.Heffernan G.Henderson L.Hunter E.Lane C.Johansen D.Hagen	
Quorum: (½ committee + 1)	Yes		

Item	Notes	Voting	Action
	<p>Meeting commenced at 11.20 am. M.Hutchings opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.</p>		
1	<p>Present/Apologies The secretary called for apologies which were noted.</p>		
2	<p>Correspondence in - 8/10 CAV confirmation of lodging of 2021/22 annual statement - 17/2 NHMA information of grant applications - 23/2 Invoice from Headhunters - 24/2 NHMA notice of AGM - 28/2 NHMA invoice and insurance renewal documents - 21/3 NHMA AGM paperwork and postal ballot</p> <p>Correspondence out - Nil of significance</p> <p><i>Motion: That correspondence in/out as detailed is accepted as true and accurate.</i></p>	<p>Moved: GS Seconded: DR Motion passed unopposed</p>	
3	<p>Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting. The secretary called on members present to review the minutes of the previous committee meeting dated 7th August 2022 which have been available on the Chapter website and a copy was available at the meeting.</p> <p><i>Motion: That the minutes of the previous annual general meeting have been read and are true and accurate.</i></p>	<p>Moved: MH Seconded: SJ Motion passed unopposed</p>	
4	<p>Business arising from the previous minutes -Tail seat high tea 8th July. G.Slocombe advised that an itinerary had been developed, the dinner venue booked, accommodation booked, and that the flyer would be available soon for distribution to members. Cost for the spit roast dinner (excluding drinks) and bus to and from Echuca was \$60 per head, with Superior double rooms at the Mercure, Echuca currently held for \$190 per night. Thanks to Eric & Margot for their help to date and John Mawson for offering to host tours and lunch on day and Mike Meyer for offering to hoist a tour and 'ploughmans lunch' on day 2. We need minimum 40 persons for this event to be viable.</p> <p>- Junior member sponsorship G.Slocombe advised that no one had been in touch with him to take on the junior membership co-ordinator role, as such despite the process and polices being put into place and an offer to sponsor two junior members – no progress has been made on this front.</p>		<p>Flyer to be finalised and sent to members</p>

<p>4 cont.</p>	<p>- LGSPA insurance</p> <p>M.Hutchings advised that while the shed at Lake Goldsmith was still owned by and therefore covered by the LGSPA insurance, assets within the shed, especially those belonging to the Chapter are unlikely to be covered, and we should explore insurance on our own. G.Slocombe advised that the NHMA were able to offer such insurance through a broker, and that we could obtain a quote once we had list of assets and values.</p>		<p>Complete an asset register at the May rally for the purposes on getting insurance.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Directors Report</p> <p>N.Clydsdale gave a verbal report in his capacity as Director. He reminded members that Mary Clark had resigned and that the Club has decided not to employ someone at this time due to the costs of doing so, resulting in restructuring the operations to make them more efficient. This includes but is not limited to a new payment portal, and to encourage all members to use the 'auto renewal' function to remove the need to annually chase up members. He has prepared a communication and action white paper that he will table at the next meeting, but that significant and accelerated change will need to occur, and he encouraged members to hang in during this period of so much change.</p>		
<p>6</p>	<p>Presidents Report</p> <p>M.Hutchings gave a verbal report and thanked everyone for attending, and the secretary for his continuing work managing the Chapters affairs and ensuring the Chapter continues to function effectively. While the US Club continues to face some challenges, he is pleased with the level of energy and activity of members of the Chapter. He also thanked members that represented ACMOC at recent rallies.</p>		

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Finance report

The treasurer (GS) presented the finance report as at 18th March 2022.

Funds in cheque account	\$20,599.31
Funds in cash account	\$ 50.39
Funds in Paypal account	\$ 0.00
Inventory merchandise	\$ 7,623.77
Inventory replica parts	\$ 775.73
Banking yet to clear	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total assets	\$27,634.99
Plus debtors	
Merchandise orders	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total assets	\$27,634.99
Less liabilities	
Memberships	\$ 0.00
Insurance (pre-paid)	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 0.00
Replica parts	\$ 2,684.50
Creditor invoices	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total liabilities	-\$ 2,684.50
Net financial position	\$24,950.49

Motion: That the finance report represents a true and accurate account of the Chapters financial position as at 18th March 2022

Moved: GS
Seconded: JL
Motion passed unopposed

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Membership report

G.Slocombe advised that there are currently 145 financial members.

- 12 members will be due to renew at the end of March 23 quarter.
- There are 12 members that were due to renew at the previous Dec 22 quarter which remain outstanding and are now considered overdue. Reminder emails have been sent. The names were read out at the meeting.

Phil to follow up with March qtr members that are due to renew.

<p>8 cont.</p>	<p>There were 7 new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vic McGuire, Telegraph Point NSW - Hayden Hinkley, Whittington Vic - Stephen Cooke, Grovedale Vic - Andrew Tucker, Anakie Vic - John Teasdale, Lockhart NSW - Dan Ford, Coolamon, NSW - Russell Coad, Barunah Park, Vic - Lindsay Norton, Tatura, Vic 		
<p>9</p>	<p>Merchandise</p> <p>As at March 18, 2023 we had stock valued (at cost) of \$7,623.77.</p> <p>This is up in preparation for the NHMA National Rally, and a final opportunity to purchase items from the US store before it closed. It also includes new Block C Caterpillar T shirts which we commissioned locally.</p> <p>A new supplier has been found for the yellow/pink polo tops that is suitable, however suggestion was not to order a new batch in anticipation of other branded merchandise in 2025. It was agreed to wait at this time.</p> <p>An additional Block C black polo with pockets item will also be available and is now in the price list.</p> <p>We are still trying to negotiate with the Club around other discontinued merchandise that exists in the USA since the store was closed, currently we have a 'profit share' proposal with the Board for consideration.</p>		<p>Neil to continue to push the Board for an answer on the merchandise proposal.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Replica Parts</p> <p>D.Robins has approached TOMM magazine again, they are prepared to offer a discount rate of \$90+ GST per issue top advertise under the ACMOC banner. (Size 6cm x 5cm?) classified ad per magazine and waive the \$28 artwork set up fee.</p> <p>Any TOMM subscriber is entitled to two free 50 word advertisements with one free photo per edition, we should do it under this arrangement.</p> <p>No update on the Clubs position to promote Chapter replica parts through the store at this time.</p>		<p>Daryl to take out free ad as a TOMM subscriber.</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>Club tractor projects</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised a gentleman's agreement had been reach with Headhunters for services, but it was critical to let him know so correct process can be followed.</p> <p>- CH65</p> <p>Need to organise a working bee to prepare the 3306 engine parts for assembly, Phil to speak with Brendan and prepare workshop and make a date, and also provide a list of parts that needed to be put through the caustic bath at William Adams. Agreed expectation is that the engine is a running rebuild so it can drive under its own power. Extra parts may be needed that are beyond repair – exhaust manifold.</p> <p>Proposed working bee date is Sunday 14th May 2023.</p> <p>- DW21</p> <p>Head has been done, charged \$575.18 (50% discount) by Headhunters. Valves need to be lapped and refitted. Engine is still wrapped as received from Headhunters. Need some gaskets etc.</p> <p>- 933</p> <p>Travis is working on expected head gasket issue. Ben has donated a head, Travis has agreed to do this job for the Club, for which the committee expressed appreciation.</p>		<p>Phil to make a list of what is needed to prepare engine parts and logistics for the working bee. Gearon or Cornfoot workshop?</p> <p>Steve to provide a list of gaskets/seals/ parts required to complete the engine rebuild.</p> <p>Travis is taking the lead on this engine repair.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Shed & Facilities</p> <p>M.Hutchings no work has been done since the flood working bee clean up.</p> <p>As both fridges were destroyed in the flood, a new fridge is required before the rally. R.Bassett-Smith agreed to donate a fridge to the Chapter. Committee expressed their appreciation.</p>		<p>Rob to advise when the fridge can be picked up from his place.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Technical Library</p> <p>D.Robins advised he has purchased a book scanner and is scanning books and forwarding the digital files to the Club webtech committee to include on the Clubs online technical library. This negates any issues with the Chapter distributing them, allows for single source of information with search capability and is Chapter 19 helping the Club and ALL members. Daryl was thanked for his efforts in this area, demonstrating the Chapters commitment to the Club and its members.</p>		

<p>14</p>	<p>Lake Goldsmith Rally 6th – 7th May 2023 M.Hutchings advised the theme was 100 years of Howard. Everything has been tidied up ready to go.</p>		
<p>15</p>	<p>NHMA rally 14th -16th April, 2023, Mudgee Rooms all finalised now, those that have reservations will have been contacted directly by the hotel. Phil Rye of Chapter 29 provided update as follows; <i>“Gooday gents, I have asked about an auction at the dinner, apparently there will be an auction, already organised, with the proceeds going to the NHMA, the Lady said she would put my request to their management board and let me know after the meeting. That will be held soon. At this stage we have a 2 ton, 22, D2, 2x D4, RD6, 955, DW10, the Chapter D9H, Rick Attenborough is happy to bring whatever we want of his collection, Dan ford is bringing the 212. As for new stuff, Gavin is planning a tractor or two. We are not able to get the Westrac Container, so I am trying to organise our Club pantec, and we have a couple of tents. Should be all OK,”</i> Dinner tickets have been arranged for; Daryl Marshall x 2 Brendan Cornfoot x 2 Glen Slocombe x 2 Leigh Rees x 1 Marty Turpin x 1 Lawrence Hose x 1 Neil Clydsdale x 1 Rob Fern x 2 Please ensure you pay Meredith or Phil from Chapter 29 at the show. Chapter 19 will be providing the merchandise store at the show. D.Robins advised Daryl Jubb is happy to anyone to stop over, he is located at Young, NSW.</p>		
<p>16</p>	<p>Rally updates - MSTEC Rally M.Turpin advised he was flat out in the working display but had membership flyers for people to take. - Korumburra Rally D.Robins advised the Saturday was very quiet, hot and windy, but Sunday was great, and we had good location near the entrance with a working pit.</p>		

<p>17</p>	<p>Caterpillar 2025 centenary celebrations</p> <p>S.Jackel advised that the Korumburra Club want to host a dedicated Caterpillar Rally for 2025, not just their usual rallied themed Caterpillar. Steve has access to some rare and important machines for this show</p> <p>M.Hutchings advised the sub-committee had not formalised proposed events.</p> <p>N.Clydsdale advised he had received a draft report from Vitamin Media regarding the documentary project and that he, Mark, and Glen would be meeting with them at the NHMA rally to discuss next steps. A copy of the report was available at the meeting or from the secretary.</p>		
<p>18</p>	<p>General business</p> <p>- Purchase of marquee</p> <p>G.Slocombe reminded the meeting that at the previous meeting a budget of \$2000 was approved for a 3m x 6m marquee. On further investigation he felt the budget be increased to \$3000 to get a better-quality marquee.</p> <p><i>Motion: That a budget of \$2000 previously approved be increased to \$3000 for the purchase of a branded 3m x 6m marquee.</i></p> <p>- Purchase of D343 block</p> <p>Melbourne Machining Services had a reconditioned D343 block that is an unclaimed job they did and are looking to sell it to recover debt at \$1000, wanted to know if the Chapter was interested. Phil knows these guys, agreed to find out what stage the block is at in terms of repair, Steve thinks it may be a short motor.</p> <p>- Purchase of trailer</p> <p>G.Slocombe suggested that the Chapter look at purchasing an enclosed trailer for use at rally days. He has purchased one for use at the NHMA rally, rather than hiring one each time. This can be donated to the Chapter if it is determined to be suitable.</p>	<p>Moved: GS Seconded: SJ Motion passed unopposed</p>	<p>Glen to get artwork approved and order the marquee.</p> <p>Phil to contact MMS and see what stage the repair is at and see what the minimum they will accept.</p>

<p>18 cont.</p>	<p>- NHMA AGM</p> <p>To be held at Mudgee 14th April 5pm. Chapter 19 is entitled to have a representative formally attend the AGM or can submit a postal ballot paper prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Motions to be tabled are available in the paperwork provided. If anyone on the committee wish to attend and represent the Chapter physically at the AGM they should contact the secretary. There will be a formal proposal tabled at the AGM for the 2025 National Rally to be held in QLD.</p> <p>Of note there will be a formal proposal to host the 2025 NHMA National rally by joint bid of Clubs, located in Jondaryan, QLD. Copies available.</p> <p>- Telstra Museum</p> <p>D.Robins advised that the museum have a D9H with cable plough in their collection but were seeking expression of interest on how best to preserve and display it, while still retaining ownership. Further details are to be formalised.</p> <p>- Other activities</p> <p>N.Clydsdale suggested other non-tractor activities should be considered for the members to attend, such as paint ball or the like to attract younger members.</p> <p>- Parts offer</p> <p>S.Jackel advised he has been offered several used parts from Andrew Tilly including radiators and panels that they have left over since selling up. Brendan has already offered to provide a truck for bringing items back. Generally feeling was to definitely go and have a look and make an offer to ensure these parts are retained for the good of members, whether that is on the Chapters books or otherwise.</p>		<p>Daryl to get a contact point at the museum so we can formally write to them about the opportunity.</p> <p>Steve to go up and have a look at the items available and to advise Tilly's it is the Chapters intentions to make an offer.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Next meeting:. May 6th @ Lake Goldsmith</p>		
<p>20</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 12.40 pm</p> <p>Rob Fern provided a BBQ and tour of his yard and museum and he and Kerrie were thanked for their hospitality and wonderful catering.</p>		