



**Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club
(ACMOC) – Chapter 19
Committee Meeting
Date: 14th December, 2023
Location: Bassett-Smith Farm
185 Menzies Rd, Kangaroo Ground**

Attendees:	G.Slocombe D.Robins P.Hughes N.Clydsdale R.Bassett-Smith	M.Hutchings B.Cornfoot J.Loaring R.Fern	Copies: ACMOC office, Peoria International Director Chapter 18 secretary Chapter 29 secretary Chapter 30 secretary
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Guests:

Apologies: L.Rees

Quorum: Yes
(½ committee + 1)

Item	Notes	Voting	Action
	Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm. M.Hutchings opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.		
1	Present/Apologies The secretary called for apologies which were noted.		

<p>2</p>	<p>Correspondence in - 1/10 Confirmation from CAV annual statement lodged - 8/12 NHMA visitor induction/member rules sample</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: PH Motion passed unopposed</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting. The secretary called on members present to review the minutes of the previous committee meeting dated 10th August 2023 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: DR Motion passed unopposed</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Business arising from the previous minutes - Asset Register (GS)</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised a quote for \$532 to cover basic assets of the Club including merchandise up to the value of \$8000, replica parts up to the value of \$5000 and non-specific assets of up to \$15,600 excluding tractors and the technical library had been received. The broker indicated an independent valuation would be required for the technical library and that other options like Shannons would be better for tractors. He also advised it was not required or worth doing an asset register for donated goods unless they had specific and quantifiable value.</p> <p>Considering this information, while accepting there is still some risk and exposure, the annual cost of premiums (excluding the tractors and technical library) G.Slocombe suggested that the recurring costs would not be justifiable in the current environment.</p> <p>M.Hutchings indicated that he felt the fire risk was low at Lake Goldsmith, as was theft and that we had demonstrated resilience around the highest risk being flooding. Any monetary insurance payout would be unlikely to secure replacement goods because of the nature of the collection and assets anyway.</p> <p>There was no counter view or desire expressed from the committee members present to pursue asset insurance at this time, but that it would be prudent to continue to ensure delicate assets are stored at the shed at mezzanine level, and we should continue to explore options to spread the technical library assets over multiple sites, including the proposed new Lake Goldsmith archive centre to mitigate any risk.</p>		

<p>4 cont.</p>	<p>Business arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>Notwithstanding the decision not to pursue insurance, the committee expressed a desire to still develop an asset register.</p> <p>- D343 block purchase (PH)</p> <p>P.Hughes confirmed it is a block and caps - only. They are not going to throw it out, so there is no need for the Chapter to purchase outright to ensure it is preserved.</p> <p>M.Hutchings suggested that the Chapter at least bring the availability of the block to the attention of the broader ACMOC membership.</p> <p>- Parts offer from Tilly's (SJ)</p> <p>No updated provided but the committee is keen to understand what is available and at what price, as there is a view Tilly's perhaps wants too much for goods. While respecting the position that the goods were offered to S.Jackel in the first instance, D.Robins agreed to follow up with Steve and get his position or blessing for the Chapter to contact Tilly's directly to arrange inspection of the goods.</p>		<p>Secretary to prepare an asset register.</p> <p>P.Hughes to provide a contact point at HM so we can promote it.</p> <p>D.Robins to speak with S.Jackel with a view to contacting Andrew Tilly to get understanding of where this is at.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Directors Report</p> <p>N.Clydsdale gave a verbal report, stating on a positive note membership has climbed back up to 2372 from a low of around 1880. With no paid employees the Club had also returned to a positive financial operating position. In discussions with the President, he had expressed a view about what the future of the Club holds, beyond just being a 'magazine' Club, and there is so much more the Club should be about in its representation of a global organisation, including the role Caterpillar has in improving the lives of so many people in the world. The Club remains still very USA centric in his view and needs to continue to globalise if it is to succeed, and understand that many, if not most members do not own Cat tractors. Leadership will still be a challenge in the short term, with quality volunteer Directors hard to find. The December Board meeting will be his last as a Director of ACMOC.</p> <p>The committee expressed a specific acknowledgement of the dedication and effort, often at early morning hours and late into the evening that Neil and Brendan had shown towards the Club, throughout the recent difficult times, not least through a global pandemic.</p>		
<p>6</p>	<p>Presidents Report</p> <p>M.Hutchings gave a short verbal report still positive about the activities and direction of the Chapter, and thanked everyone for their efforts, and wished everyone a merry Christmas.</p>		

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Finance report

The treasurer (GS) presented the finance report as at 14th December 2023.

Funds in cheque account	\$19,743.51
Funds in cash account	\$ 650.39
Funds in Paypal account	\$ 1,173.09
Inventory merchandise	\$ 8,552.40
Inventory replica parts	\$ 1,080.27
Banking yet to clear	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total assets	\$31,199.66
Plus debtors	
William Adams (AGM dinner inv)	\$ 885.00
Replica Parts	\$ 18.00
NHMA insurance (unpaid)	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
Total debtors	\$ 983.00
Total assets	\$32,182.66
Less liabilities	
Memberships	\$ 70.00
Other Chapter fees	\$ 20.00
Insurance (pre-paid)	\$ 0.00
Tractor repairs (3306)	\$ 1,225.46
Replica parts	\$ 1,506.30
Creditor invoices	<u>\$ 1,605.57</u>
Total liabilities	-\$ 4,427.33
Net financial position	\$27,755.33

Motion: That the finance report represents a true and accurate account of the Chapters financial position as at 14th December 2023

The secretary now has a Westpac debit card to use for Chapter purchases.

Moved: GS
Seconded: BC
Motion passed unopposed

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Membership report

G.Slocombe advised that there are currently 147 financial members.

- 33 members will be due to renew at the end of current December 23 quarter.
- There are 5 members that were due to renew at the previous September 23 quarter which remain outstanding and are now considered overdue. Reminder emails have been sent. The names being

Ian Gray of Deniliquin, NSW
Jock McKinnon of Pittfield Plains, Vic
Micah Mifsud of Point Cook, Vic
Tim Paull of Sedgefield, NSW
Colin Thomas of Millicent, SA

There are 6 new members

- Tony Carmelito of Ingham, QLD
- Chris Edwards of Highton, Vic
- Ron Weeding of Welshpool, Vic
- Dave Young of Mt Direction, Tas
- Brent Mekis of Altona, Vic
- Darren Ashdown of Moe, Vic

I have expressed concern to the BoD about issues with Zoho CC payment system not being linked to other Club systems, incorrect overdue membership emails being sent by the Club, and lack of visibility so I am chasing members that have auto renewed and delays between membership being paid and visibility/access on the website.

With over 20% of our membership due to renew by 31DEC23 what action has the Club taken to remedy these process issues, or what are they going to do to mitigate the previous issues that have arisen?

I have asked for a list of members that will auto renew (excluding if they opt out or their credit card expires) by 31DEC23.

In my view the current auto renewal Zoho system may be easier to take members money, but it is not always delivered a good experience.

<p>9</p>	<p>Merchandise</p> <p>As at 14th December 2023 we had stock valued (at cost) of \$8,552.40.</p> <p>Rohan Skinner books 20 ordered and already sold out.</p> <p>Calendars – difficult experience as they are not set up to ship internationally, but we now have a relationship with the licensed provided and 40 have been ordered for 2024.</p> <p>N.Clydsdale advised he had had another conversation with Kurt around shipping any remaining damaged goods.</p>		<p>N.Clydsdale to continue to work with Kurt on this.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Replica Parts</p> <p>N.Clydsdale mentioned that there is a need for a magneto changeover service, and perhaps Daryl would be prepared to operate this as well. Core parts and magneto’s would be required to seed the program. A discussion ensued around reproduction caps which is proving very difficult to procure.</p>		<p>D.Robins to providing wording for the program if it is to be promoted through the Chapter.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Club tractor projects</p> <p>- CH65</p> <p>3306 block, is going to need extra work. P.Hughes has been and inspected and has requested a revised (reduced) scope of works. The head is not great and cracked and we made need to look at a replacement head. Discussion was had around how much we want to invest in the block and grinding the crank undersize at this stage, general feeling was ~\$3k.</p> <p>Concern was also raised about other engine components i.e. fuel pump and manifolds etc. Need to understand total exposure.</p> <p>- DW21</p> <p>D.Robins has ordered several gaskets.</p> <p>- 933</p> <p>No report.</p>		<p>P.Hughes to review the scope of works, and determine what must be done as priority, then G.Slocombe to review with Headhunters for final costs.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Shed & Facilities</p> <p>M.Hutchings to rework the wastewater pipe as next project.</p>		

<p>13</p>	<p>Technical Library</p> <p>Jamie and Daryl have not got together to scan the selected service magazine folders.</p> <p>Daryl to share the updated list of library books in consolidated excel spreadsheet.</p> <p>Daryl advised the heritage grant was oversubscribed and not available.</p>		<p>Jamie to speak with Daryl about scanning this material.</p> <p>Daryl to consolidate the book list.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Lake Goldsmith Rally 4th – 5th May 2024</p> <p>M.Hutchings said most recent November rally was successful financially for LGSPA, but still some issues with EFTpos facilities across the site. Major capital expenses include upgrade of the power from pole to the site @ \$22k.</p> <p>Windfarm grants are not due to be reviewed until April 2024.</p>		
<p>16</p>	<p>Rally updates</p> <p>- Geelong Classic 13-14 Jan 2024</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised William Adams are sponsoring the event and he will attend with the merchandise tent. Rohan Burns will be the lead. M.Hutchings agreed to bring tractors, and R.Fern also agreed to attend with a float and tractors.</p> <p>- Heyfield Vintage Rally 18-19 May 2024</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised he is willing to attend with the merchandise tent if other members wished to bring tractors.</p>		
<p>17</p>	<p>Caterpillar 2025 centenary celebrations</p> <p>- Documentary</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised that the project had been presented to WesTrac marketing and they are going to escalate it their GM and in theory then to Seven West Media. We really need this in principal before we can progress to securing the remaining funding from Cat & dealers. He has also raised it directly with Dale Elphinstone.</p> <p>R.Bassett-Smith also advised he had spoken to an industry person and offered some advice on same.</p> <p>- ACMOC grant</p> <p>N.Clydsdale drew the committee's attention to the 2025 ACMOC grants as mentioned in edition 164 (page 9) advising that the Chapter should apply as soon as they open in Jan 2024. The reference to shows only is inconsistent with original board intent.</p>		

<p>18</p>	<p>General business</p> <p>- Cat Dealer Top Apprentice Program (DTAP) event G.Slocombe advised that Caterpillar through member Mark Wardill (Cat Technical trainer) were looking at working with the Chapter and Lake Goldsmith to host an open day at the shed for dealer and Cat representatives in February 2024. M.Hutchings has already spoken to LGSPA and they are keen to host as well. It would be a good look for our relationship with Caterpillar of Australia.</p> <p>- RUOK? B.Cornfoot spoke to the committee about a recent accident involving one of his trucks and drivers that was a result of a deliberate suicide by the oncoming driver. The affect on his driver, himself and school students in a bus that witnessed the accident was profound. He had attended the school and spoken to the students as part of the counselling. A timely reminder to check in with your friends and family.</p> <p>- Stolen goods D.Robins advised that former member Andrew Jackson had his caravan stolen including tools and many old Caterpillar manuals and books. If anyone gets offered a batch of books please advise Daryl.</p>		<p>G.Slocombe to set up a video meeting with LGSPA, M.Hutchings and Cat ASAP.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Next meeting:. TBC.</p>		
<p>20</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 8:16 pm Mark thanked Rob Bassett-Smith for hosting and catering the meeting at his Kangaroo Ground farm.</p>		