



**Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club
(ACMOC) – Chapter 19
General Meeting
Date: 2nd November 2024
Location: Lake Goldsmith**

- Attendees:** G.Slocombe M.Hutchings **Copies:** ACMOC office, Peoria
 D.Robins K.Butler International Director
 C.Warrick L.Hunter Chapter 18 secretary
 P.Slocombe P.Mekis Chapter 29 secretary
 D.Marshall N.Clydsdale Chapter 30 secretary
 R.Marshall R.Keir
 M.Meyer G.Hunter
 D.Hunter C.Walker
 R.Burns E.Thiele
 Mrs. M.Thiele M.Turpin
- Guests:** Mrs. P.Robins G.Jenkins
 Mrs. A.Jenkins
- Apologies:** G.Henderson I.Heffernan
 B.Cornfoot T.Thomas
 J.Loaring R.Bassett-Smith
 A.Wilson L.Norton
 E.Lane P.Johansen
 C.Johansen L.Jenkins
 M.Jenkins N.Schlien
 M.Robinson L.Rees
- Quorum:** No
 (½ committee + 1)

Item	Notes	Voting	Action
	Meeting commenced at 5.04 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 - 29/9 Confirmation of CAV annual report - 4/10 Information from NHMA about new Tax self-assessment and reporting</p> <p>Correspondence out - 29/9 Submission of CAV annual report</p> <p><i>Motion: That correspondence in/out as detailed is accepted as true and accurate.</i></p>	<p>Moved: GS Seconded: DM 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 13th June 2024 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: DR Seconded: NC Motion passed unopposed</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Business arising from the previous minutes - Asset Register (GS) Per previous discussion the Chapter is not going to pursue asset insurance but will look to put a register together for key items including tractors owned.</p> <p>- Extra Club Banners (GS) Despite several requests the Club has unable to provide the artwork to enable us to produce another Chapter banner for Tassie.</p> <p>- Daryl Marshall added to the honour board (MH) Inducted at the AGM, Daryl's name plate was added to the honour board.</p> <p>- Purchase of Ch18 D348 Generator Confirming our offer of \$5000 was not accepted.</p>		<p>Secretary to prepare an asset register.</p> <p>Continue to lobby the Club to provide the artwork</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Presidents Report M.Hutchings gave a verbal report stating that there were a lot of things happening behind the scenes, including merchandise lines and event planning. It was great to see a huge turnout to the AGM at Caterpillar, and it was good of Cat to host and feed us on the night. Pleasing also to see so many people here tonight at Lake Goldsmith. The Chapter is in good health with a lot of support and 'can do' attitude which should carry us forward into the new year as we celebrate the 100 years milestone.</p>		

6**Finance report**

The treasurer (GS) presented the finance report as at 29th October 2024.

Funds in cheque account	\$15,355.96
Funds in cash account	\$ 6,740.78
Funds in Paypal account	\$ 1,634.09
Petty cash	\$ 130.00
Inventory merchandise	\$15,047.86
Inventory replica/used parts	\$ 1,661.55
Banking yet to clear	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total assets	\$40,570.24

Plus debtors

William Adams	\$ 00.00
Replica Parts	\$ 00.00
NHMA insurance (unpaid)	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total debtors	\$ 00.00

Total assets \$40,570.24

Less liabilities

Memberships	\$ 00.00
Other Chapter fees	\$ 00.00
NHMA Insurance (pre-paid)	\$ 00.00
Tractor repairs	\$ 00.00
Replica parts	\$ 1,341.40
Creditor invoices	<u>\$ 1,605.57</u>
Total liabilities	-\$ 2,946.97

Net financial position \$37,623.27

Motion: That the finance report represents a true and accurate account of the Chapters financial position as at 29th October 2024

M.Hutchings expressed his personal view that the position the Chapter finds itself in 10 years since its formation is an outstanding achievement, and specifically called out the role Glen Slocombe has played in his capacity as secretary and treasurer throughout this time.

Glen appreciated the acknowledgement but reflected on how so many other members have also donated and contributed to the success of the Chapter in various ways.

Moved: GS
 Seconded: MH
Motion passed unopposed

<p>7</p>	<p>Membership report</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised that there are currently 150 financial members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28 members will be due to renew at the end of current December 2024 quarter. - There are 7 members that were due to renew at the previous September 2024 quarter which remain outstanding and are now considered overdue. The names being <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> Martin Dean of Landsborough West VIC Greg Hillier of Corryong VIC Lawrence Hose of Naringal VIC William Hurlston of Tumbarumba NSW Anthony Meechan of Daylesford VIC Brent Mekis of Altona VIC Geoffrey Palmer of Drouin VIC </p> <p>There are 2 new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom Thomas of Essendon VIC - Frank Simone of Tullamarine VIC 		
<p>8</p>	<p>Merchandise</p> <p>As at 29th October 2024 we had stock valued (at cost) of \$15,047.86.</p> <p>New products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACMOC/Cat 100-year caps are now in final proof stage, artwork was shown at the meeting. These will be exclusive to ACMOC only. - The Official Caterpillar licensed merchandise line range was shown, due to cost we are considering only stocking certain products and may look at members being able to place a special order rather than stock - Artwork for an exclusive ACMOC/Cat 100 years/Wavey Caterpillar logo light jacket and polo was shown, looking to finalise garment and pricing in the coming weeks. G.Slocombe asked if the members wanted this to remain an exclusive member only product or make it available for general sale? The consensus was to make it available for general sale at a differentiated price point. 		

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- Scale models, grey 1:50 scale and 1:16 gold and chrome TWENTY models will be pre-ordered and stocked by the Club. The committee is considering an order of 40 x 1:50 and 25 x 1:16 models which represents an investment of over \$10,000. The 1:50 is expected to sell for approx. \$75 and 1:16 for approx. \$500. There is only one chance to order these models, and it must be done by 15th November 2024.

M.Hutchings indicated that it was in the Chapters interest to ensure we had adequate supply of the models despite the investment. G.Slocombe asked for feedback from the floor if the order quantity was adequate. K.Butler suggested increase order of the 1:16 models to 30 units.

Motion: That the secretary order 40 x 1:50 and 30 x 1:16 limited edition 100-year scale models.

N.Clydsdale suggested that we need to monitor the sale of the models and potentially hold back stock to ensure supply for each rally. G.Slocombe suggested members should get priority over retail sales, by way of a pre-order form.

- Artwork concepts were shown for a Block C mug and older William Adams logo mug.

The are very strict Cat guidelines and rules around use and timing of the 100 years branded merchandise we need to comply with.

Thanks to N.Clydsdale who continues to work with the Club to release the remaining store merchandise that they are paying to store, including damaged and burnt models. We believe there are about two pallets of stock. Glen has arranged to have the goods stored securely at John Moyna's in Iowa until we can get them shipped back. Neil is of the understanding based on the most recent board meeting that arrangements are underway to have these moved. Neil expressed desire that we treat the goods respectfully and ensure all ACMOC members have the opportunity to access this remaining stock. The agreement is a that we can sell on a profit share basis with the Club.

Thanks to Neil we were able to track down the original printer in the USA and print files for the Tractor & Grader serial number books and the Antique Diesel Engine Handbook and they are providing favourable pricing to print and ship them to Australia, which will allow us to reduce the current price of these products and ensuring ongoing supply.

Moved: GS
Seconded: RK
Motion passed unopposed

Secretary place orders for the models.

	<p>Glen indicated that despite his best efforts since 1st October he has been unable to get final confirmation on availability and price for the Cat Legendary Machinery calendar for 2025. Still a work in progress. Neil has offered to contact Bill Robertson who has previously provided the images to see if he has any more information.</p> <p>M.Meyer asked what happened to the previous magazines that were owned by the Club. Current understanding is these were given to YPCC or disposed of.</p>		
<p>9</p>	<p>Replica Parts</p> <p>D.Robins is still planning to provide a magneto repair service, but this is on hold at this time. He is intending to get another batch of gaskets done next year, please let him know if you have any specific new requirements.</p> <p>M.Meyer showed the new brass priming cocks he has had made and has also had decompression cocks done and has been a major project taking 4 years to come to fruition. Surplus stock will be made available for sale through the Chapter shortly, along with some more cast products redone. Mark thanked Mike for his hard work and dedication to providing these parts for the benefit of all.</p>		
<p>10</p>	<p>Club tractor projects</p> <p>- CH65 P.Hughes is taking the lead of reassembling the engine</p> <p>- DW21 D.Robins still chasing up one gasket.</p> <p>- 933 No further update.</p>		
<p>11</p>	<p>Shed & Facilities</p> <p>Next project is mezzanine external door. Discussion was had about flashing continuing to be blown off and wind affecting the doors.</p>		
<p>12</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>Lake Goldsmith are still looking at a proper archive/library.</p>		<p>Jamie to speak with Daryl about scanning this material.</p> <p>Daryl to consolidate the book list.</p>

13	<p>Lake Goldsmith Rally 2nd – 3rd Nov 2024 M.Hutchings advised old clubrooms now removed.</p>		
14	<p>Rally & event reports and updates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rallies & events held</p> <p>- M.Turpin attended the Wedderburn rally and had fielded enquires about having to 'own' a Cat to be a member of ACMOC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rallies & events upcoming</p> <p>- G.Jenkins advised that Hamilton Rally 17-18 May 2025 was promoting the 100 years of Caterpillar for there next rally and had flyers produced and were looking for support from ACMOC at this show.</p> <p>- Geelong in January 2025.</p>		
15	<p>Caterpillar 2025 centenary celebrations</p> <p>- Caterpillar Update</p> <p>Glen gave an update on Caterpillar planning for 2025, including limited edition grey machines with heritage logo that will be released to dealers. A marketing meeting was held at Caterpillar Melbourne, and he attended and presented to all dealers on "<i>Who are ACMOC and how can we help you in 2025</i>". Pleasingly Cavpower have now agreed to support Chapter 30 which is a great outcome. Information was available for members present to read.</p> <p>Sanctioned events for 2025</p> <p>M.Hutchings advised that 5 key sanctioned events would be the Chapters focus, with a consistent display, core tractors on interest and concerted effort to support and promote. Members would still be encouraged to attend other rallies, but this would be on a case-by-case basis of members willing to attend, and for availability of the display and merchandise.</p> <p>The agreed sanctioned events are proposed to be;</p> <p>Melbourne Steam & Tractor STEAMFEST Rally – Ferntree Gully, Vic 8-10 MARCH</p> <p>Contact Rob Fern or Jamie Loaring for more info. Planning is well underway, theme will be Traxcavators & graders but all machines welcome. Flyers done</p>		

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**Korumburra Working horse & tractor rally – Nyora, Vic
15-16 MARCH**

Contact Daryl Robins, Steve or Ben Jackel for more info.
Flyers being updated to include ACMOC logo.

ACMOC event @ Beckett's – Exeter, Tas 4-5 APRIL

This a specific ACMOC event, initial meeting held contact
Doug Hagen or Stuart Macdonald for more info.

**Wheatlands Ag. Museum Rally – Warracknabeal, Vic
19-20 APRIL**

Contact Col Warrick for more info, tractor pull will be
running, camping and catering will be onsite, and evening
dinners plenty of room for crawlers and can dig if we want
too in the allocated area. Flyers done.

**Lake Goldsmith 'Caterpillar' rally – Lake Goldsmith,
Vic 1-2 NOVEMBER**

Contact Mark Hutchings for more info. Planning already
underway for additional public parking to allow for
additional float parking.

- Other events to be aware of.

Wheels at Wanaka – New Zealand 18-20 April

Diesel, Dirt & Turf – Eastern Creek, NSW 16-18 May

Supporting Chapter 29

Eastern Hills – Hartley, SA 23-25 May

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Earthmoving Legacy Centre, Iowa USA September

Planning is for this to be the largest of 5 shows being
supported by Caterpillar in the USA. More details to come.

Henty Field days – Henty, NSW 23-25 Sep

Supporting Chapter 29

- Spec boards for displays

An initiative to offer limited edition PVC spec boards for any
member that displays a tractor at a sanctioned event is
planned to be funded by the Club. This will drive pre-
registration and provide a unique keepsake. More details
to come shortly. Members will still be required to register
with the individual rally directly as well.

<p>16</p>	<p>General business</p> <p>- New ATO tax rulings</p> <p>The NHMA brought to our attention changes to the Federal Tax Ruling for not-for-profit organisations, reducing the activities which qualify to be tax exempt, in an effort to charge Clubs like ours corporate tax on profits.</p> <p>In summary, there are three options;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update our constitution to better align our activities to qualify as a “community welfare club” as part of a tax exemption self-assessment, as other Clubs have done. 2. Accept the ruling and pay tax at corporate rate of 25 cents in the dollar, and this would be applied retrospectively for the 2023-24 FY. Remembering we uniquely don’t generate any operating revenue from memberships we fund the Chapters activities from sales of goods. 3. Ignore the changes. <p>GSlocombe asked if any members have a contact with tax experience that could offer the committee advice. Some like Clubs with an ABN have reported already having their bank accounts frozen due to the new ruling.</p> <p>A copy of the information provided by the NHMA tax agent was available at the meeting for members to review.</p> <p>- Visit from Jann Meermans</p> <p>Doug Hagen has spoken to Jann Meermans former ACMOC director and current magazine editor, about having him come out to Australian in 2025 to visit the Tassie rally and/or other regions. Jann has been working tirelessly to keep the magazine running for the benefit of all members. Doug has already solicited donations from himself, Dick Beckett and Brendan Cornfoot to help with his airfares and have offered him free accommodation.</p> <p>MHutchings suggested that he would support an official invitation from Chapter 19, but that any financial support should be from philanthropic donations. This was endorsed from the floor along with additional offers for accommodation and support to make Jann feel welcome.</p>		<p>Secretary to formally invite Jann to visit in 2025.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Next meeting:. TBC.</p>		
<p>20</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 6:25pm</p> <p>Mark thanked everyone for attending and Peter Slocombe for cooking the BBQ.</p>		