



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 14 October 2018 at 1.30pm

Andamooka Community Hall, Opal Creek Blvd, Andamooka SA 5722

Minutes taken: C Mitchell / written C Mitchell / G Rowley

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ITEM #			ACTION:
1	WELCOME	Meeting opened: 1.35pm	
1.1.	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Committee: John Wilby (Chair) Ian Thompson (Vice Chair/ sub Treasurer) Gill Rowley (Secretary / Treasurer), Claudia Mitchell (Minutes Secretary) Committee Members: Anthony Johnson, Brenton Musolino, John Smirnios, Donna Waters</p> <p>Financial Members Present Richard Hawkins, APOMA Project & Maintenance Manager. G McDevitt M McDevitt S Hobbs M French Brenda Ivetic Hayley Holland Ray Christensen Elizabeth Christensen Katalin Wilby Anne Nichols Caroline Christensen Ivan (John) Unic Dee Adams Lester Rowley B McFarlane G Franklin</p> <p>In Attendance: Dean Adams – community member Keith Brown – community member</p> <p>24 Financial Members Present Quorum confirmed.</p>	
2	APOLOGIES	Apologies: Charles Sim, Bill Addington, Heather Gordon, Julie Franklin, Rodney Mitchell, Rose McKenzie, Tanya Simpson, Sarah Voumard (NRM), Bec Johnson.	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Minutes of previous member meetings were presented for adoption:	

4	LODGEMENT OF PROXIES	A total of 1 Proxy was lodged from: K McDonald (proxy S Bilka) and declared invalid as S Bilka was not present at the meeting.	
5	PRESENTATION OF REPORTS	G Rowley advised that the reports will be published in a 2017-18 Annual Report which will be distributed via the Newsletter and placed on the website.	
5.1.	CHAIRMANS REPORT	Tabled: J Wilby presented an overview of his report and thanked various members of the community for their valuable contributions across the year.	
5.2	TREASURERS REPORT	<p>Tabled: Presented by Treasurer, G Rowley and sub-Treasurer, Ian Thompson who gave an overview of the actions taken by the Committee over the previous financial year to establish the current stable financial status of the Association, with all grant obligations met, asset values and insurances revised, and a functional budget created over a challenging year.</p> <p>G Rowley provided an explanation of the expanded list of accounts, noting that despite concern expressed by the committee to members in general meetings that outstanding past grants being cleared may require funds to be accessed from the Interest Raiser Account, that that account had maintained its balance for the year due to assistance from the OCA utilising surplus funds from other CARM budget items and also from increased APOMA income streams.</p> <p>New accounts included an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Allocated Funds account</i> into which funds allocated to specific projects and activities and replacements are kept until required. - Recently: <i>Town Asset Maintenance account</i> into which funds allocated from the CARM budget for this purpose are banked quarterly and will be withdrawn as required providing the community a clear picture of where town maintenance funds are being spent. <p>A further new arrangement for more effective use of CARM funding is APOMA taking on the OCA Goods and Services contract, which now allows for a team of 4 people working extended hours over 5 days/week (many of which are volunteer hours) from the town office on projects, maintenance, general management, events and marketing.</p> <p>Careful budgeting together with grant funding will assist development to increase visitor numbers, build on community services and employment opportunities, as well as to sustain existing and to encourage new business, which should in turn encourage population growth towards a sustainable future for the town.</p>	

		Recognition was given to a number of people who had worked on and with the Committee on a raft of tasks over the year, in particular Richard Hawkins and the CDP crew, and also recognised all those who had worked in the interest of the community via support for projects, events and activities, many of which would not have happened otherwise.	
5.3	PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	The 2017/18 financial statements provided by Up-to-Date Consultancy, were presented by G Rowley on screen showing a sound financial position and a small operational deficit. GR responded to questions from the floor assisted by sub-Treasurer, I Thompson with all questions resolved.	
5.4	DEVELOPMENT REPORT	G Rowley provided an overview of developments that had been achieved and/or gained grant funding over the past financial year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The outstanding grant and installation for solar pedestrian lights has been finalised. - A grant was secured for and work is proceeding on, the community kitchen/workshop set as a priority by the community. - A second grant will provide for workshop fit-out and \$1000 was carried over from 17-18 events towards kitchen fit-out which will cost around \$6000 in total. To date a further \$1500 has been raised from 18-19 events. - Two grants provided a total of \$15,000 to fund the community gardens project as part of the greening Andamooka and sustainable community 'bush foods' projects. - Grants have provided equipment critical to successful events including the mobile movie kit and portable shade shelters. - Caravan & Camp Ground developments have resulted in substantially increased visitation with longer stays greatly attributed to access to power resulting in an approximate 30% increase in donations received. GR gave recognition to the dedication and value of the CDP Crew. She highlighted the value to the community in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The extent of the work at no cost to the community which significantly offsets costs for tasks covered under the CCS contribution, - The in-kind value in terms of gaining grants and the value of the grants on a one to one or two to one, dollar value. A brief overview was provided of identified priority projects for 2018-19 which will be presented for discussion and prioritisation at the next Open Community Forum.	

5.5	FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE REPORT	<p>R Hawkins provided an overview of the multitude of tasks undertaken for town maintenance and projects across 2017-18. List was displayed on screen.</p> <p>RH bought attention to the CDP crew's hard work and dedication, also to that of volunteers and the contractors who have assisted with projects, effectively reducing costs to the community.</p>	
6	APTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS	<p>Motion: That the reports as presented be accepted.</p> <p>Moved: M French 2nd: G Franklin All in favour Carried</p>	
6.1	BUSINESS ARISING	<p>6.1.1. B McFarlane raised his concern with the records for the contributions via the community contribution scheme and the extent of CARM funding.</p> <p>JW - responded that this was on record as a concern of this committee which was under discussion with due process with the OCA.</p> <p>The community will be kept informed via open community forums, open meetings and the newsletter.</p> <p>6.1.2. K Wilby raised her concern with the use of social media by some members of the community which she believed had detrimental effects on the association, the committee and also volunteers. She suggested that a code of conduct for members should be introduced to make members more accountable for their actions.</p> <p>This was met with some resistance from the floor as it was stated that the constitution already covers adverse actions by members.</p> <p>GR responded that this was correct, but that prevention may be better than the difficult task of taking action against members which can be fraught with legal issues.</p> <p>Also that a code of conduct was a common practice of associations and was mentioned in the APOMA management plan for both members and committee members.</p> <p>GR put the notion to members that drafts can be made for each which can be put to members and the community at open forums for discussion and set down for adoption by members at the March general meeting.</p> <p>Members present supported this action.</p>	
7	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p>JW announced that the motion proposed under nominations (item 6.1) for continuation of a 10 member committee was no longer required as the adoption of the revised constitution provided for a 10 member committee.</p>	

		<p>He thanked the committee for their dedication and support and thanked Charlie Sim, retiring, for his work over the past year.</p> <p>The Chair was passed to M French to conduct the elections.</p> <p>M French, on behalf of the members, gave recognition to the committee for their dedication over the past year.</p> <p>7.1. Members not due for retirement: Charles Sim, Claudia Mitchell, Donna Waters, Brenton Musolino, Anthony Johnson, John Wilby.</p> <p>7.2. Retiring members: Charles Sim, Ian Thompson, John Smirnios, Gill Rowley</p> <p>7.3. Retiring members re-standing: Ian Thompson, John Smirnios, Gill Rowley</p> <p>7.4. Nominations received: Julie Franklin: – nominated: D Waters 2nd: R McKenzie</p> <p>Dee Adams nominated: H Holland 2nd: Ian Thompson</p> <p>M French - As there is one member retiring leaving 8 existing members standing as elected or for re-election, and two eligible nominations received for election for a total of 10 the committee of 10 can be instated unopposed.</p> <p>Motion: That the 3 members standing for re-election and 2 members nominated for election are elected onto the committee.</p> <p>Moved: A Heath 2nd: M McDevitt All in favour Carried</p>	
7.2.	APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER	<p>A Heath agreed to continue in the role of Public Officer.</p> <p>There being no objections from the floor, it was declared that he would hold the position for the next term.</p>	
8	GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>J Wilby resumed the Chair in care-taker mode pending election of officers at the next ordinary committee meeting set down for 16 October 2018.</p> <p>8.1. Budget Report 2017-18 & proposed budget for 2018-19 – presented G Rowley</p> <p>8.1.1. 2017-18 budget results shown on screen. The budget achieved the aim of putting the association and associated financials in a stable position from which to move forward.</p>	

		<p>9.2. B McFarlane questioned why APOMA had not kept miners more informed on the ILUA. J Wilby responded that any news provided to the Committee was passed on to members and with an agreement pending, a meeting had been called with members to provide them with details around that. In line with recent requests from local miners the intention is for quarterly miners' meetings to be held.</p> <p>9.3. E Christensen raised the question around mining at the old airport in proposed new boundaries and how that will be managed. J Wilby suggested that she should speak directly to the Manager, Opal Fields or raise the question at the next miners meeting where he will be present, proposed for prior to end of November.</p> <p>9.4. Member B McFarlane raised issues he has with the CARM Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly accusing Secretary G Rowley of concealing from the members an unidentified document he claimed to have 'served' on her (no date specified) relating to the CARM Agreement. GR responded that she did not know what he was referring to. B McF responded that she did know and that she was aware of what she had done to conceal the document and deliberately mislead the members. <i>There was no supporting documentation lodged at the meeting by B McFarlane.</i> • His concern that the Committee is misleading the members and that the Association is acting illegally by taking on the CARM Agreement and • that the agreement as enforced by the OCA was not legal. Chairman J Wilby responded that this was a community matter that should be raised in a community forum and also with the OCA. That the members AGM is not the appropriate forum for this discussion and he referred the issue to the next Open Community Forum. <p>There were no questions raised from the floor and no objection from members to this directive.</p>	
10	CLOSURE OF MEETING	There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.	
Meeting closed at 3.21pm			

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____ 2019