

AHMF Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15 May 2024 via Zoom

1. Opening 7.30pm EDST (7.30pm Qld; 7pm S.A.; 5.30pm W.A)

Present: David Berne, President; Terry Thompson, Vice-President; Keith Mortimer, Treasurer (not for the whole meeting); Chris Hillbrick-Boyd, Secretary; Christine Stevens, Editor; Jenny Fawbert, Hugh Davis, Neil Athorn, Neville Launer, Mike Beale, Max Beale, Denise Clydesdale-Gebert, Neville Horner, Albert Budworth, Boyd Symington, John Goddard, Colin Kiel.

Apologies: Tony O'Donnell (NSW)

2. President: Welcome – David Berner. Welcome to those for the first time: Boyd Symington and Neville Horner

3. Treasurer's Report: Keith Mortimer : Bank Balances:

Cheque A/c 032 558 183308 **\$11299.77**

Term Deposit 032 736 372161 **\$32827.10** (no change)

I also confirm the organisation is liquid and can pay all anticipated liabilities as they fall due.

Monies out: Deposit for AGM for function venue, and donation to Robert Shannon Foundation.

No questions.

4. Secretary Report: Chris Hillbrick-Boyd

a. CHMC letter to President, AHMF - circulated prior to the meeting

David: Gave his apologies and said that as he was busy when it came in, he assumed the letter was from the Canberra Council and was surprised to realise it came from CHMC. He asked Mike and Max if there was any way AHMF can appease CHMC. Max explained that at the CHMC General Meeting there was a motion to not renew affiliation with AHMF and this was passed with no objections and no alternative ideas put forward. The feeling from the members was that there seems to be a lot of talk but little action from AHMF. No reflection on David, but it is a long-term problem of lots of discussion but no progression forward. Continuing discussion on asbestos in vehicles gets thrashed around, when Border Force told us years ago No means No and Luxury Car Tax is continually flogged but goes nowhere. Difficult to talk as an individual - cannot say anything that would make a difference.

Keith: is it a done deal? Is there a way to retain CHMC as a member?

Max: CHMC talks about AHMF to its members all the time, and still, many do not even know what RSF is.

David: greatest respect for Mike and Max, who have helped David over the past little time.

Regarding asbestos there is an ongoing role to play. Other groups raise it, but the SA Govt (or is that Australian Government) said no means no. People want to bring in cars, have them stripped down to ensure no asbestos, and owners left with the results, there is an ongoing role there.

Mention of associate members – CHMC encouraged associate membership, even moved the motion. Trying to get other people into AHMF to spread the word.

Jenny: yes CHMC promoted Associate Members idea not so much concerned about associate membership as it is a good idea bringing in other groups, but what our members were concerned about was our annual fee was \$500 and not seeing any tangible benefits to them for belonging.

Also, the costs of delegates attending the AGMs can come to about \$2000. Nothing to show for the last decade or two of any action that relates to AHMF as stated in its constitution. Not attacking associate memberships, they receive the same benefits except for a vote as full membership. Where is the full \$500 annual value to our members.

David: value comes from the efforts of the delegates that belong to AHMF on behalf of the clubs. The finger is pointed at everyone who belongs.

Jenny: CHMC advises its members about AHMF, they know the name AHMF, but do not see any concrete things from AHMF. Apart from Christine's newsletter that is getting some response.

David: My own opinion, AHMF is a well-kept secret within the movement and outside the movement. The idea of the newsletter was in trying to get a footprint to achieve some of the goals we have set. At the moment we are exploring insurance options, Canberra Uni survey that is going on.

Jenny: And what part of the survey has AHMF taken part in, the preparation and survey questions and format, has AHMF contributed?

David: We have contributed at the meetings.

Jenny: you have been at the meetings, but the survey has been formed by about 3 or 4 people.

David: I have had several conversations regarding the questions, certainly had AHMF input into the survey.

Jenny: CHMC letter to AHMF reflects the members attitudes at the General Meeting. They want to see value for money.

David: cannot speak from the past, some of the projects are moving forward. Reading from the Minutes can see the efforts people have put into asbestos and luxury car tax. Agree with W.A. that we could do some things differently.

Keith: is there any way we can approach this to have CHMC change its decision?

Jenny: We have discussed this at CHMC committee, and I don't think we came up with anything tangible to make a difference.

Colin: AMMA received the same letter from Parkes Museum except for the names and I've attempted to get the Parkes people to change their minds. However, Parkes is no longer a member, and there is no turning back.

Jenny: CHMC letter is an original letter by the Committee; I don't know anything about Parkes Museum letter.

David: thanks to CHMC for the efforts put in over the years, particularly Mike and Maxine who have been members for many years. We shall miss you.

Neil: was offended by the thoughts reflected in the letter. He described the various activities that have received AHMF active input over the years across the country, especially since 2000.

Jenny: CHMC did not intend to offend. Not aimed at any one person. Aimed at AHMF that has a constitution with goals and objectives, but it has not been working assiduously to achieve them for a while. There have been events, and the survey, was it in 2006, was a wonderful achievement but has not been followed up; the 2010 survey seemed to die. Our members did not see value for money.

Christine: Survey was used by government departments.

Regarding Robert Shannon foundation: because CHMC will not be renewing, the consequence is that the CHMC applicant for RSF grant cannot be given as the financial year is 30th June, and assessment is in September and CHMC will no longer be financial and therefore not a member. RSF would be unable to undertake the necessary follow ups if a grant was given.

Would CHMC consider remaining a member but not attend the AGM for a year or two?

Max: I cannot say if that would go down well or not. I think you are either part of the process or you are not.

Christine: gave examples of CHMC RSF successful applicants in the past

Max: It is our membership and relationship with RSF that is not understood by CHMC members. No financial reports from AHMF because it is now a separate identity, and our delegates have difficulty understanding the relationship between the RSF and AHMF.

Christine: RSF cannot give a financial report.

Albert: this is going round and round in circles. We need to look at insurances, get something done about insurances, like we did a few years ago.

David: Hugh and Keith have been working hard, and there will be updates to AHMF delegates at the AGM.

The door is always open to CHMC, wish you all the best for the future, and we will need a secretary for the AGM.

5. AHMF Website: Update by Christine Stevens: everything up-to-date, a couple of logos missing. Newsletter missing.

David: the website is working as he received a message from the Edward River Motoring Enthusiasts Group and have a flyer for their National Motoring Heritage Day event, downloaded the AHMF banner (requested permissions from David). Noted the AHMF from the Spoke N Hub Torque newsletters.

Jenny: thanks to Christine and Keith, the suggestions we three made are working well; the website is now optimised across all the formats.

6. Newsletter: Christine Stevens Spoke'n'Hub Torque

Mike: reading through the newsletter noticed a few mistakes that would probably be picked up if Christine had a proof reader.

David: it is improving every issue and people are looking for it. He will get the President's report to Christine by Monday.

Christine: deadline 16th May but she will extend the deadline by a few days.

7. Robert Shannon Foundation: Update: Christine Stevens has received 4 applications, but can only accept 3 as the 4th is from CHMC and will no longer be qualified to be assessed. Not received all the information requested. Thanked Denise for WA's well-presented application with all the information needed. Consequently, Christine has not given all the applications to the assessors. The deadline to State bodies was 1 May, and to the RSF from a state body by 1 June and will be assessed in September. Brody, a recipient with an Austin Healey is still going strong – a family connection.

8. AGM 2024: Update Hugh Davis

Accommodation has been finalized.

Details ready for delegates. Needs to be sent to everyone.

Sara Clarke confirmed she has 2 assistants with her topics: grants, electrifying vehicles and ICV and the CEO from Bay to Birdwood talking about the electrifying of vehicles and behind the scene the government has allowed them. Interesting topics for everybody.

David: insurance company – he understands that representation will be sent down from Sydney being State representative and the manager for the insurance for Not-for-Profit organisations; does the insurance for the National Machinery Group.

David: National Machinery Group has a bulk buy type situation – some delegates believe that this is not possible. Interested to understand how it is happening and to learn from it. Vehicle clubs are hurting, events not happening as a result of insurance issues.

AGM Agenda needs to be circulated. The agenda may be tweaked but the arrival and exit times will not be changed so that delegates can make travel etc arrangements.

Wish to come away with is a list of challenges, and what we want to achieve this year. Putting together guidelines that enthusiasts can use e.g. for those bringing in cars without having them pulled apart looking for asbestos.

Hugh: S.A. Transport Minister has declined to attend. Understand that David has someone else to replace as a speaker. AON speakers. Any questions for Hugh.

Shirts: Hugh: difficult to sort shirts until after the applications forms are sent out.

9. OHA: Update: Jenny Fawbert: Work proceeding with the University of Canberra fossil fuels project. The survey format is in its final version; awaiting Academic Ethics Committee approval as it is a University funded project. Trial surveys going out to various sectors to check them out : aviation, machinery and so on. Shaping up very well.

Again, approached Minister Burke reminding him that 12 months ago the revived national cultural policy was a priority including the updating of Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986. Despite OHA's best efforts there has been no action for the last 15 months – a letter has been sent to the Minister to apply pressure in an attempt to get some action.

David: Assured everybody AHMF has its logo on the documentation going out and will be asking our members to support the survey when it is released. Alison Wayne has written to AHMF requesting funding support. UC is currently providing all the funding. UC survey requires help funding for a research assistant who is important to the survey. Research Assistant UC Level 5 and is putting in about 6 hours per week about \$380 per week, asking for part or all of this cost. Well worthwhile supporting, the data it will raise will be helpful if not essential. Argument based on what will be the cost of fuel if we cannot get it at a reasonable rate? The outcome will be provided to fuel companies, government groups and all the stakeholders. Suggest an initial amount of \$2000.

Motion: AHMF to provide University of Canberra fossil fuels project for part payment for a UC Research Assistant Level 5 for the amount of \$2000

Moved: David Berner **Seconded:** Hugh Davis Carried
David will find out from Alison the method of payment.

Following a question from Christine about representation on OHA, David is on the committee and attending as many meetings as possible.

Jenny: OHA formed by Neil, Jenny, Michael Hough and a few other people – to involve the vehicle sector - went through CHMC and then to AHMF – that's the chain of connection.

10. Other Items:

1. AMFH Survey: Terry Thompson CMC, AOMC and QHMC all contributed to this survey. 6,300 respondents to the survey, included individuals as well as clubs. Determined that \$9.9 billion is spent on our passion. Data available to put to the government and politicians. Validation to what we say and do.

2. Canberra Uni Survey: a. potential to provide some funding. See above under 9. OHA.

11. State Matters: Standing Item. Impact of state issues with national significance. Differing Councils within States can communicate.

David: suggestions from delegates what AHMF should be discussing for the next 12 months to discuss at the AGM and formulate plans to move forward. To ensure plans are measurable to achieve goals.

Colin: AMMA conference in Japan. All welcome to attend under the AMMA banner. Number of attendees is disappointing despite Toyota and the Japanese organisation efforts to make the conference a success. Pre-conference tour Honda, Mazda, Nissan, and Toyota. The Japanese vehicle manufacturers have pledged huge amounts of money. A once in a life-time event.

Terry: NMHD – NSW councils concerned about the amount of rain forecast as there are a number of large displays organised.

12. Zoom Meeting dates for the remainder of 2024; decided on 3rd Wednesday of the month:

July: Wednesday 17; **September:** AGM; **November** Wednesday 20.

13. Close: 8.45pm Next Meeting: Wednesday 17 July @ 7.30pm EST, SA 7.00pm WA 5.30pm