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“MEHC – AGM 2010”

The following content is a brief summation from the recent MEHC AGM held at the AAMME on 13 Nov 2010.

OPENING ADDRESS and CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Greg Bowyer – MEHC Chairman)

MEHC Board Meetings: The board is meeting every 2 months.

Resignation: Laurie Koster (Company Secretary) resignation due to increased work – (Thanks for the excellent effort). At this point Laurie will provide assistance for the website and will remain a member. We need a new company secretary!

Newsletters: Still continuing to roll out consistently – Thanks to personnel contributing pictures and comments.

Highlights: Many to speak of, thanks to all respective personnel; AAMME, Volunteers and SME staff and personnel.

Highlights from attending personnel:

150th Exhibition: Phil Hurren thanked the volunteers for their effort and Pam Browne for her event leadership.

AWTA: Cec Weekes thanked the holistic group and key personnel as the AWTA are very happy to have been integrated.

John Busuttill: Thanked Pam Browne for exhibition project management. Thanks to Bob Rasmussen for his dedication on an ongoing project. (*Editor's note: I cannot say what it is, you will all have to follow the newsletters – stay tuned!*)

Bill Johnson: Thanked Pam Browne for leading the volunteers in getting the heritage 'stuff' out there for people to see.

Museum Manager: Advised that Phil Hurren has completed a Museum Conservation course. Thanked other quiet achievers: Carol Cook and Paul Cousins for their work that is carrying on behind the scenes.

Closing comments by the Chairman:

Governance: The MEHC is meeting respective ASIC requirements.

Expenditure: A bigger year than previous; key items were AAMME audio visual equipment and company laptop.

Board Vacancies: There are several vacancies; including the Company Secretary role – This must be filled!

OHS & E: Safety is always an ongoing issue, there will be some changes emanating from the ADF; remain active.

AHU HQ: Advised that the AAMME and support is recognised as doing a great job in promoting heritage.

School Package: An excellent package to get the message out there to a younger audience; thanks to Pam Browne.

150th Anniversary of the Victorian Volunteer Engineer Corps: An outstanding effort to all involved – how good is it!

CO SME REPORT (LTCOL Mark Coyle – Apology due to operational demands)

TREASURERS REPORT (Peter Raue – MEHC Director)

Current Position: Sound financial position. Excellent donations / sponsorship i.e. Interlink Roads (Rex Wright). The company now has a single laptop for ease of meeting ASIC requirements.

Auditor: Pringle, Moriarty and Company voted in as the auditor for forthcoming year.

Thanks: Thanks to John Pendergast for his day to day business involvement.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS (Required by rotation IAW constitution)

Mr Cec Weekes and Mr Pater Raue: Both re-elected.

Vacancies: Many spare directors positions and finding a company secretary will be critical to ongoing good work.

MUSEUM MANAGER REPORT (MAJ Bob Petrenko)

Staff: WO1 Mick Dunne will be leaving at the end of the year due to the position being civilianised. The intention is to get this position filled ASAP pending approval by AHU HQ.

Weekend visitor access: As of 01 Nov 2010, the museum will not be open on weekends due to ADF requirements initiated by the LMA. This is expected to remain until the end of December.

Safety: A representative from the volunteers is requested to fill the role of the impending HRS (Health, Risk and Safety) position. The nominated person will, be placed on an appropriate course.

AAMME Induction Training: This is mandatory for all personnel wishing to conduct work type activities. The next proposed training session will be – 04 Dec 2010. Note: NO INDUCTION = NO WORK. The MEHC support this policy.

ADF Governance: The OHS aspects are ongoing. All activities will (and must) have a risk assessment carried out prior to the task being conducted or undertaken.

Relocation to Holsworthy: It is still on – it's a matter of 'when'. Current schedule looks like; 2011 will be the design phase and 2013 will be 'blades engaging the ground'. If there is any more news it will be advised. Once in new location the access will be near the SME. The AAMME will be co-located with another museum (i.e. Military Police). We will be in the 'Business Precinct', this means great exposure and visitor access.

Thanks: Thanks to all Volunteers, AAMME staff, SME Staff and personnel and the MEHC.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RAE Vietnam Memorial Committee: Currently they have funds banked with us. This entity is now a sanctioned group and moved a motion that the agreed value of funds be delivered back as they will be re-investing and fundraising for the memorial to be constructed to the original design once the re-location takes place. This motion was carried.

Key Heritage Items: It was raised that we must ensure that all key items (not only inside building and on inventories) be accounted for so they can be re-located. AAMME advised that key heritage type personnel had been engaged and if personnel think something may have been missed they should contact the AAMME staff.

Next AGM: Scheduled for the 05 November 2011, 10.00am start.

MEETING CLOSURE

The chairman hoped that all personnel could stay for the official 150th Anniversary exhibition opening at 2:30pm.

The meeting was closed at: 12:30pm.

Attendee Summary

There were 25 attendees and very good interest / discussion from the floor.

BBQ Lunch

All attending personnel were invited to attend a BBQ lunch at the RAE SGT's Mess prior to the 150th Exhibition opening.

Keep an eye out for a newsletter on the 'From Humble Beginnings' exhibition! (It was an AAMME milestone event)

