



The Concrete Pumping Association of Australia Inc.

Minutes

Annual General Meeting 2011/2012

Of the Concrete Pumping Association Inc.

27th July 2011

Liverpool Catholic Club

Meeting opened at 8pm

The President, Mario Battistini, opened the meeting and welcomed all members to the AGM.

Present:

Mario Battistini	President
Mick Wherritt	Vice President
David Bond	Treasurer
Andrew Mitchell	Secretary
Michelle Bass	Minutes
Ian Moore	
Peter Loveday	
Matt Boyer	
Jamie Hilton	
Damien McTurnon	
John Muldoon	
Dave Thomas	
Gary Howell	
Chris Berdie	
Silvano Gaschetti	

Apologies:

Brad Pretti
Warrick Pretti
Brian Callahan Jnr
Brian Callahan Snr
Peter Lethbridge



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Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted and endorsed by the member forum.

Moved: D Bond
Seconded: M Wherritt

Accounts and Auditor Report for 2010/2011

D Bond spoke to the agenda item. A copy of the Annual Report 2011 was tabled for all member's information.

David advised that the accounts for the financial year ending 30th June 2011 were audited. Stocktake of all stationery items had been completed also. David also advised that a term deposit account had been set up for surplus funds. In addition, accounting software (MYOB) and a laptop owned by CPAA has been purchased to assist with the ongoing administration and accounts for the Association.

The Committee were advised that CPAA have an online banking facility which will require at least two authorisations for all transactions.

David recommended that the current auditors remain with the Association for the next financial year accounts audit. This was accepted by the forum.

The accounts report was accepted by the forum.

Presidents Report 2010/2011

A brief Presidents report is included within the Annual Report 2011.

The President reported to the forum concerns raised at the AGM 2009/2010 in relation the former CEO holding various positions within the Association. The President reported that these concerns are no longer an issue for the Association.

The President advised that the 2010 annual pumpers picnic saw a downturn in attendee's, however, the event highlighted a positive outcome. The President recommended further Committee involvement will be required for future annual picnic events.



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The President advised that a Committee meeting was held on the morning of the picnic to discuss CPAA having more member involvement with the event. The former CEO offered to assist during the transition by handing over all CPAA property, log books, stickers and all administration paperwork.

Discussion was held in relation to purchasing software, a computer and improvements to the CPAA website. The development of the website has commenced and is ongoing.

Members are now able to download order forms for log books, stickers and safety manuals from the website which are then forwarded to Jenece for processing.

The President advised that discussions with Snap Printing have commenced to further discuss a strategy for members to easily place and receive stationery orders.

The President informed the forum of a Committee meeting held on 28th August 2010 in the presence of legal representation. This meeting was held to further discuss the current CPAA Constitution and how CPAA can become a National Association.

Advice from the legal representative advised that the Association will require registration with ASIC. A model for this new registration requirement to include NSW Office Bearers and external positions from other States, will be drafted for members consideration and endorsement – via a voting procedure.

Legal advice and discussions are ongoing in relation to this matter.

A Mitchell asked if the member vote must be 75% of the membership. The President advised this is correct.

D Bond advised that constitutional changes may be recommended by the Committee and then endorsed by members.

P Loveday reminded the forum that proxy votes are important during these constitutional changes.

G Howell asked if the constitution allows for a non member to hold a position on the Committee?

The President advised that only members (not employees) can be Committee members. Legal advice received reflects the changes CPAA are currently working with are correct.

The President also advised that the revision of the Log Books has commenced and is an ongoing project.



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Frequency of meetings was discussed .

The ongoing development of the safety manual is being undertaken by D Thomas is in progress.

The President briefed the Committee on operational changes to CPAA during the last financial year.

A Committee meeting was held on 28th September 2010 with the majority of the Committee endorsed members only to hold the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. This endorsement reflected legal advice given to CPAA on this matter.

The former CEO was not accepting of this change and advised that he would seek legal advice on the matter. To date, CPAA have not received a legal response from the former CEO or his legal representative.

No evidence of CPAA taking incorrect/illegal action has been forthcoming, therefore, CPAA will continue to operate as per the legal advice received by CPAA's representative.

A sub Committee met on the 18th October 2010 to resolve outstanding concerns of the Association's operations.

The President advised the forum of the concerns raised at the sub Committee meeting in relation to the distribution of correspondence by the former CEO to CPAA members and stakeholders.

Legal action (show cause) was endorsed by the President, Vice President and Treasurer with the Committee's approval. Again, no reply to this legal correspondence has been received from the former CEO or his legal representative.

The former CEO resigned his position and signed a Deed of Release with the CPAA on 7th March 2011. An ex gratia payment was made to the former CEO in an act of good faith by CPAA. However, further actions of the former CEO lead to breaches of the Deed of Release. The President advised that legal advice has been sought in relation to actions that may be taken by CPAA in relation to the breaches of the Deed of Release. Legal correspondence has been sent to the former CEO's legal representative to request the communication to CPAA members cease.

In closing the President requested that members offer support and give feedback on the many changes coming up for the Association in 2011/2012. The President advised that changes are for the benefit of the Association and it's members.



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It was noted that the Committee has supported all decisions on the major operational changes.

P Loveday responded by advising the forum of his involvement in investigating the issues arising from the former CEO. Peter agreed that miscommunication and misunderstanding to members was a concern. Peter advised that he is supportive of the actions taken to date by the Committee and gives his support to CPAA.

The President thanked all members and the Committee for their support and co operation during that difficult period of time.

Election of Committee of Management

The President announced the proxy votes from members.

The current CPAA constitution allows for 7 positions of the Executive and Committee.

The President advised the following positions were filled unopposed:

President

Nominee: Mario Battistini *Accepted by Mario Battistini*

Nominated; D Bond Seconded; B Pretti

Vice President

Nominee: Mick Wherritt *Accepted by Mick Wherritt*

Nominated; M Battistini Seconded; Garry Howell

Treasurer

Nominee: David Bond *Accepted by David Bond*

Nominated; M Battistini Seconded; B Pretti

Secretary

Nominee: Andrew Mitchell *Accepted by Andrew Mitchell*

Nominated; M Battistini Seconded; D Thomas



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Committee Members

Peter Loveday *Accepted by Peter Loveday*

Matt Boyer *Accepted by Matt Boyer*

Dave Thomas *Accepted by Dave Thomas*

Positions declared for financial year 2011/2012.

All in favour of the positions – carried.

The President advised that he currently holds the position of public officer for registration and Fair Trading submissions.

Appointment of Auditor 2011/2012

D Bond advised that the current auditor Leone Saxby, Saxby Cunningham remain the auditor for the current financial year.

Moved: D Bond

Seconded: M Wherritt

Being no further business, the President closed the CPAA AGM at 8.50pm.