



The Concrete Pumping Association of Australia Inc.

General Meeting of CPAA Members

27th July 2011

Liverpool Catholic Club

Meeting opened 9.05pm

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

Present:

Mario Battistini	President/Chair
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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Action Items

Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were no previous minutes to approve.

All to note.

Acceptance of new Members

The Chair advised of the following new CPAA Members;

CC's Concrete Pumping (NSW)
Nominated: M Battistini
Seconded: D Bond

Bonnyville Consulting (VIC)
Nominated: M Battistini
Seconded: D Bond

Kellol Concrete Pumping (VIC)
Nominated: M Battistini
Seconded: D Bond

Macquarie Concrete Pumping (NSW)
Nominated: M Battistini
Seconded: D Bond

All new member applications were accepted.

All to note.

Correspondence – email alerts

The Chair advised that there is no correspondence for this meeting.



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Treasurers Report

D Bond advised that this report was delivered at this Evenings AGM.

D Bond reminded all members that payments for stationery should be made on time. As a not for profit Association, CPAA cannot give large credit amounts To members.

All to note.

Market Report

Victoria

M Boyer advised that this year was more positive than last year. However, work had ceased in the last 12 months. There has been an increase in infrastructure and high rise residential construction. Matt advised that single dwelling residential construction has decreased.

NSW

P Loveday advised residential construction is slow. However, he has also noted the increase in infrastructure construction works and high rise developments.

Qld

G Howell reported an increase in infrastructure construction, however, that residential construction has ceased in Qld.

D McTurnon advised that residential construction is slow therefore, owner operators are not purchasing. Damien reported that projects are mostly large infrastructure or commercial construction.

J Hilton reported that information from the architectural industry highlights that approvals for construction projects have been held up since 2007 and are now being released. Jamie advised that from this information it suggests that projects should increase early 2012.



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D Bond reported to the meeting that financing of machine's is difficult at this present time.

M Wherritt advised that the need for inspection of pumps from construction companies is on the increase.

Mick also reported that there is an increase of operators requiring re assessment by an independent assessor.

Mick advised that many States are promoting the CPAA's Log book to assist raise industry standards.

All to note.

Safe Work Australia (SWA) changes

D Bond briefed members on the upcoming changes to OHS legislation which will affect the industry. CPAA made a submission to SWA in relation to the draft regulations.

In particular, CPAA opposed the annual inspection of Plant and the competency of the inspector.

To date, WorkCover have not discussed these issues With CPAA until the final regulations have been released.

Michelle Bass gave members a brief on the changes to the other industry sectors and the deregulation of plant licensing from the transition period 30th September 2011.

Discussion was held in relation to the changes to work health safety legislation effective in NSW from 1st January 2012.



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Website Amendments

The President advised that the hit counter on the current Website indicates an increase in activity on the CPAA Website.

Discussion was held in relation to a member only field on the website.

Andrew Mitchell commented that once the National Constitution has been completed, there is no requirement to have a member only entry field on the website.

Discussions highlighted the need for more communication with builders as members believe this is a timely opportunity for industry to guidance on certain structural changes with CPAA.

Peter Loveday commented that the Association would move forward by having a structured website which is updated, any new technology within the website will make the site the core of CPAA.

Discussion followed on the administrative operations of CPAA, with the absence of a CEO. The President advised that he is taking member telephone enquiries. The forum agreed that a change in operations is required to ensure that someone is the designated contact point for CPAA on a daily basis.

Andrew Mitchell thanked the President and David Bond for their efforts over the past year and congratulated both on a job well done.

The President confirmed that the website remains an Ongoing project and work will continue until the site is completed.

Peter Loveday suggested the Committee meet to plan a strategy for future needs of the website.



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Pumpers Picnic Day – Magazine

The President advised that the 2011 Magazine had 18 pages advertisements. However, the magazine was very expensive to produce. The President advised that this year's magazine would be downsized to reduce costs.

More editorial from Life Members, photos and the Presidents message will be included with 500 copies ordered.

Discussion followed on the style of the magazine and the costs of production. The President advised that the new format will be available in both hard and electronic copy.

Discussion on the Pumpers Picnic Day was held in relation To the need to increase the number of pump operators to Attend.

The President advised that a BBQ will be held this year, coffee tea and other refreshments will be available with medical resources available also. This year's picnic will not be held in conjunction with Fairfield City Council's open day.

Damien suggested that the magazine could be distributed one month prior to the picnic which may assist with increasing attendance.

The President agreed that more marketing is required, also reminded the forum that more member input is requirement due to limited resources of CPAA.

Former CEO's departure from CPAA

As this matter was covered in detail previously, there were no outstanding issues raised.



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General Business

1. Need for constitutional changes

This agenda item was covered during AGM Agenda.

2. Interstate Meetings – discussion

David Bond advised the following interstate meetings:

1 x Victoria

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2 x NSW

Discussion was held in relation to holding a meeting in conjunction with the Pumpers Picnic and also of the possibility of holding meetings Interstate.

Andrew Mitchell advised that Victoria will be facing the next round of CFMEU agreements – there is an industry specific appendix for concrete pumps. Andrew suggested a meeting is held in Victoria within the next 3 -4 months.

Peter Loveday suggested that general member meetings are held on the same day as Committee meetings.

John Muldoon commented that this evenings meeting has discussed and explored some new and great ideas to move CPAA forward. However, a Mission Statement and KPI's outlined in a business plan is required to capture and assist the Association move forward.

The forum agreed with lack of resources being the only issue which is hindering the CPAA currently.

Moved: John Muldoon

Seconded: Jamie Hilton

Being no further Business the President closed the meeting at 10.34pm.



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