

## Aus7 Modellers Group 2008 AGM Minutes

Date 19/7/08

Minutes Secretary - Trevor Hodges

Present - Trevor Hodges, John Parker, Anthony Furniss, Paul Chisholm, John O'Neill, Matthew Ratcliffe, Ray Rumble, Lionel Pascoe, Ray Graff, Michael Moore, Mark Fisher, Ted Aubrey, Andrew Mac Donald, John Lee, Dave Pallas, Chris Pallas, Bruce Lovett, Warren Clowery, Dave Morris, Bob Rawlins, Roger Porter, Tim Ryan, Keiran Ryan.

Meeting Opened at 1.30pm

1. Keiran Ryan read previous minutes. Moved that they were a true and accurate record of the 2007 AGM. Seconded by W Clowery. Carried Unanimously.
2. Business arising from those minutes. None.
3. President's Report. Keiran Ryan reported that three members had passed away in the previous year and offered condolences on behalf of the membership to those members families. Announced the resignation of Executive member and Newsletter Editor Kim Mihaly. Kim was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the group. Trevor Hodges was also thanked for his contribution to the production of 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven. Keiran spoke about the 2 Forums held during the course of the year and mentioned the module contest held at the Oct 2007 Forum. Keiran thanked all members who had taken on executive roles in the group. Keiran moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by John Parker. Carried Unanimously.
4. Treasurers Report. Roger Porter delivered the Treasurers Report. Roger moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Bob Rawlins. Carried Unanimously.
5. President declared all executive positions vacant and Chris Harris was asked to chair the meeting.

### Nominations for Executive Positions

President – Keiran Ryan was nominated by Bob Rawlings, Seconded by John Parker. Carried Unanimously.

Treasurer – Roger Porter was nominated by Dave Morris, Seconded by Paul Chisholm. Carried Unanimously.

Secretary – Trevor Hodges was nominated by Mark Fisher, Seconded by Keiran Ryan. Carried Unanimously.

Newsletter Editor – Paul Chisholm was nominated by Trevor Hodges, Seconded by Dave Morris. Carried Unanimously.

Vice President – John O'Neill was nominated by Trevor Hodges, Seconded by John Lee. Carried Unanimously.

### 6. General Business

Bruce Lovett raised the issue of membership cards. He felt it would be an advantage to have these issued to members. Discussion about this. Bruce said he thought it would be a good idea to have the back of the membership cards act as a receipt. Keiran replied that we had issued membership cards in the past but that they had imposed a cost on members and had been dropped. He undertook to look at this issue again.

Bruce also suggested that the group should look into running its own model railway exhibition focusing on O-Scale. He suggested hiring a small hall in Sydney for this in Sydney. Keiran spoke to this proposition. He mentioned holding one at Thrilmere

to time with another event and any such undertaking would require volunteers to organize the event. Chris Harris asked whether Bruce might be willing to approach people he knew with layouts that could be put on display and Bruce agreed to do this. Bruce also suggested using the hall at Thornleigh that used to hold the O-Gauge Modellers Workshops. John Lee spoke to the range of layouts that might be available for such an exhibition. Mark Fisher mentioned the amount of rolling stock that is probably sitting in cupboards and suggested that an exhibition might be a good way to encourage modellers to get these out and put them together so they can be displayed at an exhibition. Further discussion centred on some ideas about the best way to promote the scale at Hurstville and at other exhibitions.

John Lee put his name forward to be a co-ordinator of a group dedicated to building a Double Garage sized layout.

Website – Keiran mentioned the group's Yahoo! Site wasn't being used very much and suggested that it might be closed.

Past issues of 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven and how best to make these available was discussed and Keiran said he was working on putting issues on CD to be made available for sale. Keiran mentioned some of the problems around the use of direct debit for paying membership dues.

Dave Morris spoke about the responsibilities taken on by the Executive team. Ovation.

Meeting Closed at 2.30pm