



*The International Organisation
for Fluid Power and Motion
Control Professionals*

THE INTERNATIONAL FLUID POWER SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

2011 Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Annual General Meeting of The International Fluid Power Society of Australia Inc.
held on August 5, 2011, at The Royal Perth Yacht Club.**

Welcome

The President, Tim Bailey opened the meeting at 9:10 pm and welcomed all members and guests.

Meeting attendance apologies

Apologies had been received from Phil Bristow-Stagg and Ben Lee.

AGM 2010 minutes of meeting

The minutes of the 2009 annual general meeting that had been previously posted on the IFPSA website and that had also been printed and copies placed on all of the AGM dinner function tables, were confirmed as correct as proposed by Ian Lavington and seconded by Ian McDonald. The motion was passed unanimously.

Activities of The IFPSA during the last twelve months

The President provided the following information:

Three newsletters have been published since the last AGM. Stuart Coleman, who arranged and published the newsletters, was thanked as were the newsletter contributors and sponsors.

Stuart also maintained the IFPSA website and it continues to receive high levels of hits and flow-on enquiries.

The following activity took place in the training area of The Society's activities over the preceding year:

The IFPSA provided The Fluid Power Society of Victoria with the IFPSA's *Introduction to Hydraulics* training seminar package and it was successfully delivered by a competent fluid power person from FPS Victoria in Melbourne early in 2011. The IFPSA received a fee for providing the package.

In September 2010, IFPSA Vice President Barry Catanach attended the 50th anniversary AGM of The International Fluid Power Society, to which The IFPSA is affiliated, as the IFPSA representative.

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The meeting was held in Philadelphia USA and Barry established valuable personal contacts with the senior people of the IFPS and had discussions with them on the training developments taking place in the two organisations and how various training packages could possibly be cross-linked and made compatible. in the two organisations and how various training packages could possibly be cross-linked and made compatible.

In March 2011, IFPSA committeeman Frank Mulholland attended the USA-based National Fluid Power Association 'Summit' meeting in Las Vegas as the IFPSA representative. The meeting coincided with the USA national fluid power expo and an international CETOP Association meeting. Frank furthered Barry's work in developing contacts with people in the NFPA, discussing fluid power training with them and addressing the summit meeting on the fluid power industry in Australia.

IFPSA committeeman Ian McDonald has sat for and passed the IFPS written examinations to become an IFPS proctor so that he can act as an examiner for people wanting to obtain IFPS certification in Australia. He will be travelling to the IFPS AGM being held in the USA this month to complete the practical part of the examination and also to represent the IFPSA at the AGM and continue the dialogue between the two organisations on training and certification.

Stuart Coleman is currently setting up the IFPSA website so that IFPS internet-delivered, fluid power training seminars ('webinars') can be accessed and downloaded by IFPSA members. The first of the webinars will be available in the next few months.

Ten general committee meetings have been held since the last AGM with all being well attended.

Stuart Coleman has provided a constant output of emailed information to IFPSA members over the last year advising them of fluid power people looking for work, IFPS and BFPA newsletters, general safety alerts and other information.

During the last year, the Society has conducted:

A very successful Golf day at the prestigious Lakeland Country Club with thanks to **K One Fluid Power**, the platinum sponsor, all of the other sponsors, the participants and Ken Fletcher who was the main organiser. Ken was very ably assisted by Stuart Coleman.

A Christmas function at the Irish Club.



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Curriculum Matrix: Ian McDonald and Barry Catanach are doing valuable work in matching the Curriculum Matrix with national training competencies and the IFPS certification system. Thanks are due to Barry Catanach and Ian for the work they're both doing in this area.

High Pressure Hose Assembly (HPHA) registration – progress is slow in gaining acceptance of the registration system in the fluid power industry but interest is growing with major fluid power client companies looking at incorporating a HPHA registration requirement in their engineering specifications as awareness of the inherent danger of HP hose failures increases.

Licensing of HPH assemblers and fluid power fitters: the gathering of information in support of the IFPSA's moves to bring about statutory licensing of workers in the two areas is progressing.

Coming activities:

- Golf Day – Sept. 25 – Lakelands Country Club
- Training seminar – November subject to a final decision in October.
- Christmas function to be held in late November.
- EnerMech works visit next Wednesday evening August 10.
- Dunlop Rubber visit Sept. 7 subject to confirmation.
- Pressure Dynamics visit October subject to confirmation.

The committee requests that members and guests keep a look out for suitable and interesting technical evening opportunities and advise a committee member accordingly.

The IFPSA is looking for young people to join The IFPSA general committee to maintain continuity as people retire. Volunteers needed!

Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Stuart Coleman – see separate document.

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Lloyd Hollier and seconded by Barry Catanach. The motion was approved unanimously.



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General Business

There were no matters of general business on notice or raised at the invitation of the President.

The President thanked Stuart Coleman for his untiring contribution as the Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer and Barry Catanach and Ian McDonald for their work in the HPHA registration system the Curriculum Matrix and training generally. He also thanked the following IFPSA committee members for their work in managing and running the affairs of The Society over the previous 12 months: Phil Bristow-Stagg, Ian Lavington, Lloyd Hollier, Trevor Pitcher, Ken Fletcher Jnr, Bo Szalek, Keith Griffiths and Alan Foote.

Election of new committee

The President declared all committee positions vacant and appointed Lloyd Hollier as the interim Chairman to conduct the election for the position of President for the following year.

Tim Bailey was proposed by Stuart Coleman and seconded by Barry Catanach. No other nominations were put forward and Lloyd declared Tim Bailey duly elected.

The President called for nominations for vice President. Barry Catanach was proposed by Ian McDonald and seconded by Lloyd Hollier. No other nominations were put forward and the President declared Barry Catanach duly elected.

The President called for nominations for Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. Stuart Coleman was proposed by Ian McDonald and seconded by Barry Catanach. No other nominations were put forward and the President declared Stuart Coleman duly elected to the positions.

The President called for nominations for general committee members and the following nominations were proposed by Stuart Coleman and seconded by Barry Catanach:

Phil Bristow-Stagg, Ian Lavington, Lloyd Hollier, Trevor Pitcher, Alan Foote, Ken Fletcher Jr., Bo Szalek, Keith Griffiths, Ian McDonald.

There being no other nominations, the above gentlemen were duly elected with unanimous approval.

Close

There being no further business, The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 9:55 pm.

T. R. Bailey, President