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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of *The International Fluid Power Society of Australia Inc.* held on August 8, 2014, at Royal Perth Yacht Club.**

1.0 Welcome

The President, Tim Bailey declared the annual general meeting of The International Fluid Power Society of Australia Inc. open at 8:45 pm and welcomed all members and guests.

2.0 Meeting attendance & apologies

Apologies were been received from Stuart Coleman, Phil Bristow-Stagg, Keith Griffiths, Barry Catanach, Craig Hughes, Alan Foote, Ian Lavington, Keith Griffiths , Peter Boyes, Trevor Pitcher and Frank Mulholland.

The register of members attending the meeting is held by the Executive Officer and is available on request by any IFPSA member.

3.0 AGM 2013 minutes of meeting

The minutes of the 2013 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 on the motion of Bo Szalek and seconded by Alan Taylor. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.0 Activities of The IFPSA during the last twelve months

The President provided the following information:

- 4.1 Nine *Fluid Talk* magazines have been published since the last AGM with the magazine now being published in electronic format for email distribution. The committee's aim is to publish the magazine each month. Stuart Coleman, who arranged and published the newsletters, was thanked as were the newsletter contributors and sponsors.

Stuart also maintained the IFPSA website which continues to receive high levels of hits and flow-on enquiries and, as a result, consumes a lot of Stuart's time. Stuart has added web-seminars or *webinars*, to the website for access by IFPSA members and new webinars are added periodically.

- 4.2 The following took place in the training area of The Society's activities over the 2013-2014 year:

- Stuart Coleman has continuously kept the website up to date and expanded it in making more webinars etc. available to members.

- Stuart is continuing the development of a hydraulic circuit design training seminar and the animation of slides for the Introduction to Hydraulics training seminar.
- The IFPSA has made student awards available to training institutions for presentation to qualified applicants.
- Vice-President, Ian McDonald, has continued communications with Ian Turnbull of Box Hill Institute of Technology in Melbourne and they are working together in cooperation with Fluid Power Society Inc. (FPS Inc. - formerly FPS Victoria) to improve and expand fluid power training in Victoria and other states of Australia.

4.3 Executive Officer, 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.
- Greatly assisted with moves by The IFPSA to establish an Australian national fluid power Society such as the writing of a proposed constitution.
- Converting more than 1000 slides provided by Phil Bristow-Stagg to digital format for use in power point training presentations.

4.4 Eleven general committee meetings have been held since the last AGM.

4.5 During the last year:

- Barry Catanach attended the first meeting of the MDG 41 Review Committee which was held Newcastle, NSW, in November 2013, as the IFPSA representative. Barry's particular purpose was to promote the IFPSA Curriculum Matrix and HPHA Registration System and to pave the way for the formation of the national Society which would likely take over the representation role on the Review Committee.
- A very successful Golf day at the prestigious Lakelands Country Club with thanks to the platinum sponsor, **K One Fluid Power**, all of the other sponsors, the participants and committee member Ken Fletcher who was the main organiser. Ken was very ably assisted by Stuart Coleman, Brian Hill and Ian McDonald. A full report of the event has been provided in *Fluid Talk* and all members of the Society are asked to support the various sponsors whenever possible.
- IFPSA member, John Bolton – also FPS Inc. President, attended the NFPA Summit and Expo as the IFPSA representative. He made valuable contacts with fluid power societies of other countries and he gave a unique presentation on behalf of The IFPSA. John has provided an extensive report which is available to IFPSA members on request to Stuart Coleman.

4.6 The High Pressure Hose Assembly (HPHA) registration system is still not being taken up as quickly as The Society would like it to but it is anticipated that this will change dramatically when licensing legislation is eventually enacted. The IFPSA will propose that the initial main focus of the proposed national fluid power society should be negotiations with the federal government to establish licensing in the fluid power industry.

#### 4.7 Licensing of HPH assemblers and fluid power fitters:

In cooperation with FPS Inc. *National Fluid Power Society Australia Inc.* was registered on July 30 in Victoria. The Australian Society would have been registered about a month sooner if the Victorian Dept. of Consumer Affairs had not objected to registering *Fluid Power Society Australia Inc.* because the Victorian Fluid Power Society name was registered in Victoria and its name also started with *Fluid Power Society*.

Your committee is hopeful that the first meeting will be held in September using a Skype audio/video link so that the WA and Victorian committees can meet to elect the inaugural Executive Committee of the national Society.

Now the real work begins to convince the federal government to license the fluid power industry and to make the national Society the licensing authority. In this way, NFPSA will become self-funding and improved fluid power training can be established throughout Australia.

Stuart recently received a phone call from New Zealand. The caller said that he wanted to establish a New Zealand Fluid Power Society and he asked if The IFPSA would be able to assist.

The British Fluid Power Association has established a task force to look at the fluid power training qualifications required by fluid power designers. Stuart has sent information on the Curriculum Matrix and the HPHA Registration System to the BFPA with a prompt response from the BFPA Executive Officer saying that they are grateful to have the information as it provides a good platform for them to work from.

#### 4.8 Coming activities:

- Golf Day: Sunday Nov. 2, 2014 at the Lakelands Country Club. Application forms will be issued very soon. An early response is needed to ensure a playing place.
- A Christmas function will be held in late November if there is sufficient support for it.
- A visit to RAN Frigate is being arranged for the earliest opportunity.
- A technical evening will be held in the next couple of months at Bosch-Rexroth to explain the technical aspects of the new Hagglunds Marathon replacement motor.

The President asked members to contact him if they know of particular events that can be arranged such as site visits that members know of, others that the IFPSA could arrange and site visits that members would like the committee to arrange.

#### 4.9 The President said that the IFPSA committee wants to attract young people into joining the committee to ensure continuity in the years ahead and to provide young people with the opportunity of associating with the significant experience in business and fluid power engineering that exists amongst the committee members.

## 5.0 Financial Report

The President provided the financial report on behalf of the Treasurer, Stuart Coleman.

- As at July 31, 2014, The Society's total funds are \$52,687 credit.
- In March 2014, the General Committee unanimously approved that an annual honorarium of \$1500-00 be paid to the President. The President said that he would accept the generous annual honorarium on the basis of The Society's ability to provide it year-by-year.
- The Society's spending for the 2013/14 year was higher than previous years as it included costs to set up the national body, to send a delegate to the National Fluid Power Association (USA) conference in Las Vegas, to provide a new computer for the IFPSA Executive Officer, to cover expenses incurred with Barry Catanach attending the MDG 41 Review Committee meeting in NSW and to providing the President a \$1500 annual honorarium payable each January.
- Most of the income revenue over the last 12 months has come from members' subscriptions, profits from the golf day and some sales through The Society's on-line shop.

The President again thanked Trevor and Faye Pitcher for the gift of \$50,000 made two years ago that has enabled The IFPSA to embark on establishing a national fluid power Society and licensing in the national fluid power industry.

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Peter Dallimore and seconded by Gordon Bearsby. The motion was passed unanimously.

## 6.0 General Business

1. That this meeting approves that The general committee of The society should:
  - Change the name of The IFPSA to *National Fluid Power Society Australia WA Inc.*
  - Update the constitution as necessary with respect to the name change shown above.
  - Make changes to the constitution to allow The Society's General Committee to determine the number of honorary members allowed at any time.
  - Make changes to the constitution to allow The Society's General Committee to determine the number of general committee members allowed at any time but that the number shall not be less than 5.

The motion was proposed by Alan Taylor and seconded by Steve Wells. The motion was passed unanimously and without any dissent.

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

The President concluded by asking all members to please consider advertising in the e-mag as it goes to about 200 people and companies in Fluid Power industry, Institutes of technology etc., making a special mention of the excellent work that Stuart Coleman, Ian McDonald

and Ken Fletcher had put into The Society over the last year and thanking committee members: Phil Bristow-Stagg, Ian Lavington, Barry Catanach, Keith Griffiths, Trevor Pitcher, Frank Mulholland, Craig Hughes and Alan Taylor.

#### 7.0 Election of new committee

The President declared all committee positions vacant and appointed Alan Foote as the interim Chairman to conduct the election for the position of President for the following year. Tim Bailey was nominated in a motion proposed by Bo Szalek and seconded by Alan Taylor. No other nominations were received and Alan declared Tim Bailey duly elected.

The President then called for nominations for vice President. Ian McDonald was proposed by Steve Wells and seconded by Gordon Bearsby. No other nominations were received and the President declared Ian McDonald duly elected.

The President called for nominations for Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. Stuart Coleman was proposed in a motion by Ken Fletcher and seconded by Peter Dallimore. No other nominations were received 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 received: Frank Mulholland, Phil Bristow-Stagg, Ian Lavington, Trevor Pitcher, Ken Fletcher Jr., Keith Griffiths, Barry Catanach, Craig Hughes, Peter Boyes and Alan Taylor.

All nominated people were elected unanimously on a motion proposed by Tony Schneider and seconded by Bo Szalek.

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

#### 8.0 Close

There being no further business, The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 9:20 pm.

T. R. Bailey, President.