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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of *Fluid Power Society (WA) Inc.* held on April 28, 2015, at the *Central Institute of Technology* Boardroom

1.0 Welcome

The President, Tim Bailey declared the annual general meeting of Fluid Power Society (WA) Inc. open at 5:55 pm and welcomed all members.

2.0 Meeting attendance & apologies

Attendees were: Tim Bailey, Stuart Coleman, Jim Muir, Barry Catanach, Ian McDonald, Frank Mulholland.

Apologies were been received from Alan Foote, Keith Griffiths, Craig Hughes, Ian Lavington, Keith Griffiths, Peter Boyes, Trevor Pitcher.

3.0 AGM 2014 minutes of meeting

The minutes of the 2014 annual general meeting, as previously posted on the then IFPSA website and that had also been printed and provided the AGM, were confirmed as correct on the motion of Ian McDonald which was seconded by Barry Catanach. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.0 Activities of FPSWA during the last twelve months

The President provided the following information:

- 4.1 The major, most time-consuming and difficult activity carried out by the FPSWA committee since the last AGM has been the establishment of *Australian Fluid Power Society Inc.* (AFPS) with the principal difficulty being that of reaching agreement with the Victorian Fluid Power Society (FPSVic) over such things as website format, logo etc. Two e-magazines were published by FPSWA before *Fluid Talk* was handed over to AFPS. The efforts and work put into the publishing of the magazines by Stuart Coleman and the various contributors and sponsors is greatly appreciated.
- 4.2 As members will know, through reading the President's Prologue in *Fluid Talk* magazine and from advice of a special general meeting that was held on December 9, 2014, that what is now FPSWA underwent a name change from *National Fluid Power Society Australia (WA) Inc.* to the present name of *Fluid Power Society (WA) Inc.* as a result of changes in the name of AFPS following difficulties in having the Victorian Dept. of Consumer Affairs accept the name of AFPS in the original form applied for which included the word 'National'.
- 4.3 A very interesting technical evening was held at *Bosch Rexroth* with Dan Murphy giving an excellent talk on the new Hugglunds motor series and another most interesting evening was held at *Prime Motion & Control* with a guided tour of PM&C's extensive manufacturing facilities.

- 4.4 FPSWA became a member of *The Hydraulic Safety Authority of Canada* (HSAC).
- 4.5 In the last few months since the incorporation of AFPS and the first AFPS Exec. committee meeting which was held on January 27, 2015, FPSWA has handed over the following activities and memberships to AFPS:
- *Fluid Talk* magazine including advertising revenues.
 - The FPSWA/Barry Catanach-developed *HPHA registration System*
 - The FPSWA-developed *Curriculum Matrix*.
 - Licensing proposals for HPHA personnel and Fluid Power Technicians.
 - Contact with *Manufacturing Skills Australia* (MSA)
 - Representation on the *MDG 41 Review Committee*
 - The website at the address fluidpowersociety.com.au
 - The associate membership of IFPS.
- 4.6 Executive Officer, Stuart Coleman, has:
- Continuously kept the website up to date and expanded it in making more webinars etc. available to members.
 - Provided a constant output of emailed information to FPSWA 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 the efforts of FPSWA to establish AFPS.
 - Continuing the development of a hyd. circuit design training seminar and the animation of slides in the *Introduction to Hydraulics* Training seminar.
 - Worked with Ian McDonald to establish an award for fluid power students in WA.
- 4.7 Seven general committee meetings have been held since the last AGM which was held in August 2014.
- 4.8 During the last year:
- No effective activity appears to have occurred with respect to the MDG 41 Review Committee and representation on that committee has now been handed over from Barry Catanach, FPSWA committee member, to Tony Cheers, FPSVic Vice President and AFPS Treasurer.
 - A very successful Golf day was held on November 2, 2014 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. The profit made by the event was \$2543. The most valuable player trophy was renamed in honour of former FPSWA life member, Phil Bristow-Stagg, who died in September 2014. A full report of the event has been provided in *Fluid Talk*. All members of FPSWA are asked to support the Golf Day sponsors whenever possible.

4.9 Licensing of HPH assemblers and fluid power fitters:

Tim said that following the incorporation of AFPS, the AFPS first committee meeting having been held in January 2015 and with the settling of the areas over which AFPS would assume responsibility, information supporting the Statutory licensing of HPH assemblers and fluid power fitters is being gathered and discussed by the AFPS committee in preparation for an official approach to the federal government.

4.10 Coming and proposed activities:

- Golf Day – Sunday Nov. 8 – Hartfield Country Club. Application forms will be issued very soon – respond promptly as available places fill quickly.
- Visit to RAN Frigate
- Visit to Simms Metals car crushing plant in Rockingham.

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 FPSWA could arrange and site visits that members would like the committee to arrange.

4.11 The FPSWA 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 January 1, 2014, The Society's total funds were \$59,541-96 credit and as at December 31, 2014, The Society's total funds were \$50,216-67 credit.
- The FPSWA general committee agreed to gift a sum of about \$850 which FPSVic owed to AFPS as start-up costs to accelerate the process of getting AFPS to an operational level as the money was not immediately available from FPSVic.
- The Society's spending for the 2014-15 year was higher than previous years as it included expenses needed to set up the AFPS.
- Most of the income revenue over the last 12 months has come from member's subscriptions, profits from the golf day and some sales through The Society's on-line shop.

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Ian McDonald and seconded by Barry Catanach. The motion was passed unanimously.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Regrettably, Phil Bristow-Stagg died in September 2014. Phil's contribution to The Society since the foundation of FPSWA in 1976 has been considerable and consistent. His presence on the committee is greatly missed.

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

The President concluded by 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 for their individual efforts in managing the affairs of FPSWA.

7.0 Election of new committee

The President declared all committee positions vacant and appointed Jim Muir 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 Stuart Coleman and seconded by Barry Catanach. No other nominations were received and Jim declared Tim Bailey duly elected.

The President then called for nominations for vice President. Ian McDonald was proposed by Stuart Coleman and seconded by Barry Catanach. 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 Frank Mulholland and seconded by Jim Muir. 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, 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 Ian McDonald and seconded by Jim Muir.

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 6:21 pm.

T. R. Bailey, President.