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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of *Fluid Power Society (WA) Inc.* held on May 13, 2016, at Royal Perth Yacht Club, Pelican Pt., Crawley Western Australia**

1.0 Welcome

The President, Tim Bailey declared the annual general meeting of Fluid Power Society (WA) Inc. (FPSWA) open at 8:20 pm and welcomed the guest speaker, Eric Ripper and his partner, Ljiljana Ravlich, all members and guests.

2.0 Meeting attendance & apologies

The names of all 37 people who attended the meeting can be made available to FPSWA members by the FPSWA Executive Officer.

Apologies were been received from Ben Lee, Alan Taylor and Trevor Pitcher.

The president confirmed that a quorum of members was present at the meeting.

3.0 2015 AGM minutes of meeting

The minutes of the 2015 annual general meeting, as posted on the AFPS website under the FPSWA tab and that had also been printed and placed on each table at the AGM, were confirmed as correct on the motion of Steve Wells and which was seconded by Craig Hughes. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.0 Activities of FPSWA during the last twelve months

The President provided the following information:

4.1 The officers and the general committee of FPSWA have put a large amount of effort into bringing AFPS to a good functional level. Tony Cheers has become the FPSVic President and the AFPS committee meetings now run smoothly and cooperatively with a high level of good will that had not been evident previously.

4.2 Committee meetings: Six general committee meetings were held in 2015. Early in the year, the general committee unanimously agreed that bi-monthly committee meetings are adequate to manage The Society's affairs given that much business is now more efficiently dealt with by emails and other electronic media.

4.3 The FPSWA constitution has been changed to show changes to the Society's name and membership of the general committee as approved at previous AGMs and a SGM as well as those required by new consumer affairs laws which includes holding the AGM within 4 months of the end of the Society's financial year.

4.4 The annual FPSWA golf day was not held as insufficient entries had been received by the cut-off point. The economic climate at the time appears to have been a significant factor but the golf day will definitely be conducted this year.

#### 4.5 Coming activities:

- The annual Golf Day will be held at the Hartfield Country Club on a date to be advised. Application forms will be issued soon. Intending players are asked to respond promptly as the available places will fill quickly.
- Visit to RAN Frigate.
- Visit to Simms Metals car crushing plant in Rockingham.

NOTE: Please advise Stuart Coleman of particular events that members would like to see arranged. Also please advise Stuart of any site visits that members know of that the FPSWA could arrange.

4.6 The President asked the younger members of The Society to seriously consider becoming a FPSWA committee member as The Society needs young people with young ideas. He said that being a member of the FPSWA committee has many benefits including broadening a member's range of important FP contacts and providing access to FP people of considerable experience in fluid power and management.

#### 5.0 Financial Report

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

Opening balance at 1-1-2015: \$ 50,314.74 cr.

Closing balance at 31-12-2015 \$40,569-65 cr.

The bulk of the expenses other than the President's honorarium which is a FPSWA expense, and the Executive Officer's honorarium which is an AFPS expense, went to funding the continued establishment of AFPS and most of that was put to publishing *Fluid Talk*, website changes to incorporate web pages for the two existing state Societies and making provision for expected new Societies.

The General committee unanimously approved a proposal that FPSWA would fund the establishment of AFPS on the basis that all expenditure must be approved by the FPSWA general committee prior to the expenditure being committed and that AFPS would reimburse FPSWA at no interest as and when AFPS is able to do so.

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 Australian Fluid Power Society

- The licensing of trades and occupations has reverted to control by state governments as found out by FPSWA in August 2015 and AFPS has handed the matter back to FPSWA.
- Following Tony Cheers becoming FPS Victoria President, the AFPS executive committee meetings have run smoothly and with much cooperation and cohesiveness.

- The president visited Brisbane and Sydney in September and October last year and met with people interested in reviving the Queensland and NSW Fluid Power Societies. Both groups have met and are proceeding with incorporation which is expected in the next few months. Both are expected to affiliate with AFPS which will bring the AFPS committee up to a total of 12 members.

#### 6.2 Fluid Power industry: licensing of HPHA personnel and Fitters/Technicians

The WA state government has been approached and we are waiting on an appointment date for a meeting with the minister for Consumer Affairs, Chief of Staff.

The President concluded by making a special mention of the excellent work that **Stuart Coleman, Ian McDonald** and **Ken Fletcher jnr.** had put into The Society over the last year and thanking committee members **Ian Lavington, Barry Catanach, Keith Griffiths, Trevor Pitcher, Frank Mulholland, Craig Hughes** and **Alan Taylor** for their contribution towards the efficient managing of The Society's affairs over the past year.

#### 7.0 Election of new committee

The President declared all committee positions vacant and appointed Frank Mulholland 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 Steve Wells and seconded by Malcolm Tucker. No other nominations were received and Frank declared Tim Bailey duly elected.

The President then called for nominations for vice President. Ian McDonald was proposed by Frank Mulholland and seconded by Peter Dallimore. 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 Tim Bailey and seconded by David Hepburn. 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., Barry Catanach, Craig Hughes, Peter Boyes, Alan Taylor, Subhasis Das and David Hepburn.

All nominated people were elected unanimously on a motion proposed by Ian McDonald and seconded by mark Musarra.

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 9:10 pm.

T. R. Bailey, President.