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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Meeting date: February 2, 2016; 1500 hrs. WST; 1500 hrs. EST. 1800 hrs.**

**Present:** Tony Cheers, David French and Ian Turnbull were located at 9 National Dr, Hallam, Victoria and Tim Bailey, Ian McDonald, Alan Taylor and Stuart Coleman were located at 11 Boulder Road, Malaga, Western Australia.

**Apologies:** Nil – as all members were present with John Bolton having retired from membership of the *Fluid Power Society (Vic) Inc.* (FPSVic) general committee in November 2015 and Tony Cheers and David French having been elected to the FPSVic general committee as President and Vice President, respectively, so giving both automatic memberships of AFPS.

**Meeting arrangement:** The meeting was conducted using a Skype audio and video link. A video recording of the meeting was made by Stuart Coleman using a computer-based program.

**Commencement:** 1515 hrs. WST; 1715 hrs. EST.

### **1.0 Confirmation of a quorum being present, noting of attendees and apologies**

The President declared that a quorum, in accordance with the *Australian Fluid Power Society Inc.* (AFPS) Constitution, was present at the meeting. All AFPS members attended the meeting.

### **2.0 President's report**

#### 2.1 General

The inaugural meeting of AFPS was held on January 27, 2015, using a *Skype* link between members of *Fluid Power Society (Vic) Inc.* (FPSVic) who were located at 25 Star Crescent, Hallam, Victoria, and members of *Fluid Power Society (WA) Inc.* (FPSWA) who were located at 11 Boulder Road, Malaga WA.

The FPSVic members present at the meeting were: John Bolton, Tony Cheers and Ian Turnbull and the FPSWA members present were Tim Bailey, Ian McDonald, Alan Taylor, Stuart Coleman, Trevor Pitcher, Ken Fletcher, Ian Lavington and Frank Mulholland.

By unanimous agreement, Trevor Pitcher was appointed Chairman of the meeting to conduct the election of the Officers of AFPS with Tim Bailey being elected as the inaugural President. Tim then assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

In accordance with the AFPS Constitution, the election of Tim as president automatically appointed John Bolton as Vice-President and Tony Cheers and Ian McDonald as Executive Committee members as Tony and Ian as each is the Vice President of FPSVic and FPSWA respectively.

By unanimous agreement, Stuart Coleman was appointed Secretary/Executive Officer, Tony Cheers was appointed Treasurer and Ian Turnbull and Alan Taylor were appointed as Executive Committee members after Ian was nominated by FPSVic and Alan was nominated by FPSWA.

This meeting also unanimously approved that AFPS take over the following activities and memberships from FPSWA:

- Membership of *The Hydraulic Safety Authority of Canada* (HSAC).
- *Fluid Talk* magazine including advertising revenues. It was unanimously agreed at a subsequent Executive committee meeting of AFPS that all *Fluid Talk* advertising revenues for the next year should be given to FPSVic to assist in financing the Society.
- The High Pressure Hose Assembler (HPHA) registration System.
- The Fluid Power Engineering Curriculum Matrix.
- Licensing proposals for HPHA personnel and Fluid Power Technicians. This has subsequently reverted to each state Society – see 2.3 below.
- Contact with MSA.
- Representation on the MDG 41 Review Committee – with Tony Cheers being unanimously approved as the AFPS representative.
- The website at the address [fluidpowersociety.com.au](http://fluidpowersociety.com.au)
- The associate membership of *International Fluid Power Society* (IFPS) based in the USA.

## 2.2 Executive committee meetings:

Four meetings have been held during the 2015 year including the inaugural meeting with all being well attended.

## 2.3 Training/certification:

Subsequent to the Federal government passing the control of trade and professional activities licensing back to each state and territory of Australia, the AFPS proposal to license fluid power fitters and HPHA personnel now reverts back to state and territory fluid power Societies with the AFPS carrying out a co-ordinating role.

## 2.4 The Executive Officer, Stuart Coleman, has:

- Registered the new AFPS logo.
- Revised the AFPS website to incorporate the new AFPS logo with tabs for and links to, FPSVic and FPSWA. He has also continually updated it and more webinars are now available.
- Provided a constant output of emailed information to AFPS members advising them of fluid power people looking for work, IFPS and BFPA newsletters, general safety alerts and other information.
- Published four editions of *Fluid Talk* magazine under the AFPS banner.

## 2.5 Funding:

FPSWA agreed to fund all of the activities of AFPS on the basis that all proposed expenditure be approved by FPSWA prior to commitment of the expenditure and that FPSWA is to be reimbursed for expenditure beyond that which FPSWA would normally be responsible for when AFPS is in a position to do so.



## 5.2 AFPS-registered Fluid Power Practitioners/Licensing

Tony said that he has had some discussions with Sear Insurance Brokers about offering discounts on insurance premiums to companies who use AFPS-registered Fluid Power Practitioners or licensed Practitioners when that objective is finally achieved.

Discussion ensued about how AFPS can properly assess applicants seeking registration under the AFPS Curriculum Matrix. Tim said that the process in place at present was for an applicant to be assessed by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and then for the applicant to provide the RTO assessment, including backup evidence, to AFPS for consideration.

Stuart asked how the meeting thought that the process of arranging for Fluid Power Fitters/Technicians and HPH Assemblers to require a license to perform fluid power engineering work should be carried out now that Statutory licensing has been passed from the federal government back to the individual state and territories governments.

Tim said that each state Society must now approach its state government and drive the process themselves and that he thinks that the role of AFPS will be to provide support to each Society and coordinate the efforts of each state along a common pathway so that the respective state governments will see that it is a national process.

Ian Turnbull said that he has had a lot of experience with the Victorian HVAC industry and the accreditation of trades people in the industry. He thinks that AFPS should establish support for licensing from industry and develop alliances with TAFE Colleges to provide the required training. Ian will provide details of the progress made by the Victorian HVAC industry for the new AFPS committee to consider.

Ian Turnbull said that he knows two HVAC industry people who are closely involved in HVAC industry accreditation and he is able to ask them to attend an AFPS meeting to advise on the accreditation process that has been successfully followed in that industry. The suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

## 5.3 Changes to MSA, MEM etc.

A significant amount of discussion took place about the large changes occurring in the federal government-funded training areas with the revision of MEM and the future of MSA uncertain. The meeting agreed that Ian Turnbull and Ian McDonald should liaise on the matter and keep the committee informed of changes and information as these become apparent. Ian Turnbull will provide an article about the changes for publication in the official AFPS magazine *Fluid Talk*.

## **6.0 Election of 2016 year Executive committee.**

### President

Tony said that although the AFPS Constitution provided for the automatic appointment of the FPSVic President to assume the Presidency from Tim, he had approval from the FPSVic general committee to nominate Tim to continue on as AFPS President for the 2016 year. Tim accepted the nomination and David seconded the effective motion put by Tony. Tim was duly unanimously elected President.

### Vice President

Tim proposed Tony for the position of Vice President which was accepted by Tony. Alan seconded the effective motion put by Tim and Tony was duly unanimously elected Vice President.

### Two committee members – automatic appointment

The AFPS Constitution requires this position to be filled by the Vice Presidents of each affiliated Society in rotation. The automatic appointments for the 2016 year are Ian McDonald of FPSWA and David French of FPSVic. Both nominations were unanimously accepted.

Two additional committee members:

The AFPS Constitution requires this position to be filled by a nominee of each affiliated Society. The appointments for the 2016 year are Alan Taylor of FPSWA and Ian Turnbull of FPSVic. Both nominations were unanimously accepted.

MDG 41 Review Committee representative

Tim asked Tony to continue as the AFPS representative on the committee. Tony accepted the request and the meeting unanimously agreed to the appointment of Tony.

**7.0 Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:25 pm WST, 7:25 pm EST.

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T. R. Bailey, President  
Australian Fluid Power Society Inc.