

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MURRAY IRRIGATORS INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Committee Meeting No. 16 at the Swan Reach Hotel on Tuesday 14th January, 2003 commencing at 4.10 p.m.

PRESENT

Tony Roe (Chairman), Greg Hocking, Paul Martin, Sam Newell, Rob Smyth, Ian Zadow, Ted Woods, Mike Vegter (Executive Officer), Sharon Powardy (Assistant Executive Officer), Rod Ralph (Guest).

APOLOGIES

Tim Whetstone and Graham Smart.

MINUTES

MOVED S. Newell SECONDED R. Smyth That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th November, 2002 be Received as a True and Correct Record. CARRIED.

The Chairman welcomed Greg Hocking to the Committee.

MOVED S. Newell SECONDED I. Zadow That the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 12th November, 2002 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

A.G.M. Meeting

P. Martin suggested that we do not do anything with Motion No. 1 on Environmental Flow for the rivers. It was decided that it was a healthy exercise and it was well discussed at the A.G.M.

Media Support

It was discussed that the general public is receiving the wrong ideas from the media about the state of the river. It would be great if a positive view was put forward, informing the public that the salinity is about half to what it was in the 1980's.

T. Roe asked whether we had followed up with David Foote. M. Vegter informed the meeting that this had not been done. R. Smyth suggested that we follow this up. M. Vegter said that before we did this we needed something to say.

Committee Meeting

It was asked if the wine that was brought to the Irrigators Inc. meeting was a donation or had to be paid for. S. Newell said that his 6 bottles were a donation, P. Martin had to pay for his. It was AGREED that Paul be reimburse.

S. Newell asked whether we had followed up on Lawrie Arthur's submission. M. Vegter informed his that this was not done. Sam suggested that we needed to do more.

R. Ralph asked if Tony had followed up the Public Liability Insurance with SACORP. Tony has received quotes, but was unsure whether SAMI was in a position to pay for this.

Community Advisory Committee - M.D.B. seems to have little involvement with them. Mike tabled his response to Brad Williams.

Discussion took place on how effective CAC is in representing the Community. It does not seem that they are getting the views of the community back to the Minister.

Our response on the CAC Review went to Brad Williams and he will pass it onto Irrigators Inc.

It was discussed that CAC needed more representation from the Upper Murray.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ingrid Franssen - It was suggested that we could have 2-3 meetings in February with Ingrid and also ask some other Departmental people to come and talk as well. It was decided that February might not be the best time for everyone, so Paul and Greg to organise a meeting at Paringa, to see how well received it is.

Peter Hoey - Will look into funding and he will be back in contact with us.

S. Newell suggested that we be careful for what we ask for.

R. Ralph said that we do not want to be seen not to be able to support ourselves.

P. Martin suggested that we go to private irrigation companies for sponsorship.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED G. Hocking That we set up a Sponsorship Committee. CARRIED.

Irrigators Inc. are looking at sponsorship with bigger companies, we should look at what they are doing.

The sub-committee will be made up of:- Paul Martin, Greg Hocking and Sam Newell.

Irrigators Inc A.G.M. & General Meeting Minutes - The meeting was informed that we need to pay approximately \$5,000 to Irrigators Inc. and Deb Kerr.

S. Newell said that he did not feel that anything was solved and the meetings.

M. Vegter advised the meeting that a lot of things were discussed at the Strategic Planning Meeting held recently in Melbourne. The next Strategic Planning Meeting will be held in February and these things will be looked at then.

R. Ralph suggested that current issues that involve all states should be looked at. To have a Common Policy.

P. Martin and T. Roe advised the meeting that they met with Karlene Maywald and discussed Water Licences. She was going back to the Minister to discuss the security of water licences.

R. Ralph expressed his concerns that he did not want our committee to waste valuable time doing Irrigators Inc. policies.

P. Martin said that we have no security in this state and we need to be proactive and be able to reassure the irrigators about their licences.

MOVED S. Newell SECONDED R. Smyth That SAMI should adopt a policy on this matter.

"We do not support Compulsory Acquisition of Water Licence by Government.

Should there be Compulsory Acquisition then compensation for, cost of water, infrastructure, loss of income is to be negotiated."

CARRIED.

Focus Group - M. Vegter tabled a copy of the River Murray Bill, asking if anyone wanted a copy. S. Powardy to fax one to R. Ralph.

John Hill, M.P. - M. Vegter wanted some information from SAMI to go to the Forum on 25th February, 2003.

R. Ralph suggested that Mike might be there only as an observer. M. Vegter had already accepted that he would be there.

G. Hocking asked if Heather Hutchins be contacted and asked why SAMI had not been invited.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented to the meeting

Bank Reconciliation 31st December, 2002
Income & Expenditure as at 31st December, 2002
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 2002

An amount of \$330 had to be added for Auditors in the budget.

If SAMI receives any funding from Peter Hoey, we will still be in deficit.
Discussion took place on how we could rectify this.

It was suggested that we ask for membership as of 1st July, 2003.

R. Ralph suggested that there are still large corporates that are still not members, who would be in a position to join.

P. Martin suggested that if any new members join now that their membership lasts until 30th June, 2004 and a letter be sent to them informing what SAMI is up to.

Membership prices to stay the same.

MOVED S. Newell SECONDED P. Martin Any new membership remains valid until 30th June, 2004. CARRIED.

Mike to draft a letter.

P. Martin asked if we had an update of licence holders. M. Vegter informed the meeting that he was having trouble obtaining this information.

R. Ralph and M. Vegter to go through the list of non current members, to see who could be contacted.

To send out our membership notices out about the end of May.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED I. Zadow That the following accounts be passed for payment.

Nicholas Baker	\$ 330.00
Sunlands Irrigation Trust	970.06
Deb Kerr	2,428.13
M. Vegter	40.40

CARRIED.

Mike presented an account for his time to 31st December, 2002 for the amount of \$2,279.16.

S. Newell questioned how it worked. M. Vegter explained to the meeting that he was on a contract. M. Vegter also explained that he only charged for administrative work and not to attend meetings.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED I. Zadow That M. Vegter's account be paid.
CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

M. Vegter told the meeting about the Strategic and Business Plan Workshop he attended in Melbourne. S.A.M.I. to discuss the issues as a committee before the next workshop.

The next S.A.M.I. meeting will be on Monday 17th February at the Swan Reach Hotel at 3 p.m.

T. Woods was going to look at other venues in the area and T. Roe was going to negotiate a more reasonable price with the Hotel.

Bus Trip

The beginning of May was a suggested date for the bus trip to N.S.W. It was thought that three days would be a good length of time. R. Ralph suggested to contact Les Hill from Murray Darling Basin Region 5 as they have just been on a similar trip.

M. Vegter to write a letter to Peter Hoey to see if there would be any funding available for the bus trip. Suggested dates 4th, 5th and 6th May, 2003.

R. Smyth asked if someone will be organising the airfares to Melbourne and accommodation for the Irrigators Inc. Meeting. S. Powardy and M. Vegter to organise the airfares. M. Vegter, S. Newell, P. Martin and R. Smyth will be attending the meeting.

Barry Hancock will organise accommodation.

S. Newell tabled a Fact Sheet on Options for Water Recovery from M.D.B.C., which he downloaded from the internet. He suggested that we could have a look for ourselves on the M.D.B.C. web site, as there are many interesting facts contained on it.

S. Powardy was asked to organise a list of current members of the Committee.

R. Ralph asked if a letter of appreciation to Anne Jensen of Wetland Care Australia could be sent.

M. Vegter to attend to this matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

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