

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MURRAY IRRIGATORS INCORPORATED

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held at the Swan Reach Hotel on Tuesday 9th April, 2002 commencing at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT

A. Roe (Chairman), Sam Newell, Paul Martin, Ted Woods, Rod Ralph, Ian Zadow, Robert Smyth, Graham Smart, Mike Vegter (by invitation).

APOLOGIES

Barry Harden, Locky Gosse.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 5th February, 2002 were read to the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER - Rod Ralph had tendered his resignation at the previous meeting. Sunlands and Golden Heights Chief Executive Officer, Mike Vegter advised that he was willing to undertake the tasks of Secretary and Treasurer of S.A.M.I.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED S. Newell That Mike Vegter be appointed Secretary and Treasurer until the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED.

The terms of reimbursement for the services of Mike Vegter could not be finalised due to lack of information, however it was discussed that the preferred method was to reimburse Sunlands and Golden Heights Trusts rather than directly employ Mike Vegter. Further discussion adjourned to the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 3RD DELEGATE TO IRRIGATORS INC. - MOVED R. Smyth SECONDED Graeme Smart That Sam Newell be appointed to replace Dennis Hicks who had resigned. CARRIED.

There was some discussion regarding the status of certain representatives from other States to Irrigators Inc. The question was whether they were irrigators as required by the proposed Irrigators Inc. constitution. At the most recent Sydney conference, it appeared that only two of the four States present had irrigators representing them. This clearly disadvantaged financially some State groups if they sent three delegates rather than one.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED S. Newell That S.A.M.I. send only one representative to meetings of Irrigators Inc. until the delegate matters are brought

into line by all states in accord with Irrigators Inc. proposed constitution.
CARRIED.

It was AGREED that this resolution be sent to Irrigators Inc. to advise them of this.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES - Cheque Account \$13,620
- Investment Account \$ 3,200

It was AGREED that monies should be invested in Cash Management Account as soon as is possible.

BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES - MOVED G. Smart SECONDED I. Zadow That any two of either M. Vegter, R. Ralph or A. Roe be authorised to sign on behalf of S.A.M.I. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT - MOVED P. Martin SECONDED R. Smyth That M. Vegter be appointed Executive Officer of S.A.M.I. CARRIED.

Appreciation - MOVED G. Smart SECONDED T. Woods That a vote of appreciation be extended to Rod Ralph for his contribution to S.A.M.I. as Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Officer over the past year. A letter of appreciation is to be also sent to the Central Irrigation Trust for allowing Rod, as their employee, to attend to these duties. CARRIED.

IRRIGATORS INC. CONFERENCE - SYDNEY 18 AND 19 MARCH, 2002 - Generally it was felt that the conference was poorly represented by all States, and that not all of the facts that could have been presented were actually discussed.

There was little or no discussion regarding the issue of environmental flows, or delegate representation from each of the States.

Suggested improvements discussed included:-

- (a) Sessions could extend into the night thereby reducing non-productive time for those delegates that had to travel long distances to attend,
- (b) Agendas could be sent out at least a month before Irrigator Inc. meetings so that there is ample time for each State to discuss their position on agenda items, and
- (c) State Irrigator bodies should be given the opportunity to contribute to agenda items.

IRRIGATORS INC. COMMUNIQUE ON ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS - Communique as distributed by Irrigators Inc. was discussed. It was discussed that

the Communique was considered to be too lengthy, skirted around the edges of issues, and could only be considered to be a starting point for discussion on environmental flows.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED S. Newell That S.A.M.I. approve in principle the Communique on Environmental flows as acceptable to be released by Irrigators Inc. CARRIED.

The Executive Officer was directed to write to John Hill M.P. to advise him of S.A.M.I. and Irrigators Inc., and to forward to him a copy of the Communique.

It was AGREED that the Executive Officer seek an appointment for a delegation from S.A.M.I. to meet with him. Delegation to include M. Vegter and Rod Ralph.

IRRIGATORS INC. MEDIA RELEASE DATED 9TH APRIL, 2002 - Draft Media Release issued by Irrigators Inc. was discussed.

MOVED S. Newell SECONDED I. Zadow that the Media Release dated 9th April, 2002 be adopted subject to the words "to be" inserted between the words "allocations made" on the first line of the Release. CARRIED.

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING 12TH APRIL, 2001 - The Chairman was directed to respond to the media if there are issues needing to be discussed as a result of the Council meeting.

INCORPORATION OF IRRIGATORS INC. - Waiting for information to come regarding incorporation in the ACT. The Committee would like the list of delegates to include information as to whether they are irrigators.

RICE GROWERS VISIT TO RIVERLAND ON 14TH AUGUST, 2002 - Rod Ralph and P. Martin are organising the tour. Some itinerary matters were discussed.

NEXT MEETING

- Waikerie 11th June, 2002 Sunlands Irrigation Trust Office
- Mannum in July
- A.G.M. in Swan Reach

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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