

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MURRAY IRRIGATORS INCORPORATED

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at the Swan Reach Hotel on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 commencing at 4.00 p.m.

### PRESENT

There were twenty five members present as listed in the attendance register and seven members had given proxies.

### APOLOGIES

Terry Byrne, Peter Dettloff, Bill Ruidiger, Rob Marchant (Naicol Pty. Ltd.), David Crawford, Mac Cleggart, Chris Bond and Greg Hocking.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED L. Gosse SECONDED S. Newell That the Minutes be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. CARRIED.

### BUSINESS ARISING

None.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial Reports were tabled.

MOVED R. Smyth SECONDED P. Martin The the Financial Reports be accepted. CARRIED.

MOVED T. Woods SECONDED I. Zadow That the current members who paid their membership in 2001/2002 need not pay any membership this year and that the membership fees for 2002/2003 stay the same as 2001/2002. CARRIED.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

T. Roe presented his Chairman's Report to the meeting.

Rod Ralph indicated that he had just recently received a report from the N.P.I.R.D. workshop and that he will get copies out shortly.

MOVED R. Smyth SECONDED S. Newell That the Chairman's Report be adopted. CARRIED.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Malcolm Wilksch gave an informative talk about his trip throughout the Murray Darling Basin region.

## COMMITTEE NOMINATION

It was discussed that if possible there should be 3 members from the Upper Murray, 3 members from the Mid Murray and 3 members from the Lower Murray. Currently there were 2 Upper Murray, 4 Mid Murray and 3 Lower Murray members.

The Executive Officer explained that there had been an interim committee working since the reforming of SAMI.

L. Gosse representing Mid Murray then tendered his resignation.

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED T. Woods That all existing Committee Members be renominated, excluding L. Gosse and we take further nominations from the floor.  
CARRIED.

R. Smart NOMINATED Greg Hocking SECONDED J. Smith.

There being no further nominations G. Hocking was elected onto the Committee.

The Committee now comprised of:-

Greg Hocking, Tim Whetstone, Paul Martin (Upper Murray)  
Tony Roe, Rob Smyth, Ted Woods (Mid Murray)  
Graham Smart, Ian Zadow, Sam Newell (Lower Murray)

## AUDITORS

MOVED D. Foote SECONDED P. Martin That we reappoint Nick Baker of Nicholas Baker & Co. Pty. Ltd. of 15 McCoy Street Waikerie to be our Auditor for the 2002/2003 financial year.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Paul Martin's Motion 1

Paul spoke to the motion that he wanted SAMI to take to Irrigators Inc. The motion had been circulated to all members prior to the AGM.

There was much discussion about the wording. David Schenke was quoting that from "The Living Murray" his calculations was that 1500 MI represents 14% actual water used not 5%. He supported the motion on Environmental Flows but perhaps not to quote a figure.

Graham McInness was concerned that irrigators were the ones being targeted. His views were that all other water users should be charged as well.

David Schenke noted that all Australians benefit from the Murray Darling Basin. Ian Zadow suggested that if the environmental levy was imposed that people living in Tasmania might not be too happy having to pay for something they don't have in their state. Paul Martin then said that all states of Australia benefit from the Murray Darling system.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

MOVED D. LeBrun SECONDED R. Smyth That we delete Environmental Levy from the motion, so it would read:

"Funding for the above to come from all Australians".

CARRIED.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

MOVED D. LeBrun SECONDED S. Newell That in point 2 water "users" should be changed to water "allocations", so it would read:

"The balance from water users including urban, industrial and irrigators. Such reductions to water allocations be over a minimum of 5 years and be compensated at market rates".

CARRIED.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

MOVED R. Ralph SECONDED G. McInness That we change the first paragraph to read:

"That SAMI support the implementation of an environmental flow for the rivers within the Murray Darling Basin."

CARRIED.

MOTION 1 (Final Reading)

"That SAMI support the implementation of an environmental flow for the rivers within the Murray Darling Basin.

That such water is found through the following method in order of priority.

- 1) Savings through infrastructure refor\*\* for areas of known water losses to drainage. i.e. leaky earth channels, swamps and lakes used to supply water to remote irrigators and communities, and leaky structures.
- 2) The balance from water users including urban, industrial and irrigators. Such reductions to water allocations be over a minimum of 5 years\*\*\* and be compensated at market rates.

3) Such reductions to be shared as a percentage of each States water use.

Funding for the above to come from all Australians."

MOVED P. Martin SECONDED G. Smart That Motion 1, with the changes be taken to Irrigators Inc. CARRIED.

#### Motion 2

Paul Martin handed out at the meeting an amended version of his Motion 2.

Discussion took place about the second motion. S. Newell suggested that the amended version was too long and we should stay with the original one, that had been circulated prior to the meeting

Paul's amended motion was voted on and LOST.

MOVED D. LeBrun SECONDED R. Ralph That Motion 2 be adopted.

#### AMENDMENT 1

MOVED S. Newell SECONDED G. McInness That we take out "white man" and replace it with "European Settlement". The amendment CARRIED.

#### AMENDMENT 2

MOVED J. Edwards SECONDED J. Grant That the first sentence only be the motion, and the rest be used as support discussions.

"That SAMI does not support the use of Murray water in a severe drought to increase flows to the Snowy River prior to the savings having been found for such purposes."

CARRIED.

#### AMENDMENT 3

MOVED G. McInness "That SAMI does not support the use of water destined to flow to the Murray River in a severe drought to increase flows to the Snowy River prior to the savings having been found for such purposes." This was not seconded.

Amendment 2 became the motion and was then CARRIED.

L. Gosse asked if all the information that Paul had supplied to the meeting go to Irrigators Inc.

#### MEDIA SUPPORT

Richard Smart commented how there was a lack of balance in the media. No journalist is printing anything positive. South Australia use of the Murray River was getting a bashing

from the media. We need to get someone to print some positive things and bring some balance back into it.

David Foote suggested contacting Mike Keelan, who is in publicity. He may be able to help us. The Executive Officer to follow this up. David to provide the Executive Officer with contact details.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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