

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MURRAY IRRIGATIONS INCORPORATED**

Minutes of the Committee meeting No. 12 held at the meeting room of Sunlands and Golden Heights Irrigation Trusts, Coombe Terrace, Waikerie, On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 commencing at 4.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

A. Roe (Chairman), M. Vegter, G. Smart, Ted Woods, S. Newell, L. Gosse, R. Smyth, R. Ralph.

**APOLOGIES**

I. Zadow, T. Whetstone, P. Martin, M. Aucote.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2002 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**MOVED** R. Smyth **SECONDED** G. Smart

That the Minutes be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**SAMI TO MR. JOHN HILL MP** - Correspondence dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2002 and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2002 requesting a meeting with the Minister. **Agreed** that we do not pursue a meeting with the Minister at this time. Discussed that SAMI needs to have a higher profile.

**SAMI TO CENTRAL IRRIGATION TRUST** - Regarding thanks for Rod Ralph's services.

**DEB KERR, IRRIGATORS INC** - Regarding incorporation of Irrigations Inc. Discussed that this process seems to be floundering with the position with Sate delegates still not having been resolved. The Constitution has not been set. The following was discussed: -

- (a) Are Victorian irrigators (in particular the Sunraysia area) area aware of Irrigators Inc?
- (b) Shareholding of State bodies associated with Irrigators Inc.
- (c) The need to have a working group developing the Constitution.
- (d) Role and involvement of Executive Officers, and the need to keep Irrigators Inc a strong irrigators forum and not allowed to be come clouded with other issues, or solely a body of Executive Officers.

The position of SAMI in relation to quorums and delegates and attendance of Irrigators Inc meetings is as follows: -

QUORUM AND DELEGATES

- There must be at least one irrigator from each State to form a quorum.
- Three delegates from each State, with at least two irrigators within those three.
- Only one Executive Officer per State as a delegate.
- Executive Officers do not vote unless holding a proxy from a practicing irrigator delegate.
- Proxies can be held by other practicing irrigators on behalf of nominated delegates. An Executive Officer can hold a practicing irrigators proxy, however if there are three practicing irrigators present, the Executive Officer cannot vote.

SAMI DELEGATES

Nominated Delegate

Paul Martin (Irrigator)  
Rob Symth (Irrigator)  
Sam Newell (Irrigator)  
Mike Vegter (Executive Officer)

Proxy Delegate

Tony Roe  
Tim Whetstone  
Graham Smart

With Tim Whetstone unable to attend many meetings, it was discussed that a proxy delegate from Renmark Irrigation Trust could be recommended.

ATTENDANCE AT IRRIGATORS INC MEETINGS - Assuming each State body member holds shares in Irrigators Inc, shares should be relinquished if a State body is not represented at two consecutively called meetings. Their shares can then be offered to other representative bodies from their State.

The Executive Officer to advise Deb Kerr of SAMI position on delegates, etc, subject to circulation of the draft advice prior to it being sent.

FINANCE

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

Cheque Account 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2002	\$ 1,671.09
Cash Management Account 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2002	\$12,054.16
Term Investment due 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2002	\$ 3,200.00

QUEENSLAND WORKSHOP EXPENSES

MOVED R. Smyth SECONDED Ted Woods

That the accommodation account of \$88.00 for S. Newell be reimbursed.

CARRIED

2002/2003 BUDGET - It was recommended that the budget for Workshop Accommodation and travel, and Executive Officer costs be set at \$10,000 for 2002/2003.

(a) Reasonable accommodation costs will be reimbursed.

- (b) Only 3 delegates will be paid for, the 4<sup>th</sup> goes at their own cost.
- (c) The Executive Officer advised that a rate of \$32.50 (to 30th June 2002) will cover costs reimbursed to Sunlands and Golden Heights Trusts for Executive Officers time. Sunlands and Golden Heights are yet to agree on this matter.

### MEMBERSHIP

It was discussed that fees from the 2001/2002 year had not been utilized in that year, and therefore existing members may not be required to pay any fees for the 2002/2003 year. It was decided that new members should be sought. New members would be required to pay a fee.

Two letters to be sent: -

- (1) To existing members advising them that there may not need to be a fee collected from them in 2002/2003, if we are successful in attracting a reasonable number of new members, and
- (2) To prospective new members seeking their membership in SAMI. It was AGREED that the membership fee is to be the same as for last year (2001/2002)

### ANNUAL MEETING OF SAMI

<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2002
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>SWAN REACH HOTEL</b>
<b>COMMENCING</b>	4.00 p.m.
<b>SPEAKER</b>	Bob Newman was suggested. Other names to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

### IRRIGATORS INC - ADELAIDE WORKSHOP, AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2002

- SAMI is responsible for organising venue and speakers.
- Date is not yet set
- Sam Newell to investigate some venues/facilities /accommodation.
- SAMI committee should attend some of the workshop as observers and for support.
- Dinner always on first night, with suggestion that John Hill M.P. could be invited to attend the dinner as a guest (not speaker).
- Speakers suggested: -
  - Professor Keith Walker (Adelaide University)
  - Tony Thompson (PIRSA)
  - Doctor David Patton (Adelaide University)
  - Peter Hoey (Department Land, Water & Biodiversity Conservation)
  - Mike Young
  - Monique Aucote
  - Rob Giles (Chairman Angas Bremman Group)
  - Peter Forward (Department Land, Water & Biodiversity Conservation)

A South Australian perspective is required.

### IRRIGATORS INC - BRISBANE WORKSHOP - MAY 2002

Sam Newell reported on the Workshop held in Brisbane on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2002. It was noted that guest speakers were important in setting the tone of the meeting. Paul Martin has been nominated as a delegate to the Murray Darling Basin Commission Reference Panel for Murray Environmental Flows. It is the opinion of Irrigators Inc that water will not be given away by irrigators for environmental flows.

GENERAL BUSINESS

LABOR PARTY DISCUSSION PAPER - Irrigators Inc discussion paper to the Australian Labor Party was tabled for information. The Executive Officer advised that he had had input into this document on behalf of SAMI.

PROPOSED RIVER MURRAY ACT - Meeting arranged for SAMI committee to meet with Peter Hoey and Megan Dyson of Department Land, Water & Biodiversity Conservation at Swan Reach Hotel 9<sup>th</sup> July 2002 at 4.00 p.m. to discuss the proposed Act. Discussion Paper tabled.

MEDIA RELEASES - HONOURABLE JOHN HILL

- (a) River Murray Rehabilitation - tabled
- (b) River Murray Legislation - tabled

RICE GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Invitation and registration forms were circulated. Rod Ralph and Paul Martin have been organising places for delegates to visit in the Riverland area. Approximately 250 delegates are expected. The dinner on 15<sup>th</sup> August to be hosted by SAMI. Committee are encouraged to attend.

RIVERLAND WEST LOCAL ACTION PLANNING GROUP - Co-ordinator, Renee Webster, would like to speak to SAMI about their group. To be arranged for sometime in the future.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

CONFIRMED.....

CHAIRMAN

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