RAILWAY TECHNICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA - SA CHAPTER

Minutes of Committeee Meeting 7/02
Held at Bagot Street, North Adelaide
1 August, 2002

1. **Open:** Duncan McLeod, acting chairman, opened the meeting at 1615 hours

Present: John Adams, John Dring, Bill Edmonds, Duncan Mcleod, Malcolm Menadue, Max Michell (later), Ian Milroy, Robert Schweiger, and Roger Wyatt (minutes).

Apologies: George Erdos, Max Michell (expected to be delayed)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved Malcolm, seconded John Dring, that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried

3. Business Arising from Minutes:

3.1 Mentoring schemes: Roger reported response received from Division. Agreed to await further action at Division level.

3.2 SA/NT Chapter proposal
Roger reported no response yet from initial contact with potential NT members. Roger to send follow-up message.

3.3 Roger advised there was a problem with the October speaker. Simon Le Bars has left the Alice Springs – Darwin project. Roger agreed to pursue alternative speaker. Try for the original September 5 date.

3.4 AGM/Dinner arrangements: Roger tabled menus and prices from Classics Restaurant. Agreed to negotiate a variant of Menu 3 without soup and without the dessert of the day and to hope for a price about $35 or $36. Agreed to seek a drinks package similar to last year. Robert agreed to contact potential sponsors.

4. Correspondence:

In: 8/7/02 – Stephen Townsend re Indemnity to ARTC for Port Augusta visit
10/7/02 – Stephen Townsend – re access to Pichi Richi underpass
10/7/02 – Division ED re Mentor Scheme
25/7/02 – Nina Lenz re minutes by e-mail to members. Agreed not in favour. Robert indicated this would be discussed at National Committee. Agreed to include a paragraph of highlights in the N/Ls.

Out: 8/7/02 – Stephen Townsend (Per John Dring) re ARTC Indemnity.
9/7/02 – Stephen Townsend – (Per John Adams) re ARTC Indemnity
9/7/02 – Stephen Townsend (per John Adams) – Indemnities including NRG Flinders
23/7/02 – Division office (Joanne Knoblauch) – catering requirements for next meeting

Moved Roger, seconded John Dring that the correspondence be received. Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Robert advised there was nothing to report.

6. Membership:

Malcolm reported that 15 of the current "hard copy" Newsletter list were not on the latest membership listing from Canberra. Agreed Malcolm should circulate the names to the committee for views on retention or otherwise. Agreed the names should remain on until discussion at next meeting.

7. Program:

Pichi Richi visit 9th and 10th August – Proceeding as planned.

3rd October (was 5th September): Joint meeting with PWI - Alice Springs to Darwin update. Agreed Roger should seek an alternative speaker (contact Charles Duncan). Potential back-up speakers, Des Smith and Ron Stewien suggested. Realistically date would be 3 October, but not to rule out 5 September.

10th – 13th November: CORE 2002

19th November (was 28th November): AGM with Mysore L. Nagaraja speaker from CORE2002. Robert to contact him to advise the context of the meeting (AGM/Dinner)

February 2003: Derek Scrafton or, if AS-D project speaker unavailable for October meetin, AS-D construction update. Agreed Max to approach Derek Scrafton.

March 2003: Joint with PWI – Pacific National (NR/FreightCorp new ownership) – follow up about September for meeting in first quarter of next year.

Additional topics for consideration (new suggestions and some carried forward from previous minutes):

Ron Stewien re history of SAR
Films of NAR/TAR construction (possibly ask Des Smith to talk with them)
TransAdelaide – Dogs Home embankment stabilisation
TransAdelaide – Next phase of concrete sleepering
Interdynamics – Max suggested for a meeting next year.
Prof Mike Taylor – Railway Network Vulnerability – suggested by Ieuan Richards – consider for early next year.
Fred Affleck
Derek Scrafton in Feb or April next year
14, 15, 16 March next year is IRSE conference which may have sessions of interest to some members.

Discussed possible need for a Program Director. Bill agreed to take on the role.

8. Newsletter

Discussed some feedback from recent article by Max. Max advised that he had solicited further feedback to ascertain if any offence had been taken by any of the younger engineers.

Next NL aim for about August 16. (Secretary's Note: This is probably not necessary now in view of arrangements for October meeting rather than September meeting.)

9. National matters

CORE 2004 Darwin has been confirmed. Robert to advise date of first meeting of organizing committee. Agreed to hold the meeting at NR offices at 1600 hrs on advised date.
Next council meeting at CORE2002.

10. General Business:

Max noted that the RTSA web-site needs updating. Robert advised that the National Committee was aware of the problem and had arranged for Mark Carter to keep it up to date. Max will follow up with other Chapters on this matter too.

11. Meeting Announcements:

Publicise Pichi Richi tour. Advise uncertainty on September/October meeting. Publicise AGM and CORE 2002.

12. Next meeting:

Thursday **3rd October**, at 1600 hrs, at **Bagot Street**.

13. Close: 1735 hrs.