



Goldfields Environmental Management Group

Annual General Meeting - Minutes Thursday 8th November 2007

Meeting Opened – 3:52 PM

1. Wayne Astill (President) opened the meeting by welcoming all members and visitors to the 2007 GEMG AGM
2. Wayne Astill (President) welcomed Jim Thompson from Outback Energy Supplies; Jim showed the AGM a presentation on climate change based on Al Gore's movie

Present:

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| 1. Bronwen Smith (DEC) | 16. Kelly Carter (OMG Cawse) |
| 2. Karen Wheeler (DEC) | 17. Fiona Westcott (DEC) |
| 3. Jayne Finch (St Ives) | 18. Aaron Gleeson (BHP) |
| 4. Nick Galton-Fenzi (BHP) | 19. Kath LaNauze (Rally) (c) |
| 5. Claire McGuire (KCGM) | 20. Tracey Simpson (MGS) |
| SECRETARY | 21. Adam Rayner (DEC) |
| 6. Darren Graham (Central Norsman) | 22. Jim Thomspson (Outback EnergySupply) |
| 7. Andrea Williams (JSWT) | 23. Kris Sheehan (BHP) |
| TREASURER | 24. Nicole Harry (KCGM) |
| 8. Wayne Astill (DEC) | 25. David Gleeson (KBULG) |
| PRESIDENT | 26. Julie Mahony (DEC) |
| 9. Megan Byfield (Barrick) | 27. Jim Williams (JSWT) (c) |
| 10. Adam Pratt (SWC) | 28. Leanne Morey (St Ives) |
| 11. Stephanie Mitchell (Padgold) | 29. Glenn Firth (St Ives) (c) |
| 12. Owen Wilson (DOIR) | 30. Rupert Duckworth (GHD) (c) |
| 13. Andrew Wallace (DOIR) | 31. Lillian |
| 14. Peter Bayliss (St Ives) | 32. Julie Mahony (DEC) |
| 15. Linda Parker (Outback Energy Supply) | |
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Apologies

1. Keith Lindbeck
2. Mark Dawson (BHP)

VICE PRESIDENT

3. Tony Fitzgibbon (Ruggies)
 4. Max Bentley (SITA)
 5. Briony Coleman (KCGM)
 6. Michelle Holmes (KCGM)
 7. Cheyne Mann (Jundee)
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Presentations

Presentations to GEMG Members were received from:

Jim Thomspson

AGM

See next page for detailed minutes.

BBQ Dinner and Sundowner

Followed for members after AGM.



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AGM

Start of Formal Business

- Constitution needs to be submitted to DOCEP based on changes to 2006 changes.

Changes accepted by majority show of hands

ACTION: Rupert to submit updated GEMG Constitution to DOCEP



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President's Report

In November 2006 I took over the role of GEMG President from Nick Galton-Fenzi who, with the previous committee, had many incredible achievements. Perhaps the most memorable being the May 2006 GEMG Workshop, what a tough act to follow!

At the Nov 2006 AGM the GEMG set forward a vision for the future. It was noted that there was significant dollars in the bank, and as a not-for-profit organisation we should be finding items that would assist our members and use that money to finance that. In particular four items were highlighted:

- More social/ information sessions.
- Web based upgrades.
- Professional development courses
- Additional promotion of GEMG, in particular within the universities and museums.

To a small degree this committee has been able to achieve that. We have had a number of events that have linked professional development and social sessions in particular: contaminated sites; biodiversity offsets; and sampling quality assurance. One of these evenings was a combined event with the Institute of Engineers.

The other items didn't get progressed as far as we would hope. Initial inquiries were made on web based upgrades (and some internal initiated changes were undertaken) and awards with university. Whilst these looked very do-able the committee could not find the time necessary to make them work.

On the way forward. Well the item that I have noticed the most this year is the general busyness of people in the environmental field. The members on GEMG are looking more tired than I have noted in the 5 years I have been in town. There is increased turn over of staff in the consultancy, mining and government areas – and the profile of the GEMG has waned because of that. Whilst we have the dollars to do some great things, we don't have the time to drive it as individuals.

The GEMG 2008 workshop is a great opportunity to re-establish the GEMG profile. There are great opportunities for presentations, and we could probably get the broadest discussions possible at this event. It appears to me that the life of an environmental officer nowadays needs to consider a wide variety of areas from air (point and diffuse source emissions, NPI, climate change/ greenhouse gas, noise), soil (contaminated sites, rehabilitation and waste characterisation), water (flood management, groundwater to sewage) and the political, legal (approvals and enforcement) and scientific measures (fit for purpose) to support those areas. The GEMG Workshop is a three day event to delve into those subjects.

But we need a strong and passionate GEMG committee to make it work. So please seriously consider your level of involvement. Be it from President, through to committee member. Or perhaps you would just like to help with the workshop and would be prepared to just be on a group working on sections of that. Or if you have less drive to assist in the workshop, but real skills in web page editing then we could use you. Let us know.

Finally we all need to consider how we can influence the organisations we work for; so that they see the time we spend in this group as important to their business. The GEMG would welcome your thoughts on this as well.



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Treasurers Report

- Andrea Williams provided the Treasurer's report

TRESURERS REPORT 2006 - 2007

The 2006-2007 no workshop occurred and the income and expenses comprised of the following:-

Balance in the bank as at the 30th June 2006 \$123526

\$43577 however was owed to creditors for the 2005 workshop.

Expenses incurred from 2005 workshop adjusted and put in the 2005-2006 year

Income 2006-2007 \$3918.00

Income from books sold and mini workshops held throughout the year.

Expenses 2006-2007 \$5036

Mini workshop expenses, audit and meeting expenses.

Balance in the bank at 30th June 2007 \$78831.00

As at the 24th October the balance in the bank is \$76008.36

Audit carried out by Pat Leighton's Chartered Accountants for the financial year 2006-2007.

Accepted by Kellie Cater and Rupert Duckworth



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General Business

- Changes to constitution from last year - allow 15 voting members to be a corum, 75% of members present in the overall meeting. As the constitution wasn't logged last year with DOCEP, the AGM passed the changes again with a majority show of hands.
- C.McGuire suggested a continuation of the small development workshops throughout the year possibility of having one before the main conference in May 2008. It is a great way to increase the profile of GEMG with new people and faces that are coming into the industry.
- W.Astill suggested the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) wanted to come to Kalgoorlie to video Jim Thomson's presentation regarding climate change. Due to expenses for travel it was suggested that GEMG support ACF along with other companies and the chamber to contribute to the cost to help ACF come over to Kalgoorlie and help them complete the video. Wayne propose to support up to \$3300 to support air flights for ACF.

ACTION: GEMG committee will contact Chamber and various other companies to contribute to this presentation.

- A.Williams brought up the possibility of renewing the GEMG flora book. At last years AGM it was suggested to publish an eremophlia book, N.Galton – Fenzi suggested the eremophlia book. Andrew Brown has already published books. It was suggested that the committee to think about progressing this project after the 2008 May workshop.
- J.Thompson suggested publishing a book for travelling between Merriden and Kalgoorlie something similar to the golden quest. Maybe in partnership with tourism WA. Suggestion for committee to further investigate after 2008 May workshop.

Election of Office Bearers – Executive Management Committee

- Wayne Astill (President) Wayne Astill was nominated by Nick Galton and seconded by Megan Byfield. President elected unopposed – Wayne Astill.
- Rupert Duckworth (Vice President) Nominated by Claire McGuire and seconded by Andrea Williams. Vice President re-elected unopposed – Rupert Duckworth .
- Andrea Williams (Treasurer) indicated her willingness to remain on the Committee as Treasurer. Accepted by Nick Galton and seconded by Jayne Finch. Treasurer re-elected unopposed – Andrea Williams.
- Claire McGuire nominated by Kath La Nuze and seconded by Nick Galton Fenzi. Secretary re-elected unopposed – Claire McGuire

Signatures on the GEMG bank account(s) will be the Executive Management Committee of Wayne Astill (President), Rupert Duckworth (Vice President), Andrea Williams (Treasurer) and Claire McGuire (Secretary)

ACTION: Executive committee to organise signatures for paperwork through bank



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Election of Office Bearers – Management Committee

Nominations and elected Members for committee roles are as follows:

- Elected – Nick Galton (Nominated by Andrea William, Seconded by Tracey Simpson)
- Elected – Bronwen Smith (Nominated by Kath La Nuze, Seconded by Jayne Finch).
- Elected - Jim Williams (Nominated by Claire McGuire, Seconded by Rupert Duckworth).
- Elected - Steph Mitchell (Nominated by Megan Byfield, Seconded by Nick Galton - Fenzi).
- Elected – Kellie Carter (Nominated by Claire McGuire Seconded by Megan Byfield)
- Elected – Dave Gleeson (nominated Aaron Gleeson second Wayne Astill) non voting

Meeting Closed

The meeting was officially closed at 5:15 PM. Next Meeting TBA.
