

PAWA NSW

Annual General Meeting November 2009

Venue: Los Tajibos Conference Centre, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Date: 3rd November 2009

Meeting commenced 19:10 hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

Chair: I would like to acknowledge the traditional people of Bolivia, within whose territory we are currently sitting, and pay respect to their elders, both past and present.

Attendees: Duncan Scott-Lawson, Chris Keyzer, Greg Croft, Steve Woodhall, Victor Harnadi, Vera O'Donovan, Fluer Urquhart, Tegan Burton, Kathleen Hellmann, Chris Pavich, Holly North, Alan Henderson

Apologies: Sharne Ridge, Dave Burns, Michele Cooper, Mel Hall

1. Minutes of previous meetings

Motion by DSL that minutes from previous meeting be adopted, seconded by SW, carried.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Will be carried over to the next meeting.

3. Chair's Report: written report from Dave Burns

It has been a pleasure being the Chair of PAWA for the past 2 years and being a part of the progress that we've made. From such humble beginnings to a membership that was hoped for but hardly expected so soon after incorporation.

PAWA has achieved a lot in that time and I am especially pleased to see the progress over the last 12 months. The money and goods raised for both Equip the Amazon and the Rangers Dependant Fund is something we all should be proud of, a fine achievement. The expansion of the website and the development of promotional gear are slowly getting the word out that we are here. The presentation night was another successful event that promises to continue to build our educational/interpretational reputation, while our submission to the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission was a first for PAWA, it perhaps will be seen as the beginnings of our truly professional reputation, providing input into the very core of natural resource debate.

Looking forward; PAWA has a number of challenges, the most important I think is to engage our members, a difficult task I know with such a decentralised membership. But something we must achieve if we are ever to be a professional association of worth to and for our members. The work we are doing for the Amazon and the Dependents is not trivial

but is only one of the five constituted objectives, we do have to make a start on the others if we are ever going fulfil the purpose that we created PAWA for.

What I would like to see in the next 12 months is some ideas hatched on how we can make a start to fulfilling these other objectives.

To the committee members just finishing their terms, my heartfelt thanks for the effort you have put in over the last two years and if you are to be leaving the committee, I sincerely hope that you can remain involved somehow in the running of PAWA and assist the new committee members in their endeavours.

To the new committee members, welcome, and I hope you find the experience of being at the heart of this young association, so full of potential, as rewarding as I have.

4. Vice-chair's Report: Duncan Scott-Lawson

Reporting on projects – progress on the exchange program is as per last meeting, awaiting sponsor from DECC in order to present the proposal to the executive; sponsorship guidelines still pending.

5. Treasurer's Report: Steve Woodhall

Financial report for 1st June 2008 – 31st May 2009, this being the financial year.

Assets/incomings 1 June 2008 - 31 May 2009	
Bank Balance as at 1 June 2008	\$2,815.34
Subscriptions	\$2,945.50
Bank Interest	\$0.45
T shirt sales	\$895.00
TGL dvd sales	\$150.00
other income	
World Ranger Day event	\$730.95
Equip the Amazon Project	\$2,224.80
Total	\$9,762.04
Outgoings 1 June 2008 - 31 May 2009	
T shirt production costs	\$1,042.25
Donations to Ranger Dependents Fund	\$810.00
Dept Fair Trading expenses	\$111.00
APITIKATXI assistance to congress	\$487.10
Sticker production costs	\$401.50
Misc secretarial expenses	\$215.76
WRD expenses	\$317.70
Total	\$3,385.31
Liabilities/commit's/unpres'd cheques	
Nil	\$0.00
Total	\$3,385.31
Balances	
Assets	\$9,762.04
Liabilities	\$3,385.31
Balance as at 31 May 2009	\$6,376.73

6. Extension Officer's Report: written report from Michele Cooper

1. PAWA Press will be up to edition 7 by Christmas 2009
2. PAWA Press international edition 2009 was distributed to all World Ranger Congress participants (English and Portuguese versions)
3. PAWA poster displayed at Congress
4. Media release drafted and taken up by 2 papers re taking vital equipment to Amazon (Mosman Daily and Bathurst paper)
5. Poster designed and now being printed in local PAWA offices targeting students to join PAWA
6. A series of 4 recruitment posters in draft
7. Request for PAWA members, at least committee, to submit articles for PAWA press to make it diverse and interesting – would love reports back from those committee members who attended the congress for PAWA Press 2010 please
8. Michele will be taking care of membership with Steve and Tegan away
9. Plans for 2010 (should I be re-elected) complete the BI*&dy posters, design a new colour brochure, draft banner, more media releases for members to use, start a distribution list for PAWA Press external to members in an effort to increase membership

DSL recognised the efforts of Michele, Tegan and Steve in preparation for the Congress, eg with the poster and PAWA Press International, and also for their continuous efforts in the name of PAWA.

TB recognised the effort of Cristiano Hisa in providing the translation into Portuguese for PAWA Press International Edition 2009.

7. Election of vacated committee roles

Officers up for election at this AGM were Chair, Treasurer, Extension Officer and two Committee Members (originally only one, but with the resignation of Wendy Noble after one year, two new members are now required). Nominations were invited from all members, with a deadline for nominations of 12th August 2009

Chair: no nominations received prior to AGM. Nominations opened to the floor.
Duncan Scott-Lawson nominated, elected unopposed.

Vice-Chair now vacant. Nominations opened to the floor.
Fluer Urquhart nominated, elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Steve Woodhall nominated, elected unopposed.

Extension Officer: Michele Cooper nominated, elected unopposed.

Committee Member: Dave Burns nominated, elected unopposed.

Committee Member: Chris Pavich nominated, elected unopposed.

A big thank you to those committee members now standing down from the committee – Wendy Noble and Chris Keyzer – and to Dave Burns standing down from Chair. Thanks for your contributions to the committee over the past years. And of course congratulations to all those having been elected at this meeting.

DSL noted that PAWA really stood out at the Congress as an association which has got up and running since the last Congress and is really achieving things. CP thanked Tegan in particular for her efforts towards projects like Equip the Amazon and involvement in the Congress.

8. Equip the Amazon update: Tegan Burton

Three main things to report on:

- the congress provided an excellent opportunity to transport equipment to South America. Seven duffel bags of equipment, averaging approximately 16kg each, were carried by Tegan Burton, Steve Woodhall, Kristen Appel, Chris Keyzer, Chris Pavich, Fluer Uruqhart and Kathleen Hellmann, some incurring excess baggage costs. One of these bags contained winter & wet weather gear which was donated to the IRF pool of equipment to be distributed during the congress. The remaining six bags contained GPS units, digital cameras, fire helmets and gloves, fire jackets and pants, and an assortment of uniform shirts. These were presented by formal ceremony on stage to Juventino Kaxuyana, President of APITIKATXI, during the first day of the congress.
- PAWA previously agreed to spend \$2000 of general funds to sponsor delegates from north-eastern Brazil to the WRC. This was used to fund registration and travel for indigenous ranger Juventino Kaxuyana and registration for state-based Amapa ranger Airton Ferreira.
- three PAWA members (Tegan Burton, Steve Woodhall and Chris Pavich) and a UK ranger (Nick Eade) will be visiting Macapa, Brazil post congress. During this visit they will observe and present in an indigenous ranger training course and meet with representatives of our partner organisations, ACT Brasil and APITIKATXI.

9. VI World Ranger Congress: Duncan Scott-Lawson

Here we are, and congratulations on the level of representation at the congress! PAWA has been asked to contribute some highlights for the IRF Regional report.

Action: DSL to prepare highlights in preparation for IRF regional meeting following night.

10. DECC radio upgrade program: Steve Woodhall

DECC will be upgrading all its radio units over the next couple of years. Steve approached the team responsible for implementing the upgrade in order to investigate any opportunities for the out-mode equipment to be donated to PAWA.

Action: SW to continue monitoring the situation and undertake a liaison role.

11. DECC surplus uniforms: Steve Woodhall

DECC field-based staff will be replacing their field shirts with a new high-vis version. PAWA members should put out a call for contributions of people's old gear.

Action: committee members to monitor progress of the uniform replacement program and send out a call for donations of old styles closer to the time of change-over.

12. Delegate for World Congress Membership Meeting: Tegan Burton

Due to the deadline for nomination to be submitted to the IRF, this item was discussed at the Dunns Swamp gathering originally intended as the AGM. Steve Woodhall was nominated as the PAWA delegate for the WCMM and the form submitted to the IRF.

13. General Business

Sponsorship to congress

As previously noted, NPWS contributed to a sponsorship package for delegates to the WRC which was initiated by Mark Stone of Parks Victoria and coordinated by Andy Nixon of the Victorian Rangers Association. PAWA could flag this as an item for the DDG or DG newsletter, including some information or quotes etc from sponsored delegates.

Action: DSL to obtain relevant information from Peter Cleary (VRA).

14. Next meeting:

1 – 2 May 2010, Central (eg Green Gully) or Southern.

Meeting closed 20:15 hrs

Tegan Burton
Secretary PAWA
14 February 2010