

Aus7 Modellers Group 2009 AGM Minutes

Date 12/7/09

Apologies – Roger Pearson, Bruce Wood, Mark Fisher, John Parker, Chris Harris.

Present - T Hodges, J Lee, B Thomas, K Ryan, T Ryan, B Treseder, A Furniss, B Lovett, A MacDonald, M MacWilliam, R Porter, W Clowery, D Morris, R Rumble, M Ratcliffe, P Berg, D Peterson, H Horgan, G Imer, P Chisholm, J O'Neill.

Minutes secretary – T Hodges

Meeting Opened by Keiran Ryan - 11.06am

Presentation of Financial Account (Treasurer R Porter) – Report delivered by Roger. He wasn't able to present a typed report however he did present the relevant figures. Figures were discussed in detail with especial attention given to the cost of producing 7th Heaven. Membership stands at 75 members as of the AGM, a drop from 98 the previous year. Revenue and attendance from the Forums was discussed.

Roger moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded by – Harry Horgan.

Passed on the voices.

President's Report (Keiran Ryan) - Keiran made his report and discussed his impressions of the year. He mentioned the economic conditions, attendance at the exhibition, membership numbers and ways of improving numbers. 7th Heaven was mentioned and Keiran thanked Paul Chisholm for editing the magazine. Keiran thanked the committee.

Moved that the report be accepted – John O'Neill.

Seconded by – Harry Horgan

Election of Executive for year 2009-2010 - Chaired by John O'Neill.

President – Keiran Ryan Nominated by Harry Horgan

Seconded by – Ray Rumble

Carried - unanimous

Vice President – John O'Neill Nominated by Trevor Hodges

Seconded by – Paul Chisholm.

Carried - unanimous

Secretary – Trevor Hodges nominated by Keiran Ryan

Seconded by – John Lee

Carried - unanimous

Treasurer – Anthony Furniss nominated by Keiran Ryan

Seconded by – Harry Horgan

Carried - unanimous

Newsletter Editor – Paul Chisholm nominated by Trevor Hodges

Seconded by Dave Morris

Carried - unanimous

General Business

1. Bruce Lovett brought up three items. A) He asked could a membership list be published. Trevor said that permission is sought but Roger said that this hadn't been kept recently.
2. Bruce raised the issue of the BDO. He asked could local clubs be contacted personally. Trevor replied that the whole organisation needed to be discussed.
3. Bruce asked is it possible to put a membership form in each issue of 7th Heaven.
4. Paul replied by raising the issue of the organisation of the Forums. Paul moved that someone be appointed as an organiser for the Forums and perhaps they be assisted by some other members. Keiran mentioned some issues around the organisation of the Forums. Harry replied that we should form a sub-committee to organise this.
5. Harry moved a motion that a sub committee be formed to organise the Forum for next 12 months. Seconded by Keiran – unanimously carried.
6. Harry asked whether the number of forums was too many. People felt that this was about right. Trevor mentioned that one well attended event may be better than two poorly attended events. John asked how many people be on the committee. Trevor replied that he felt that two would be an ideal number and that perhaps . Bruce mentioned that the promotion of the Forums didn't just rely on the advertising, it also depended on the membership. John felt that the committee should have three members. John O'Neill, John Lee and Ray Rumble offered to form the committee. Roger porter offered to help out.
7. Paul raised the issue of content of 7th Heaven. The material for this is becoming more difficult to garner. It raises issues of publication deadlines and planning. Discussion took place on this issue.
8. Peter Berg raised the issue of the younger generation. He asked what are we doing to cater for this group of members. Bruce replied that the same issue had been raised by other groups.
9. Harry raised the issue of memberships and appointing a membership officer. He felt that this would help to promote membership. The issue of raising memberships came up and Keiran said he felt we all had an obligation to help promote the group and the scale.

Meeting Closed - 12.22