

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Held at the Soho Hotel, 124 Davey St. Hobart
2nd December 2015 19:15

Attendance

AEVA Members

Clive Attwater, Warren Boyles, John Casimaty, Paul Dickenson, Charles Gregory, Michael Wadsley, Christopher Walkden, Ron Anderson, John Hunter, Stephen Daniels, Roger Dewar, Ray Johnston, Julie Hargreaves, Shayn Harkness, Paul Rayner.

Guests

Penny Wadsley, Gordon Raspin, John Hanley.

Apologies

Greg Milligan, Rachel Milligan, Chris Heath, Rob Manson, Veryan Hann, Alicja Mosbauer.

Confirmation of minutes

Moved by Warren, seconded by Paul that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. - Carried.

Correspondence

Tas AEVA has received a donation of \$472.39 from the winding up of KEENER (Kentish Energy Efficiency Network Embracing Renewables). Julie Hargreaves stated that the branch's proactive stance on the electric highway in particular was the deciding factor in who they gave the money to.

Business arising from the minutes

Meeting dates set for the coming year:

17th Feb, 13th April, 22nd June, 17th Aug (AGM), 14th Sept, 12 Oct, 7 Dec.

Locations to be confirmed closer to each date. Feb meeting is likely to be in the north (at Anvers chocolate factory in Latrobe perhaps?)

Bulk purchase of Nissan Leafs

An email was sent to Nissan suggesting the bulk purchase of Nissan Leafs. Nissan has responded positively, suggesting that good discounts may be had if we can get in the order of 10 ordered. A discount of \$5000 or more was speculated.

If you are interested in buying a Leaf please contact Clive: treasurer@tas.aeva.asn.au

General Business

Treasurer's Report – Clive

Opening balance August 2015 \$0

Closing balance 2 December 2015 \$3054.94

Revenue: from AEVA national \$3,000

Donations:

Kentish EEF \$472.39

Other \$7.00

Total \$479.39

Memberships (cash received): \$180 (all forwarded to AEVA National)

Net revenue from events:

SLT (raffle revenue less all expenses) -\$44.45

TREA seminars \$60.00

Total net revenue \$15.55

Expense:

Banner (capital investment) \$400.00

I note that our membership contributions to date have been \$2680 for our 68 members (as of 2 December). This nearly offsets our receipts from AEVA National of \$3,000. Eight more full members will result in matching revenue with our 'draw' from the national kitty.

Secretary's Report – Christopher spoke about the new email lists. If you are getting too many emails then consider changing to “digest” mode. This would mean that you only get one email per day (which contains all today's emails), reducing your emails without missing out on anything.

Report on website & social media coverage – Greg & Rachel absent.

Report on the Sustainable Living Festival provided by Paul Rayner (distributed previously via email).

Clive spoke about the TREA/AEVA seminars in Launceston & Hobart. 25 or 30 people attended each, Q&A sessions were good with knowledgeable questions.

Ray has written an article for the Launceston College newsletter which will go out to 1500 families. LC may develop an EV construction course for 2016.

Shayn spoke about the launch of the new Anvers carpark including a charger. The food was good! It was noticeable that many attendees (e.g. politicians) had misconceptions about EVs and this was a good opportunity for education.

Clive spoke about the charging station, there is a 22kW 3-phase J1772 socket and a Tesla plug. The owner is intending to install one or two 15A outlets. The owner said that they learned more in the 1 week of contact with AEVA than in the months of planning themselves before they new AEVA existed. This demonstrates that AEVA has a role to play in information and training.

From Sarah Lowe:

Sustainable Living in Kingborough (SLiK) instigated Love Living Locally in Kingston at the Council Chambers 6 years ago and it now attracts a significant number of people and around 90 stallholders. SLiK has a stall in the building and would like to display the electric highway material and anything else relevant to AEVA. It would also be great if some cars could be available outside and if any members wanted to be involved that would also work. The demographic attracted is similar to SLT festival and it is a good day.

The event is 20th March 2016. Stallholder applications close 15th January.

It was agreed that AEVA should attend. Sarah to be the contact person. She will need a copy of the AEVA insurance statement.

Michael spoke about having an EV display at the Richmond Market, it was decided that the best date would be the 20th of February. Michael will check with the Clarence Council that it would be OK to have EVs on the village green that day.

Deloraine Custom & Classics show (Pre 1988) 21st February 2016. Warren mentioned that there is a 100 year old EV at the Wynyard car museum. He will make contact to see if they would be interested in taking it to Deloraine. There is also a possibility here for members of the club to offer to work on restoration to get it into working order.

Devonport Motor Show 20th March 2016 (same day as SLiK LLL). This was mentioned briefly at the meeting, the next day we had a representative make contact to specifically ask for an AEVA presence. They will investigate making electricity available. This show is in a fantastic location on the waterfront in Devonport and spaces are limited. Please register if you'd like to take your

vehicle and mention that you are part of the AEVA group. Visit <http://www.devonportmotorshow.com/> to register or to see a video of last year's event.

Could a Tas AEVA Events Calendar be produced? Charles will investigate options.

National AGM in October 2015 – Clive & Christopher gave a quick report.

Clive also spent some time in WA researching their electric highway. He has written a report on his visit – if you'd like to read it please email him at treasurer@tas.aeva.asn.au.

The National AEVA passed a resolution to restrict each state to one branch only. Previously the branches were city based (e.g. Melbourne branch), this change makes them state based (Vic branch). As part of this resolution the allowance was made for other “groups” with specific interests. These groups would work similarly to a working group, with members able to make decisions, attend/run events and seminars. The group would not have any financial responsibility, with that being handled by the (state-based) branch.

This was discussed, specifically whether we would like to create a group for people interested in conversions, or another for people located in the north of the state. The northern members present did not feel the need for a northern group. There have been several people enquiring about starting conversions, but a separate group is not required at this stage. Warren is to be the contact for conversions and may organise presentations/seminars/working bees on this topic.

Three people including our Charles have formed a national subcommittee to decide the best way to improve/replace the AEVA website. Charles reported that after an initial flurry there has not been much action. He will try to razz the others up. John Casimaty suggested that he knows someone who works on websites.

Paul and Clive spoke on the working group for the electric highway proposal. This consists of Hydro Tasmania, Tas Networks, RACT, AEVA and some representatives from councils. A working document has been produced and it has been agreed that this can be public. The document is long and detailed, and in the short term may serve as a good reference document for AEVA members to answer questions from the general public. It is available from Clive on request. The electric highway is the “second” charge network in this document. It has been decided to concentrate on DC fast chargers, which means that the cost of the network will be higher than originally anticipated.

The working group is working towards a proposal. Once this proposal is developed it will be time to approach governments, sponsors etc. Therefore we are not quite ready for crowdfunding, lobbying or petitions, but these topics will need to be re-visited once a proposal is in place.

The other related topic is the charging which might be offered by accommodation, tourism locations, cafes & pubs, caravan parts etc. These might be as simple as a 15A outlet installed in a convenient place. Many sites might have suitable infrastructure already, and it just needs an AEVA member to approach the business to see if they'd be willing to make it available to EV owners. Again, this will be better if the AEVA member has some guidance as to how to do this, what to offer the business etc. It was decided to form a working group for this, initially consisting of Charles, Penny, Clive & Paul. Paul offered Tas Networks' Public Relations department to produce one or more co-branded fact sheets.

There is the option to run workshops or presentations on this topic, for instance for the Tasmanian Hospitality Association.

No report from Bus group

A proposal was put by Clive that “the donated charger be offered to the Parks and Wildlife Service to install at Mt Field National Park”. Seconded by Michael, carried. This location is 72km from Hobart, and it is considered likely that there is 3-phase power available. PWS have been encouraging towards EVs.

Topics of future meetings – if you feel that a particular topic needs to be covered in more depth, and that there would be sufficient interest, please propose it as a meeting or seminar topic. Propose a date and we can schedule a meeting on that topic. If the topic is suitable then we could invite the public, as done recently in the seminars co-presented with TREA. The Sustainable Living Tas meeting room was proposed as a possible venue.

It was suggested that presentations might be made to groups such as Rotary or the tourism industry annual state conference.

John Hanley of Tas Dragway spoke about a proposal to host the first Australian EV Nationals in February 2017. An introduction written by John is attached. Tas Dragway would like AEVA endorsement of this event.

Proposed by Christopher that “the Tasmanian branch of the AEVA endorse Tas Dragracing holding an EV National Championship”. Seconded by Sarah, carried.

National AEVA will also be contacted to seek endorsement at a national level.

Date for next meeting: 17th Feb 2016

General information:

Members' discounts:

20% off Tesla Limousines & Tours

20% off first lawn service from Greg Milligan Gardens and Maintenance (up to \$20).

Links that members have suggested:

<http://www.worldcarfans.com/1151101100621/cambridge-scientists-developing-lithium-oxygen-battery-that-will-heavily-increase-ev-range>

<http://myelectriccar.com.au/>

<http://electrichighway.net.au/>