

Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand
2014 General Meeting
Saturday 4 October 2014
AGENDA

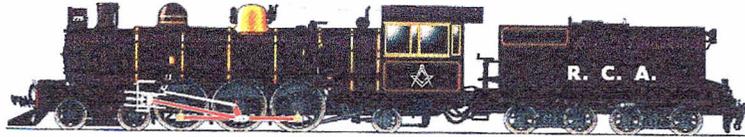
- Apologies
- Obituaries
- Confirm minutes of the 2012 AGM
- Presentation of the Chairman's Report
- Secretary/Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts
- Election of Officers
- Notices of Motion
- General Business
 - Discussion on the future of the Association
 - Other General Business

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Adrian Douglas
Secretary/Treasurer
Railway Craftsmen's Association of NZ

Attachments

- 2012 AGM Draft Minutes
- 2014 Chairman's Report
- 2014 Secretary/Treasurer Report
- 2012-2014 Reviewed Financial Statements
- Reviewers Statements
- Notices Of Motion
- Event Timings



Railway Craftsmen's Association of NZ

General Meeting Weekend - Event Timings

Friday 3rd October

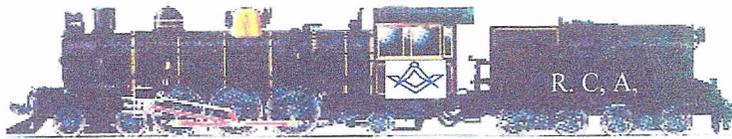
6:00pm Welcoming Drinks at the Johnsonville Club, 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville. Restaurant Open - Attendees own cost. Sign in as Railway Craftsmen Association Members.

Saturday 4th October

9:00 am Practice for 2nd Degree Working - Meet at Johnsonville Lodge Rooms.
11:00 am Railway Craftsmen's Association - General Meeting
12:30 pm Lunch with The Coronation Lodge
1:30 pm The Coronation Lodge No.127 Tyles
2:00 pm Visitors Received
2:05 pm Railway Craftsmen Association Received
2:10 pm 2nd Degree Ceremony performed by Railway Craftsmen Association
4:10 pm Lodge Closes - Toasts at Lodge Room
6:00 pm Meal - Johnsonville Club, 1 Norman Lane, Johnsonville. Buy your own meal and drinks from the restaurant. Sign in as Railway Craftsmen Association Members.

Sunday 5th October

10:00am Presentation of the Paekakariki Station Bell to the Paekakariki Railway Station Museum



Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand held at the Trentham Masonic Centre, Islington Street, Trentham at 1253hrs on Saturday 13th October 2012.

Present: Some 22 members were in attendance

Chairman's Welcome

The chairman (WBro Tony Rich) welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Obituaries

Members stood in recognition of all Railway Craftsmen who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last meeting. Les Boswell, Bruce Cornick, Richard Feather, Barry Ladd and Bob McGahey.

Apologies

VWBro Stables, WBro Hobbs, WBro Coombe, WBro Merrilees; WBro Pointon, WBro Halford, VWBro Williams, RWBro Workman, VWBro Barrett, VWBro Wagener, WBro Beck, WBro Fox.

It was Moved WBro Mail and seconded VWBro Stone that apologies were accepted. **Carried.**

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM held 22 October 2011 were tabled and copies were issued to members. It was moved VWBro Stone and seconded WBro Robertson that these minutes represented a true and correct record of this meeting. **Carried.**

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

Chairman's Report

A copy is attached.

It was moved WBro McRoberts and seconded WBro Nicholson that the Chairman's report be accepted. **Carried**

Secretary/Treasurer's Report and Reviewed Annual Accounts

A copy is attached

It was moved VWBro Stone and seconded WBro Nicholson that the Secretary/Treasurers Report be accepted and that the annual accounts were adopted. **Carried**

WBro Mail thanked the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer for the work for the Association. This was much appreciated.

Election of Officers

Position	Nominee	Moved	Seconded	Vote
Patron	RWBro W Workman			
Vice Patrons	WBro Ray Clark PGSwdB			
	VWBro Dick Esler PGW			
	RWBro Dave Marshall PDepGM			
	RWBro Reid Polkinghorne PProvGM			
	VWBro Phil Wagener PDistGM			
Chairman	WBro Tony Rich	WBro Douglas	VWBro Kendrick	Carried
Vice Chairman	WBro Rowdy Robertson	VWBro Stone	WBro McRoberts	Carried
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Secretary/Treasurer	WBro Adrian Douglas	WBro Rich	WBro Robertson	Carried
Auditor	WBro Nik Straugheir	WBro Rich	WBro Douglas	Carried
Committee	RWBro Reid Polkinghorne	Auckland		
	WBro Charles Pettit	Waikato / BoP		
	VWBro Mike Kendrick	Manawatu / Hawkes Bay / Taranaki		
	WBro Rowdy Robertson	Marlborough		
	RWBro Dick Williams	Westland		
	WBro Arthur Whitehead	Canterbury South		
		WBro Douglas	VWBro Stone	Carried

Notices of Motion

The notice of motion regarding the proposed rule changes was discussed. Amendments were suggested to add sister constitutions to the Rule 3 changes, a requirement to hold a General Meeting at least every 3 years, and that subs would be set as decided at a General Meeting (rather than a specified amount being mentioned). With these amendments the notice of motion was **carried**.

General Business

The frequencies and lack of attendance at AGM's was discussed. WBro Pollard commented that we needed to identify why brethren were not attending AGM's.

WBro Mayo commented that he felt it was important for local brethren to do a ring around and actively encourage RCA brethren to attend events. VWBro Wagener and RWBro Marshall had been doing that in the Manawatu to good effect.

WBro Nicholson stated that a good period of notice (preferably 6 months) was important ds that the date could be marked in calendars and clashes avoided.

WBro Douglas commented that lack of attendance was making it difficult to organise workings these days.

It was suggested that perhaps a meal and social function be organised in future with ladies invited along rather than the current format. WBro Mail also spoke in favour of this proposal.

WBro Wolfsbauer said it was important that good numbers attend with the current format. The Host lodge needs to be considered in the arrangements.

WBro McRoberts and WBro Robertson spoke in favour of continuing an annual event. Membership numbers were dwindling with many members now elderly/retired and not able to travel.

WBro Robertson discussed a proposal for a visit to Picton on the 16th March 2013. This would involve a working by the RCA and dinner. It is possible a General Meeting could be organised on the ferry on the way over. Thoughts were to travel over on the 8:25am, sailing on Saturday. A Saturday afternoon meeting followed by dinner and brunch the next morning then a Sunday afternoon ferry back. Details to be confirmed and distributed to all brethren.

WBro Nicholson commented that the Naval Craftsmen Group have a compass that they present to incoming Masters. This helps promote the group widely around the country. WBro Pollard commented that he has possession of a set of Railway Craftsmen's Association Gavels and a DC baton. WBro Lockyer said that he would be prepared to donate the ex Paekakariki Station bell for use by the Association. This was seconded by WBro Nicholson and **carried**.

WBro Rich discussed a proposal to increase subs and give subsidies to members travelling long distances. This met general agreement and it was decided to leave it to the committee to discuss and make a decision on a structure.

The apron fund was discussed. This had been capped at \$1500 some time ago and the accounts consolidated in to one account. WBro Douglas outlined that there was some \$530 collected in the last 3 years for the fund and only one apron had been presented from stock. Was it worth continuing to collect for the apron fund? The feeling of the meeting was that this collection should remain place. An idea was raised to perhaps present Master mason aprons but it was decided to top proceed with this. It was however, decided to present a lapel badge to any railwaymen who have RCA working conducted on them when they join the association.

WBro Robertson said he felt that there should be a class of members created to allow for members that are past or current rail employees. WBro Douglas outlined that that was the current definition of honorary members. WBro Mail commented that normally honorary members are members who have performed outstanding service to the organisation. Perhaps an Associate member classification could be created? WBro Robertson also asked if there was provision for Life Members. Currently there is not. WBro Douglas said that a notice of motion would be required for any changes and that he would bring a proposal to the next General Meeting.

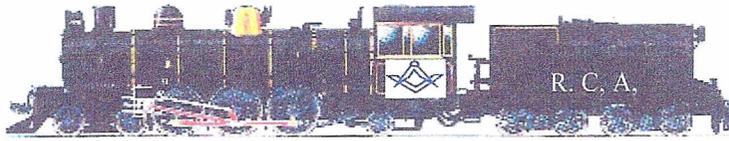
It was Moved VWBro Stone and seconded WBro Pollard that a \$100 donation was made to the Trentham Masonic Centre.
Carried.

The Chairman thanked all members for the attendance at his many visits during the year. This was much appreciated.

Meeting Closed 1415hrs

Confirmed: _____ Chairman Date: _____

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Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand

Minutes of the Ad Hoc General Meeting of the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand held at Lodge Waitohi No.111, Picton at 1430hrs on Saturday 16 March 2013.

Present: Some 19 members were in attendance

Chairman's Welcome

The chairman (WBro Tony Rich) welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and thanked all those doing charges in the upcoming 2nd Degree working. He commented that he would be standing down at the 2013 AGM Meeting.

Apologies

WBro Nicholson, WBro McRoberts, RWBro Polkinghorne, WBro Smith, RWBro Marshall, WBro Fox, VWBro Coomber, all Lodge Waitohi RCA members (who were inside the lodge room opening the lodge).

General Business

Upcoming Meetings

There was the possibility of an installation and AGM in early November. This would be conformed and advised to all members.

WBro Rich would be installed in to the chair of Hawkes Bay Daylight lodge in February 2014. Details to be advised.

Station Bell

WBro Lockyer commented regarding the Paekakariki Station Bell. He had met with the family of one of the brother associated with this bell and it was their wish that the bell be returned to the Station Museum. A case would be made for the bell and a plaque attached. This would be paid for by arrangement between the family and the Railway Craftsmen's Association. WBro Douglas would liaise with the museum, WBro Lockyer would liaise with the family and VWBro Wagener would liaise with the NZ Army to see if they wanted any involvement. This was Moved WBro Lockyer, Seconded WBro Wolfsbauer and **Carried**.

Tablet Donation

WBro Lockyer donated an Ohau - Bluff tablet to the Association to be given to all RCA Masters being installed. This was gratefully received.

Meeting Closed 1447hrs

Confirmed: _____ Chairman Date: _____

Railway Craftsmen Association Chairman's report 2012 – 2014

Greetings Brethren.

Another year has passed for both Adrian and I, with a well-earned rest for both of us.

Fraternal visits have been limited this year for various reasons.

The discussion paper on the future of our Association has been a difficult paper to prepare. Requests asking for comments regarding our future not readily forthcoming, but a second request received a better response.

Our Central Co-ordinator is again working well. Thank you Mike.
Sadly we have lost a few members to the Grand Lodge above who will be sadly missed.

Both Adrian and I have indicated our intention to stand down, so we hope some new talent may stand to take on the roles of Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you most sincerely for your support, it has been really appreciated. Thanks to those not seeking re-election. Finally my thanks to Adrian who has been a pillar of strength over the past few years.

Brethren, thanks for the opportunity of being your Chairperson over the past few years, it has been a pleasure. I Hope you have a successful A.G.M.

All the best to you and your families for the festive season.

Best regards

J.A. (Tony) Rich P.G.S.
Chairman
Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand



Secretary/Treasurer Report to General Meeting 4 October 2014

Brethren,

It is my pleasure to submit this report for the 2012-2014 years.

The reviewed accounts for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 years are attached to this report.

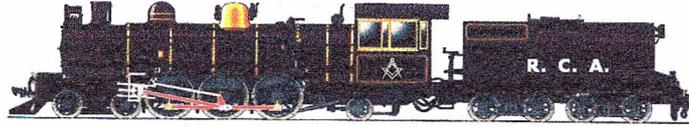
Membership of our association stands at 121 with a few members joining and some resigning and deceased. Membership stood at 124 at the last meeting in 2012. 1 Apron has presented to WBro Bill Hudson and another will be presented to James Clifford-Marsh in November on behalf of the Association.

Brethren, we very much rely on information on bereavements, installations and workings involving Railway Craftsmen. If that information is not supplied in a timely manner it can lead to embarrassment for the Association or important opportunities to attend meetings being missed.

Notice of motion to wind up the Association

Fraternal Regards

Adrian Douglas
Secretary/Treasurer
Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand



Notice Of Motion – 2014 General Meeting

That the Railway Craftsmen's Association be wound up on the 15th May 2015 unless sufficient officers can be identified before then to run the Association at the 2014 General Meeting. The Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer of the Association shall be jointly delegated to make the necessary arrangements. Funds of the Association shall be donated to a national charity chosen at the General Meeting to be held in October 2014.

Moved: Adrian Douglas (Secretary/Treasurer) Seconded: Tony Rich (Chairman)