



**MINUTES OF THE TAWS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, 11th JUNE 2010, LEISURE CENTRE , WODONGA**

Present: Mal Parrington, Alison & Jim Piper, Ted Dugdale, Lyn & Mal Walker, Lynne & Ruffie Worthington, John and Jan Hannaford, Rosalie & Eddie Lee, Jill Eitzen, Allan Penhall, Pamela & John Cornell, Patsy Talbot, Don & Minnetta McGilvery, Dawn Lewis, Chris & Alan Hall, Heather & Tony Smith, Judy & Ted Roberts, Faye & Ron Dalzell, Yvonne & Tony Alessi, Betty & Ian McLean, Kath & Noel Mosbey, Moya & Paul Henderson, Barry & Fay Russel, Tony & Christine Hooper, Mark & Monika Thompson, Loraine & Joe Condello, Pam & Graeme Jarman, Sandra & Ron Potter, Neil & Jean Wynn, Mary Denver, Nigel & Sheila Shaw, Anne & Allan Tuckfield, Wilma Flannery, Les McMahan, Daniele Kimpton, Ron & Audrey Dean, Colin Brown, Helen Hawkey

1. Welcome:

The Chairman, Mal Parrington, opened the meeting at 10.15am and welcomed all in attendance. The meeting venue was changed to the Leisure Centre to accommodate the numbers in attendance.

2. Apologies:

Barbara & Brian O'Connor; Bev & Nev McLachlan; Anne Mathas; Noelene & Rod Dinte; Sandra & Leighton Bloomfield; Lyn Lovell & Michael Cundy; Robyn & Don Craine; Gil Talbot; Tony Boyd; Chris Parrington; Kathy Suminer; Royce Cooper, Mary & Joe Slaats, Marilyn & Craig Gardner.

3. Introductions:

The Chairman introduced the Minute Secretary, Alison Piper, from Victoria; and further thanked Margaret and Collin Brown for convening the 2009 AGM meeting in his absence.

4. Previous Minutes from the 2009 Annual General Meeting:

These minutes were distributed on-line by Mal Parrington prior to the meeting.

Moved , Patsy Talbot, Seconded John Hannaford that they were a true record.

All in favour. Carried.

5. Actions Arising (from previous Minutes): nil

6. TAWS Funds:

The TAWS Balance Sheet for 2009/10 has minimal change from 2008/09. The Chairman commented on the Balance Sheet, stating that there was a balance of \$201.65 last year and that the only additional income for 2009/10 was \$20.00 for Car/Caravan stickers. Other merchandise is now purchased direct on line from the Suppliers

Car/Caravan Stickers are \$2.00 and available from Mal. The Chairman thanked Marilyn & Craig Gardner whose son, David, is a sign writer and has produced these at nil cost.

Colin Brown still has 6 caps available at \$12.00 each; once these are sold, caps may only be ordered on line.

7. TAWS Annual Report:

This report was distributed on-line by Mal prior to the meeting.

Mal re-iterated that merchandise may be purchased direct on line from Print n Stitch whose business cards he has distributed

TAWS name badges may be purchased from Frank and Janet Cook of EFCEE Services for \$10.00 each including postage. Contact details are in the Annual Report.

Moved, Pamela Cornell seconded Mal Walker that the TAWS Annual Report be accepted.

All in favour. Carried.

8. Election of Officers

Mal stated that all State Representatives were prepared to continue in their roles. John Cornell said he was still willing to do job but as they had no house and intermittent email coverage - maybe someone else would be better suited to the job.

Moved Mal that existing Reps remain in their respective roles

Seconded Tony Alessi

Motion carried

The Representatives elected are –	
National Coordinator	Mal Parrington
Western Australia	Colin & Margaret Brown
South Australia	Mal Parrington
Victoria	James Fellows
Tasmania	John & Pam Cornell
Australian Capital Territory	Craig & Marilyn Gardner
New South Wales	Wilma Flannery
Queensland	Nev & Bev McLachlan
National Membership Data Base Custodian	Mal Parrington

Mal thanked Barbara O'Connor for her help with this years TAWS Diary of Events as it was a difficult job – Much State information had to be sourced at club level so the Diary was not distributed until February instead of the usual mid January We hope that members can encourage their State Societies to do better next year – The Diary is only as good as the information provided.

9. General Business

1. Future Events.

Mal will continue to advise members of future events; and solicited suggestions from the floor

Wilma Flannery suggested another get together at Casino either pre or post Darwin National. Mal re-iterated the resounding success of the previous Casino event when 26 caravanners and locals thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

An encouraging discussion took place on the many diverse routes that people from different areas may take enroute to/from Darwin.

It was resolved that members advise Mal of their intended routes and travel arrangements closer to the event such that members may be informed of potential event arrangements along the way.

Mal mentioned the possibility of arranging an event in Alice Springs with the potential assistance of some resident square dancers in the Alice.

A suggestion was also made of a trip to Cameron's Corner

John Cornell raised the possibility of a travel group around the West coast post Darwin National.

Comment from the floor that travelling in too large a group may pose difficulties with Caravan Park bookings. – Some members experiences indicate a not so friendly outlook towards caravanners in the north of WA. by caravan parks. Notwithstanding off road and Showgrounds stays, some with showers etc are a satisfactory alternative, Many are even free. It was suggested that this sort of information be collated for all to share

Tony Hooper (Darwin Convention Convener) provided a resume of his visit to Darwin and his discussions with Caravan parks and other forms of accommodation. The parks willing to accept bookings at that time are noted in on the Darwin convention Website. Tony noted that Lee Point and Malak parks were not willing to take bookings.

Pam Jarman provided some information explaining some parks reluctance to take bookings; late cancellations and failure to arrive are the major concerns.

Boomerang Holiday and Tourist Park South of Darwin has accepted 36 powered site bookings from TAWS through negotiation with Mal. These bookings are held pending confirmation by individuals in the form of a deposit paid not later than January 2011

We are advised that 2 other Caravan Parks, Howard Springs and Oasis will also take bookings. These parks are within 2 kms of Boomerang.

Graeme Jarman reminded members to be alert to stringent quarantine regulations when travelling to Darwin and beyond

Mal noted that it was pleasing that the word of TAWS was getting out there amongst the square dancing community, as a result TAWS membership is growing steadily.

Alan Kerr will be providing a Caller Data base to us enabling further promotion and sharing of information.

Mal has prepared a TAWS promotional flyer to distribute to members for display on notice boards and hand outs.. Upon receipt please print hand out/post on your club notice boards

For the record, a Back-up copy of the TAWS Data base, is held by Nev McLachlan.

2. The Road Ahead.

Members indicated that they were happy with the way information was sent to them. No changes were suggested.

Tony Smith raised a question on the future of Speewa.

Mal explained that to the best of his knowledge Speewa had just 1 year to run, and some discussion may take place with respect to TAWS having some future involvement with Speewa..

Mal provided a resume of Speewa and its proximity to Swan Hill. He also recommended that members give serious consideration to attending the final showdown at Easter 2011

Ruffie Worthington suggested that if travelling and camping on the road –cross the road to your right hand side and start a fire; people who stop to join you will have been where you are going – good source of information.

Wilma Flannery offered to receive and collate member news items/experiences and provide it as the TAWS RAG newsletter for distribution. Members are urged to advise Wilma of your experiences to share with all members.

10. Any Other Business

Allan Penhall asked if any spaces left for the Post Convention dance?.

Mal advised that there were at least six vacancies, and if anyone present wishes to book then they could do so by paying the \$25/person to him and the booking would be made with Robyn Hodder. Mal recommended that members book a site at the Benalla Tourist Park for the duration of the event. Members attending were reminded of the Meet n Greet at the Park on the Friday afternoon/evening

Ron Potter advised and displayed some NSW TAWS posters that he has made. NSW members may purchase these posters for \$5 which is the cost of making. Ron also advised that he was able to make these posters for other States if required.

Wilma Flannery advised that she'd had some discussions at the NSW State Convention with respect to producing a CD of easy dancing. This CD could be used by a travelling group to introduce interested onlookers to the world of square dancing.

Wilma will follow this up with the callers of NSW.

11. Closure

Mal again thanked the members for their presence and participation in this meeting, and declared the meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

