

MEETING

21 February 2010

PRESENT:

There were 15 present and 2 apologies.

TOPICS of DISCUSSION:

Treasurer's Report

Ian reported that EVNE now has a bank account with \$1 in it! The three officers are signatories with two being required for withdrawals.

Ian also moved that the Secretary be given a \$30 petty cash fund. This was seconded by Kel and the vote was unanimous.

Ian also moved that Christie and he be reimbursed for their contribution to the EVNE Yellow Pages entry. This was seconded by Kel and the vote was unanimous.

Secretary's Report

Christie reported that we had received our letter from AEVA confirming that we are now a branch. However, they have called us the Armidale branch. George Symons, Sydney Chairperson, will contact the Executive Committee to have our name changed to New England.

The new phone books have been delivered so Christie showed everyone the EVNE entry. Our area has created a new heading, Electric Vehicles, especially for us.

AEVA Representative

EVNE needed to elect a representative to the AEVA National Council. Cheryl nominated Christie Cooksey and Euan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Engineers in New England

Several Engineers were called to find someone that can certify EVs in our area. The nearest one is Trevor Jones in Grafton, ph(02) 6643 5355, mob 0427 801 163. It was suggested that we try to find a way to help members transport their EVs for inspection. Kel has a trailer that could be used and suggested that ramps could be made to facilitate loading. Christie suggested that the group try to find a way to reimburse Kel in part for materials.

Membership Options

Christie asked if any of the couples would be interested in paying a bit more for a "couples" membership. Many couple pay for one membership. Christie and Renata said that they would be willing to pay a couples membership if one were available. Christie will mention this to the Executive Committee.

Fund Raising

We will be looking at ways to raise funds. Euan suggested that we ask the credit union to become involved. They are very community minded and might be approached about the possibility of a green loan for EV conversions.

Charles moved that we charge a \$10 fee for being an EVNE (as opposed to an AEVA) member, and Pat seconded. However, no vote was taken and the motion was tabled until the next formal

meeting.

Saumarez Homestead Historic Farm Day

We have been invited to participate in the Saumarez Homestead Historic Farm Day. As long as we aren't selling a product our fee will be waived. Since the Cookseys will be away for our normal meeting (meaning "no venue") and the Farm Day is the following weekend, we will be attending the Farm Day in lieu of our usual meeting.

Miscellaneous

Christie suggested that we think about entering the Armidale Autumn Festival Parade in future as a way to raise awareness of the club.

Kel said that NRMA now has an insurance category for EVs.

Boongaiai Preschool is looking for an EV to tow a trailer for their float in the Autumn Festival Parade next month. Kel said that his Suzuki Carry Van could tow a trailer.

Robert suggested that we save time at the end of each meeting for members to report on the progress of their EV conversions.

Our meetings are starting to outgrow Ray's and Christie's back room. Members will be on the lookout for new venues. Particularly free venues.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of EVNE will be Saturday 24 April at Saumarez Homestead Historic Farm Day.