

MEETING

18 October 2009

PRESENT:

There were 13 members present, one of which was by proxy. Ten of those members were also AEVA members.

TOPICS of DISCUSSION:

AEVA Elections

We held elections at this meeting in our bid to become the New England branch of the AEVA. The results are:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Chairperson:	Robert James	Christie Cooksey	Bill Kelly
Secretary:	Christie Cooksey	Charles Curtayne	Ray Cooksey
Treasurer:	Ian Dwyer	Ray Cooksey	Charles Curtayne

We now have the requisite number of AEVA members and the appropriate officers. Christie will send a request to the national body as soon as the last two memberships are recorded.

Book Donation

The books for the library donation have been ordered: "Build Your Own Electric Vehicle" by Seth Leitman, and "Convert It!" by Michael Brown. The total came to \$71.21 Australian. Thanks to the generosity of those present \$75 was collected. This means that the books are paid for and that we now have \$4.00 in funds.

It was decided that a "Donated By" book plate based on our green and gold banner with black text will be placed in each book.

Canberra Electric Vehicle Festival

Ian reported on the Electric Vehicle Festival in Canberra, being lucky enough to attend. Vehicles included "Sparky", Kearon's electric Capri, a Vectrix scooter, an electric gocart, 1908 and 1915 EVs and a plugin hybrid project by the University of West Sydney. A Tesla was also available for joy rides. Ian said that there were plans for "Better Place" to begin installing charging stations in Canberra in the future.

AEVA National AGM

Robert reported on the National AGM which he attended. There seems to be an interest in "hobbyist" go carts. Robert and Ian both mentioned a new company by David Goy (www.goy.com.au). David is hoping to set up a company in Sydney to produce their own prototype EV.

Internet Streaming Demo

The Perth branch streams their meetings over the internet and Christie has been experimenting with the technique. It was decided that a "Streaming Demo" will be held sometime next year. However, members must be given a password-protected login before viewing the stream. If it is successful it will provide a way for remote members to participate in meetings. While the video itself is only one way, there is a chat facility which will allow viewers to make comments which can then be read aloud at the meeting.

Funding

It was suggested that until we have a workable budget we could accumulate funds by requesting a gold coin donation at future meetings.

Advertising

Since we have no advertising budget we brainstormed free avenues. Ideas mentioned were:

Richard King

Free Community Announcements

The Armidale Express Calendar on Wednesdays

"Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down"

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of EVNE will be 13 December at 291 Beardy Street, Armidale, from 3pm. It is being held one week early because of Christmas and will be a Christmas Party. Bring a plate and no grog, please. For more information contact Christie Cooksey on 02 6772 7821 or newengland.aeva.asn.au