

QGM – 7 August 2008-11-27 Bells Hotel 7.00 pm

Present:

Wendy Taylor, John Karmouche, Sandra, Dale Maggs, Rik van Zuylekom, Austin Webb, Anton Lange, Tony Ellis, Paul Murphy, Mick Dabbs, Mike Turkovic, Dan Rotman (MA), Rob Colligan, Dave Swift, Clive Wilson, Colin Boreland

APOLOGIES: Andy Luck, Maggie Ellis, Grant Delahoy

President's Report.

John has attended 3 meetings with the Assistant Commissioner for Traffic (Ken Lay). John attended the Motorcycle Safety Summit in Canberra (along with Wendy Taylor, Tony Ellis and Detlef Lamp from the MRA(Vic))

In a meeting with Minister Tim Pallas on the 3rd of August, several topics were raised, in particular road space issues which got a positive response and Front Number Plates. The Minister's response to the FNP issue was that since it is a Commonwealth project, only the Commonwealth can take it off the agenda nationally. At present it is not on the agenda for the next meetings. He will press for it to be brought up so the issue can be resolved.

The Minister also promised to take our request for the dropping of GST on protective clothing and request to Treasury that it be incorporated into Victoria's submission to the Tax Reform study. John has also been meeting with Dan Rotman from MA in order to find ways in which we can work together to promote motorcycling.

2008 Toyrun has been set in motion – at present there is the usual concern for manpower. The TAC have indicated that they are prepared to sponsor the Toyrun again – they are looking for us to promote the wearing of protective clothing as part of the sponsorship deal.

Treasurer's Report.

Current balance is looking good - \$20,000 however we still need to chase payment for magazine advertising.

Secretary's reports

Approaches were made to made to VicRoads concerning the state of road works on the Monash Freeway which had led to riders coming off due to the grooved sections. As a result of this approach, VicRoads have placed motorcycle warning signs in the affected areas and alleviated some of the worst strips – however full rectification can't be carried out until the final road surfacing is completed.

VMAC

The work done by Dale Maggs in pushing the roadside furniture has paid off. Several different treatments are under test and on conclusion of the test periods, appropriate designs will be incorporated into standard VicRoads works – as road signs etc. are replaced, then they will be replaced with motorcycle friendly equipment.

A proposal that purchase of rider apparel should be assisted from the levy was put to VMAC, as was the request that protective motorcycle clothing should be GST exempt.

GP Run Anton

Sandra and ~~Austin~~ have been meeting with Cranbourne Council and GP Run is looking good. Rik will organise the stand and will contact Rose re. the badges.

Toy Run

Event management plan is in place.

Rik and John will be meeting with the TAC to organise sponsorship details.

Dale is contacting Coates Hire etc

John will attend the A-team meetings.

Eureka Ride

It is now officially the Sunday before the Toy Run and the official launch of the blood challenge will take place at the start of the ride. There will be a \$10 registration fee this year – all proceeds will go to the Toy Run.

Membership:

Motion: That the executive be empowered to investigate and purchase appropriate membership database software to suit the future needs of the organisation.

Moved Rob C. Seconded Anton L. – passed.

Background: It is becoming apparent that the existing database software has problems – especially around the membership renewal process. With the forthcoming change to a single renewal date each year, this would be a good opportunity to look at various database packages available and, if a suitable one is found, to move over with the change in membership dates.

General Business

DJ has resigned as chair of the “futures” subcommittee owing to ill health.

Rob Colligan spoke at length on the structure of the AMC and MRA and how the organisations are perceived. Rob suggested that a council similar to the MCCNSW would be the best means for motorcycle lobbying to go forward in Victoria.

Significant discussion took place around this issue.

Mick Dabbs is currently reorganising the 4B's and has met with the lawyer who set up the Road Trauma Support Group. Mick has proposed a change in name to “Rider Down” and that with the support of the MRA (Vic) it be set up as an arm of the Road Trauma Support Group.

Motion: That Mick Dabbs pursue the 4B's integration with the RTSG under the “Rider Down” label. Moved Tony E, seconded Rik vZ – passed.

Meeting closed 8. 55 pm