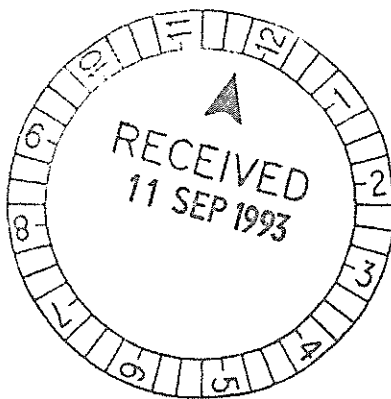


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COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066

9 September, 1993

The President and Members of the
Board of Management
MRAA Inc.

MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Damien and Board Members

Rang Sun
11/9/93

Please change my postal address to the above, and note that my residential address is now:
Collingwood 3066.

My membership renewal notice arrived today, and leaves me with a problematic decision whether or not to renew.

I attended the shambles which was called the Annual General Meeting, and I was and am appalled at the unprofessional arrangements and conduct which I observed on the day, from all concerned.

At the same time, MRAA is the only organisation which is working to represent motor cyclists' interests in the political and legal areas, so that, provided MRAA is operating constitutionally and properly it should be supported. Is it?

I would like to know what has happened since the AGM. By electing Board Members from the opposing camps, I am most concerned that we will again have a badly split Executive and Board, unable to effectively operate or make decisions. The image of MRAA presented to those who attended the AGM, which included some non-members, was of a deeply, irrevocably divided organisation split fair and square down the middle; of an organisation with a hard-working 'one man band' attempting to do everything himself; of the latter failing as one man bands eventually do.

The AGM was of dubious legality, as well as being extremely poorly organised:

- There was no proper Notice of Meeting circulated to members at all, let alone with due advance notice (as I suspect the Constitution requires).
- The venue was dirty, ill-lit, almost inaudible for the speakers to be heard, and lacked sufficient seating to be conducive to the conduct of a meeting.
- There were no written Reports from any of the office-bearers circulated.
- There appeared to be no audited financial returns, and there was no meaningful financial report provided.
- Members in attendance at the AGM were not registered in, which means that there was no way to know whether non-members voted in the elections.
- The voting method at the elections was unreliable and subject to abuse: for example, I observed one female (member or non-member?) fill out 3 slips for one of the positions, and the person collecting the votes accepted all 3 without a murmur; the situation with respect to 'family members' present was not clear, and it appears that a member and her 2-year-old child were allowed to cast two votes.
- The Constitution is clearly inadequate in many respects and did not facilitate the meeting or the elections.

I therefore seek the Board's written assurance that:

- 1 MRAA does have a workable Board at present, with the members able to effectively communicate and co-operate in the best interests of the organisation.
- 2 Priority is being given to over-hauling the Constitution, in a proper and legal manner, to avoid this year's fiasco.
- 3 Priority is being given to bringing the management of MRAA onto a proper basis, such that the absent financial report will be completed, audited (if required) and mailed out to members only within a very short period of time - like the end of this month.
- 4 Priority is being given to the internal as opposed to the external relations of the organisation, as per the statement made at the end of the AGM and generally concurred with by those who still remained (about half the members having walked out).
- 5 Proper arrangements will be made for next year's AGM, and also the Special Meeting needing to be held prior to the AGM - to consider and approve changes to the Constitution.
- 6 We now have a 5 or 6 man band instead of a 1 man band running the show, with each Board Member accepting responsibility for his/her portfolio and co-opertaing with the others in the manner necessary for an efficient, effective organisation to run.

On receipt of such an assurance, I will renew my membership.

I also offer my services to assist with the re-drafting of the Constitution and conduct of the Special and Annual General Meetings. I have had a lot of experience in such matters in the health services field and with community organisations under the Associations Incorporations Act and such. But it would have to be on the basis of working meetings; I'm not interested in endless talk-fests which go round in circles.

Yours in motor cycling

Brian Mier

BRIAN MIER
Member #837

