

MRA (Vic) Steering Committee

Meeting held May 21, 2008 at Bell's Hotel, South Melbourne

Attend: DJ Mc, John K, Grant, Wendy, Detlef, and Matthew Ericson.

Apologies: Maggie

- The President outlined his vision for the MRA (Vic) and his expectations of the MRA Steering Committee. As the committee Chair will regularly report back to the MRA Board, the President would not regularly attend the sub-committee meetings.
- The President and Steering Committee acknowledged the goals achieved by the MRA (Vic) in recent years. These include:
 - improved and regular communication (website, newsletters),
 - accountability and transparency (open Board meetings, minutes and summary of proceedings, responsiveness to inquiries, financial reporting),
 - reconciliation (contact and liaison with other clubs, organisations, government agencies, and improving working relationships with appropriate authorities such as TAC, VicPolice, CityLink, VMAC, etc)
 - safety (promoting safety and motorcycle awareness)
 - welfare (4Bs and membership benefits)
 - promotion of the MRA and of motorcycling.
- It was agreed that the Steering Committee would meet each month on the third Wednesday, at Bell's in South Melbourne, at 6-30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18.
- In the past the then MRAA may have disenfranchised others with use of "Australia". While our history should be acknowledged, it is timely to also move on.
- At the MRA AGM the membership agreed to become MRA (Vic).
- **Action:** The committee agreed to recommend to the MRA Board that it register the following domain name: mravic.org.au
- **Action:** The committee agreed to recommend to the MRA Board that the MRAA.org.au site be changed to be a national page with hyperlinks to the MRA (or equivalent?) in each State and Territory.
- The changes recommended will affect governance arrangements. Detlef kindly offered to follow-up on this, and will investigate what is needed. Changes will include amending the MRA Constitution, bank accounts, etc.

- The committee discussed options for a way forward:
 - We need to sort out our (MRA (Vic)) direction
 - Should we gently approach clubs and seek their views, including asking “what can we do for you?”?
 - **Action:** Detlef has prepared a spreadsheet of clubs, etc and will email a copy to the sub-committee. **Action:** DJ also has some information and will give this to Detlef to include in his spreadsheet.
 - DJ will draft a letter to clubs and circulate to the sub-committee for comment. The content will refer to the MRA trying to make change within the organisation, including:
 - restructuring possibilities
 - seeking feedback “comments from the community welcome”
 - new directions
 - Is it worth considering developing a survey to accompany the letter?

Next meeting: Wednesday June 18, Bell's. 6-30 pm

- reviewing the mission statement.