

**Minutes of Meeting
Yarra Ranges Ulysses Committee of Management
Tuesday 19 September 2006
At Le Pines Croydon at 8 PM.**

Present:

T. Ashton	Secretary
C. Ellicott	General Committee
A Griffin	Alt for Quartermaster
B. Malpas	Webmaster
J. Malpas	Social Co-ordinator
A. Ralph	Publisher
E. Ralph	Treasurer
H. Rokx	Ride Co-ordinator
G. Wood	President
D. Eagles	Rally Co-ordinator

Apologies:

D Griffin	Quartermaster
J. Hubner	Newsletter Editor
F. Runge	General Committee

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Secretary advised that he had circulated draft minutes of the 18 July 2006 meeting for consideration, and if appropriate for confirmation by the committee.

Moved T Ashton seconded B. Malpas

“that the minutes as circulated together be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Arrangements for HART motorcycle awareness day and Seniors' day

Tony provided the committee with a proposed flyer concerning Yarra Ranges Branch, its activities, and contact points, for approval.

A general information leaflet down loaded from the national web site, but printed on Yarra ranges letter head was also shown to the committee for approval to distribute.

It was agreed the flyer and brochure were acceptable subject to inclusion of a contact point for each of the committee members.

Megaphone

Alan Ralph queried why a decision had been made on the issue of purchasing a megaphone and put the point he had felt the matter had been discussed and that it was only the price which was an issue. Alan's point was that at large gatherings such as rallies it is difficult to communicate where there was not power amplification. Some further discussion occurred on the issue.

Confirming the name of the band for the rally

Brian Malpas raised the question of which band had been engaged to play at the rally, was it Creedence Clearwater Recycle or Creedence Rewound? From Brian's research on the internet it appeared that there were two bands, the minutes reflected "Revival", and the latest flyer was "Rewound". It was decided to discuss this with David Eagles when he attended later.

Carried.

Seniors week display.

It was reported that a number of members had volunteered to assist with the seniors week display at Swinburne University Lily dale campus, Namely, Tony, Peter and Di Welson, Bluey Anderson, Brian Malpas and Chris Falconer.

Gary advised he would not be able to go as he had been rostered to work on that day, and Tony suggested he could take responsibility for putting the show together. Tony will develop a list of volunteers and provide a briefing for the event. and have all volunteers Garry will provide Tony with contact details within the Shire.

The advised times were set up from 11.00 on Friday 29th Sept until 1.00 Pm and the exhibition will then run for 3 to 4 hours.

Noted.

Correspondence

National committee minutes July 2006

The secretary advised that he had received a copy of the national committee minutes for July 2006, and there was nothing which influenced the branch. Copies are available to members through the secretary or via the internet.

Letter National secretary re Membership applications

A letter from the national secretary concerning applications for membership not being properly completed was read to the committee. It is important that applications be on the appropriate form, and be accompanied by a copy of the applicants license as both proof of age and proof the applicant is a rider. Non riders are required to establish an interest in motorcycling. Applications are to be accompanied by the correct joining fee and 3 years subscription.

Letter National Secretary re Welfare Officer

A letter from the National Secretary concerning the establishment of a welfare officer in each branch and a register of welfare officers at national office was discussed. Was read to the meeting.

It was decided to discuss the proposed position with Sylvia Kean who had been performing that role for some time, it was agreed that the secretary would discuss the proposal with Sylvia and report back to the committee.

Quartermaster ramblings.

A copy of the National Quartermaster ramblings was handed to the quartermaster's alternate.

Correspondence from Scott Bennett re sponsoring the Grapevine.

Copies of emails sent by Scott Bennett expressing dissatisfaction at the material published in the grape vine, in relation to his sponsorship of the news letter were provided to the committee members.

The president advised that a letter of apology had been sent to Scott and Elaine advised that he had been supplied with a tax receipt as requested.

The secretary advised that Scott's idea of establishing a set of procedures to prevent this occurring again should be followed up.

Reports

President's Report:

Garry advised he had received a complaint from one of the prize winners at the gender bender night , who had thought his prize was \$50 and had been given \$20 , this member had asserted that other prize winners received \$50 and he had been misled . The member had further asserted that he had to pick up his prize and that he should not have had to do this.

Janine responded by advising the prize he had won was a \$20 Bunning's voucher and was judged by the staff at the venue, independently of the committee. The value of other prizes had nothing to do with the issue. The member had offered to pick up the prize and Janine had accepted this and was not told he had to do so.

Other prizes were \$50 dinner for two at the Yarra Glen Hotel, \$25.00 and \$50 worth of nail care for a lady winner.

Noted

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer advised that no reports had been prepared for this meeting, however on the income / expense side, the following had occurred.

Receipts	\$ 226.50
Expenses for prizes	\$ 60.00
Cash and bank	\$4467.62

Noted

Secretary's Report.

Aside from the developments in relation to the HART and seniors day previously discussed there was nothing to report.

Noted

Quartermaster's Report

Alison Griffin advised that Dave Griffin was unable to attend and provided details of the quartermaster's activities for the month. Receipts were down this month because Dave had been unable to attend on Saturday mornings.

Sales of both Yarra ranges and Ulysses apparel amounted to	\$ 305.65
Comprising	
Cash transferred to treasurer	\$ 255.00
Float	\$ 53.65

An order Ulysses apparel is ready for dispatch and a cheque for \$760.00 payable to the club is required.

Moved Alison Griffin Seconded Charles Ellicott

“ that the Quartermasters report be accepted and that a cheque be drawn for the order.”

Carried,

Social Coordinator's Report

Janine Malpas reported the progressive dinner was almost sold out and there were only 8 seats left on the bus and should not be a problem in filling, which means the function would break even.

The Gender bender was a successful evening with a number of members having gone to some trouble to cross dress . The night had made a loss of \$52 largely because the caterer had agreed to donate \$50 toward the cost of dinner, but on the night had not made arrangements with the staff on hand, and the full amount had to be paid.

Coming events were a bowling night in October, and a shopping trip in November is being organised by Kathy McArthur; Janine will obtain details.

The Christmas party will be on the 9 Dec at the Croydon Soccer Club and the cater will do a carvery and cook it on site. Meals will 3 meats and vegetables, and vegetarians will be catered for.

A deposit of \$200 will be required, and hire will be \$150, beer and drinks will be at bar prices both red and white wine will be supplied by the club.

Minimum numbers \$35 per head for 100 persons and a \$10 deposit for the caterer.

Moved Janine Malpas, seconded Brian Malpas

“that the Social coordinator's report be accepted”

Carried.

Ride Coordinator's Report.

Henry Rokx advised that the ride calendar had been up dated and was on the web site. A number of members had arranged rides and consequently there were a number of certificates of appreciation to be provided at the next social.

There were plenty of week end rides and trips away , but it is difficult to get ride leaders to run day trips.

Dave Eagles is running a beginners ride on Sunday 23 Sept.

Moved Henry Rokx seconded Charles Ellicott

“that the ride coordinators report be accepted”

Carried.

In relation to dangerous riding issue Garry and Brian also noted the behavior and their concern it was agreed that some thing should be written up in the grapevine on this issue.

Newsletter Editor's Report

No report as the editor was not available for the meeting.

Noted

Publisher's Report

Alan Ralph advised that the grape vine had increased in size from 10 pages to 28 per copy which now included color printing throughout, this was becoming prohibitive Each double sided color page cost 70 cents, and extrapolating this to each edition it amounted to \$9.90 per copy. As 50 color and 50 black and white copies were printed each quarter the funds raised by Frank under his sponsorship scheme barely covered 1 edition.

The committee will need to consider this as the potential bill for 34 editions was in the order of \$2000.

The report was noted and it was agreed that the issue should be considered at the next committee meeting.

Web Master's Report.

Brian Malpas advised that in relation to the sponsors of the grapevine the web site now reflected Scott Bennett's generosity..

Noted

Rally Coordinator's Report.

The rally Co-ordinator, Dave Eagles provided a report on the progress of the Twin Spurs Rally since the last meeting:

1. Catering menu still to be finalized.
2. Safety guidelines lodged with shire
3. First Healesville Venturer's Scouts have confirmed they will man the gates, and will provide a BBQ lunch on Saturday.
4. Patches are now ready.
5. Kevin White has printed 1300 flyers regarding the rally of which 700 were wrong due to a mix up in the band name more about this later.
6. Raffle prizes have been donated as follows
 - a. Scott Bennett , a diorama
 - b. Rex and robin Salt 2 nights at Mansfield.

- c. Nova Honda Ringwood \$100 voucher
- d. Clipstone Yamaha \$100 voucher
- e. Yarra Glen Hotel a selection of Beer and wines
- 7. Roster for rides has been confirmed, only 1 ride this year which will be a circuit.
- 8. Bianchet winery will provide wine tastings at \$5.00 per tasting of 8 to 10 wines, still to be finalized.
 - a. Visits to various branches in Victoria have been planned to advertise the rally, as yet no one had agreed to visit Geelong & Districts and letters and flyers would be sent to Goulburn valley and Echuca
- 9. There was a problem with the band
 - a. Firstly the correct name of the band was Creedence Rewound and not Creedence Clearwater revival , this had meant that approx 700 flyers had to be reprinted with the correct name on them.
 - b. The agreement had been made with Yarra Valley Entertainment for the band cost to be \$2000, but they were now asking \$2600 plus a services fee, and the provision of 10 meals, and Crown larger beer as well as a dressing room with mirror.
 - c. A cheque was required for the patches.

The report was noted

In discussing the report, the committee felt that the cost for Creedence was too much , and that they were trying to leverage the price up, now that the club had committed to advertising and the lead time for finding another band was now very short.

The options were to agree to the terms now being proposed or to cancel the band, and spend funds on additional raffle prizes and a less known band. It was argued proposed that Rusty Nails could have the billing and perhaps another band could be found.

In the event of cancellation the flyers already sent out would have to be recalled or the branches notified of the change and the reason for it, which was somewhat embarrassing for Yarra Ranges .

It was unanimously resolved that \$2600 plus food and drink was beyond what the committee was prepared to pay for a single component of the entertainment and accordingly Creedence Rewound be cancelled and removed from the publicity material.

In view of the savings on entertainment consideration be given to providing a couple of major prizes for the raffle as a draw card.

It was agreed the cheque be drawn for the rally patches.

General Business

Amazon Heart Thunder

Henry advised that this was a ride from Sydney to Brisbane by women who had survived breast cancer to raise funds for supporting women and men who survived breast cancer. A speaker who was on the ride was seeking our support and wanted to attend the social evening on the 28th to give a talk on breast cancer, and the ride and to sell raffle tickets to raise funds.

It was agreed that this was a good cause and that the speaker would be welcome.

Letters to supporters.

It was suggested that the club should write to all persons donating to the club, and Tony should attend to this.

Agreed

Protocols

In response to Scott Bennett's letter the secretary had suggested that a series of protocols be developed to cover a range of matters and activities as a guide for committee members and others in the branch.

It was agreed that the processes should be developed and discussed over a period of time.

Formal meetings of members.

It was reported that one member had suggested that the branch have more formal meetings for members to attend and gather information concerning the affairs of the branch. This would be helpful to members who do not have internet access.

It was considered that information is available on the club notice board, and through the grapevine, and that formal meetings were not generally necessary.

Date Time and Place of next meeting

Tuesday 17 October 2006 at 8.00 PM at Le Pines Croydon.