

**Minutes of Meeting
Yarra Ranges Ulysses Committee of Management
Tuesday 21 November 2006
At Le Pines Croydon at 8 PM.**

Present: T. Ashton Secretary
C. Ellicott General Committee
D. Griffin Quartermaster
J. Hubner Newsletter Editor
B. Malpas Webmaster
J. Malpas Social Co-ordinator
A. Ralph Publisher
E. Ralph Treasurer
H. Rokx Ride Co-ordinator
F. Runge General Committee
G. Wood President

D. Eagles Rally Co-ordinator
G. Vandenberg

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Secretary advised that he had circulated draft minutes of the 17 October 2006 meeting for consideration, and if appropriate for confirmation by the committee.

Moved D Griffin seconded A Ralph

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

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

Letter from National committee re GST

The secretary advised he had received a letter from national committee concerning the application of GST to branches of the club.

In essence the taxation advice obtained by Nat Com took the each branch was a separate entity and responsible for its own GTS compliance. Branches with no transactions would not need to register for GST, those which conducted rallies, raffles, and other fund raising activities and apparel were caught for GST purposes. Effectively on the basis of this advice Yarra Ranges was obliged to pay GST on its activities.

Branches which fitted the GST definition could register under the national umbrella, and apply for a branch registration number.

It was decided that the committee would consider this issue and that the matter should be raised at the next committee meeting.

Reports

President's Report:

Garry advised that the rally had gone very well and that he wished to thank everyone for putting in so much effort to make it a success, this includes sponsors, the scouts, and the football club.

There were no other issues which he wished to raise.

Noted

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer advised the following as at 20 November 2006

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and cheque account:	<u>\$6219.36</u>
<u>Members' Equity</u>	
Opening balance	\$ 7627.55
<i>Less</i> carried forward losses	\$(2927.18)
Plus combined gains for period	\$ 1518.36
<u>Total members equity.</u>	<u>\$6219.36</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
<u>Operating Revenue for period to 20 Nov 2006:</u>	
Badges receipts	\$ 88.00
Nomination Fee rebates from Nat com	\$ 130.00
Quartermaster income	\$1812.65
Social income Raffle and Tatts	\$ 0.00
Progressive dinner	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
Total income	\$2210.65
<u>Expenses</u>	
Quartermaster Expenses (Purchases)	\$ 2909.55
Badges expenses	\$ 69.96
WEB site Hosting	\$ 118.80
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 3098.31</u>

Operating Profit / (loss) for period \$(887.66)

Rally Revenue for period

Donations	\$ 100.00	
Raffle receipts	\$ 1355.00	
Registrations	<u>\$ 6194.00</u>	
Total receipts from rally		\$7649.00

Rally Expenses

Badges	\$ 937.20	
Entertainment	\$ 1480.00	
Hire of ground	\$ 1000.00	
Patches	\$ 704.00	
Raffle Expense	\$ 42.05	
Shirts	<u>\$ 1079.10</u>	
<u>Total Rally Expense</u>		\$ 5242.35

Excess of revenue over expenditure on Rally \$2406.65

Net change in members' equity \$ 1518.99

Moved Elaine Ralph seconded David Griffin
“that the treasurer’s report be accepted and noted.”

Carried.

Secretary’s Report.

The secretary advised that other than the issue of GST he had nothing to report..

Noted

Quartermaster’s Report

David Griffin provided reported the following:

Firstly he wished to thank everyone who helped out at the rally with the sale of Yarra ranges and Ulysses apparel, they were; Alison, Glenda, Jacky and the dog, Geoff and Di and the greatest salesperson of all Mitch who could sell ice to the Eskimo or at least a Yarra ranges cap to anyone who walked by.

Sales for the day amounted to \$707 and I am pleased to hand to the treasurer \$900 for the month.

Moved D Griffin seconded T Ashton

“ that the Quartermasters report be accepted”

Carried,

Social Coordinator's Report

Janine Malpas reported that the bowling night had been a great success with Marjory Rokx the top lady scorer and Danny Morris the top male. The worst scores for the night were Kevin White and Sally Smyth, certificates were given to everyone

The Christmas function the 9 Dec at the Croydon Soccer Club is proceeding nicely and arrangements are in place as follows :

There will be 2 bottles of wine provided per table.

A rusty nail has been engaged to be the band.

Caterer is sorted and will cater for vegetarians.

A volunteer is needed to be Santa

The cost of the function works out at \$ 35 per head, and 48 people have already paid a \$10 deposit.

SCOTT Bennett had donated one of his dioramas to be raffled and had expressed a desire that only Yarra Ranges members should be sold tickets as he wanted to keep it in the branch and prefer a Yarra ranges member to win.

Ticket sales so far had amounted to \$150, which was considered poor for such a good prize, and it was discussed at Mansfield whether tickets should be sold to others at the rally, Scottie had then agreed the raffle could be open.

Tickets will continue to be sold until Thursday night 23 November when the draw will be conducted.

Next social night will then be on January 25th at the Chirnside Country Club.

The country club has been booked for next year.

Moved Janine Malpas, seconded Gary Wood

“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. Ride dates were full for the rest of the year and next year's calendar was filling fast.

It was also noted that there were the peninsular toy run on 2 December and the Annual toy run on the 10th.

The presidents poker run would be on the 3rd December, in this regard Garry Wood asked if it was possible to subsidize the meals which would cost \$15.00 per head to the extent

of \$5.00. The cost for the day per member would then be \$15.00, \$ 10 for the meal and \$5 for the poker run.

Henry advised that the ride calendar was full for the year, and next year was filling fairly quickly, the problem is that there are no day rides being planned.

It was felt that people were reticent to lead rides, and in some cases thought there was a group of ride leaders within the club. Henry advised he was happy to help show people the ropes and plan rides, but we need people to come forward and do the job.

Moved Henry Rokx seconded Frank Runge

“that the ride coordinators report be accepted”

Carried.

Newsletter Editor’s Report

John advised that reports were due in for the next grapevine in November.

On another note john advised he would be resigning from his position as editor, as he was moving to Mt Gambia to live, other than that there was nothing to report. John had spoken to Norm Coles who would be willing to stand for the position, and on the assumption that Norm would take over he had been getting him involved with things.

Moved John Hubner seconded Brian Malpas
‘that the report be accepted and noted”

Carried.

Publisher’s Report

Alan Ralph advised that the he and John had done some work to reduce the number of pages and the costs of production other than that he nothing else to report.

Noted

Web Master’s Report.

Brian Malpas advised that there was nothing to report.

Noted

Rally Coordinator’s Report.

Dave Eagles provided an initial summary of the event. report on the progress of the Twin

Event was a great success and was financially viable, the spend was \$7604.90 and the receipt were \$8449.10 netting \$1244.10 with out raffles and apparel sales.

The scouts need to be paid, and in this regard Dave advised that the deal had been Scouts to do security for 5 hours Friday and 10 hours Saturday, plus provide and put up Marquees and tents, as well as the BBQ. The quote \$100 for this was inadequate and he recommended the committee consider increasing the payment to \$200. Some committee members expressed concerns at the food handling and it was agreed that a food handling certificate should be a criteria for the BBQ next year or we go elsewhere. It was agreed the Scouts be paid \$200 as per Dave's recommendation.

Football club issues; difficult to obtain menus and food prices from Greg Hay and eventually provided to us on the Friday, which is not good enough. The meal on Saturday night was inadequately catered for running out of beef, pork and chicken, this will have to be addressed next year. Other issues were the sprinklers on the main oval, and it was felt that the football club or council could have accommodated them being turned off on the Friday and Saturday nights, this should be addressed next year.

Police variety bash car was a disappointment as it had been seriously delayed, and consequently was a bit of a non event.

It had been intended to run a gymkhana but no one had put their hand up to run this, and comments had been received on the lack of activity on Saturday afternoon. Since then 4 people have offered to run the gymkhana.

It had been thought appropriate to invite representatives of the ground users to attend the rally, The scouts were away, cricket club members attended on the Friday night and pony club members on the Saturday.

Helena Gritten the national secretary had attended and was most impressed by the rally, and the rides, especially our corner marking system.

Dave indicated he wished to put his name forward for next years rally and had taken the liberty of having a suggestion box for new ideas for next year.

The report was noted

On a more sour note , Dave said he had been most upset that he had heard during the course of the Saturday that plans were afoot to replace him as rally coordinator next year, and that at this had come to light late on the Saturday afternoon, he was incensed that the timing and had spoken to Garry Wood about this.

When pressed on this issue Dave indicated that it was his understanding that some of the committee had made a decision concerning the replacement , and he was asked to name them, he this and the committee members concerned denied the accusation. There had

been a discussion concerning next years rally, as Dave had left the impression that he was going to Queensland, and it was considered that plans should be made to consider who would do the job next year.

When asked to substantiate his accusation Dave was unable to do so.

Tony said his concerns were that the business of the committee should be just that and issues not be canvassed in public, he had been told that a decision to replace Dave had been made by some of the committee without reference to the full committee and got fired up as this was not the way to run the business of the club.

This led to an incident which was regrettable and for things being said for which an apology had been made .

Frank suggested that there was a perception within the club that there were cliques on the committee and that there was some competition between them, if there was any dirty linen , it should be addressed now it seemed to him that one side of the table seemed to oppose the other.

Generally it was agreed if any issues regarding committee business arise they should be only discussed at the committee from now on and assurances were given by the committee members that there were no Cliques to spite the impression.

General Business

Guest speakers.

Garry expressed concern that the recent guest speaker had requested a volunteer from the club to demonstrate his TNS machine , and that the member concerned had been rude and highly critical, which was an embarrassment for everyone concerned.

It was agreed that guest speakers should be protected form this sort of rudeness in future.

Reporting to members.

Garry suggested that it would be a good idea at monthly socials to run a brief meeting at 7.00 to report to members, and allow them to ask questions of the committee, this would be, limited to half an hour.

It was agreed that this should be tried at the January 07 meeting.

Dave Griffin explained to the committee that he proposed to use his caravan at the Twin Spurs rally and set up an annex as a stall to sell various paraphernalia , this would also allow him to secure his stock .

It was agreed that this was a good idea. And he should proceed as planned.

Branch AGM

Tony presented a paper on the conduct of the AGM , and asked for confirmation of the meeting date as the 22nd of Feb 2007.this being the case nominations will be called for all committee positions , and nominations will close at 5 PM on the 23rd January 2007. Notice will be sent to all members on the branch members list in accordance with the club rules.

Date time and place of next meeting.

The next committee meeting will be held at Le Pines at 8.00 PM on Tuesday 23 January 2007.