

Minutes of Meeting
Yarra Ranges Ulysses Committee of Management
Tuesday 22 August 2006
At Le Pines Croydon at 8 PM.

Present:

T. Ashton	Secretary
C. Ellicott	General Committee
J. Hubner	Newsletter Editor
B. Malpas	Webmaster
H. Rokx	Ride Co-ordinator
G. Wood	President
D. Eagles	Rally Co-ordinator

Apologies:

D Griffin	Quartermaster
J. Malpas	Social Co-ordinator
E. Ralph	Treasurer
A. Ralph	Publisher
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 B. Malpas seconded C. Ellicott

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

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Megaphone

The issue of whether or not to purchase a megaphone was discussed in terms of whether there was a need for a megaphone, and also where and by whom it would be stored as well as the arrangements for it to be provided to ride leaders and for its return. It was generally felt that there was no pressing need for this item, and as a decision had been deferred on a number of occasions it was appropriate to make a final determination on the purchase.

Moved John Hubner seconded Charles Ellicott

“that there was no demonstrable need for a megaphone and the club should not purchase one.”

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.

First aid course and advanced rider training.

Tony reported that the reimbursement provisions for members were that members were entitled to 50% of the cost of both a first aid course and a rider training course in each 3 years, with a maximum of \$60 per course.

This was queried and Tony is to check this again.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that there had received correspondence re the Pink Ribbon Ride, 22 October which had also been sent out on the net.

Reports

President's Report:

Nothing to report but some issues for General business.

Noted

Treasurer's Report:

The committee was advised that Elaine Ralph was on a training course for her employer and there was no report this month.

Noted

Secretary's Report.

HART Motorcycle Awareness Day 24th Sept.

The Secretary reported that he had spoken to HART and there was definitely space at their motorcycle awareness day for the club to present. The space allocated was conspicuous, and the club could set up from 11.00 on the Saturday morning or alternatively on Sunday morning, the Day starts at 2.30 and runs until 5.00.

A number of volunteers will be needed on the day for set up, to man the display and to help pack up, Tony reported that a number of members had already come forward and he would organise a briefing sheet.

There were no matters to report.

Noted

Quartermaster's Report

Dave Griffin Had forwarded details of his activities for the last month to Garry Wood, as he was unable to attend due to work commitments.

As the Quartermaster had been unavailable for the last two week ends sales were down for the month.

Sales amounted to \$176.50 for the month plus an additional \$ 52.00 which was a late payment carried over from the 1st July.

\$310.00 had been passed to the Treasurer on the 18th July in respect of sales proceeds from the previous month.

Dave had advised that he is tending to hold orders back for both Yarra ranges and Ulysses apparel as it is more cost effective to order in larger lots to defray transport costs. If members require Ulysses stock urgently and the QM does not have it in stock; it is possible to order it direct over the net, and members should be made aware of this option.

Moved Garry Wood, seconded Tony Ashton

” that the Quartermasters report be accepted and noted “

Carried

It was suggested that this information should be put in the Grapevine as a means of letting members know the situation, and the options available to them.

Agreed and John Hubner will attend to this.

Social Coordinator's Report

No report was provided by the Social coordinator who was unavailable for this meeting.

Ride Coordinator's Report.

Henry Rokx advised that there were 3 certificates of appreciation required or last month and he would contact Elaine Ralph regarding this.

Rides were booked out to the end of March 2007 but there were none listed for January as yet. Most of the rides are week end trips or longer and day rides are still required. All rides are up on the web site.

A copy of the Albury Wodonga monthly news letter had been sent to Henry and he noted that this branch had reported on the progress of its presentation for an AGM.

Henry presented a procedure for corner marking, and advised a laminated copy will be provided to ride leaders and "tail end Charlie's" the procedure is also up on the web site.

On the issue of responsibility and liability for rides that there was an article in "riding on" which explained the position with regard to the conducting of rides , and it was plain that riders are responsible for their ride conduct and own safety and are expected to comply with the relevant rode laws. Ride leaders cannot tell riders how to ride, they merely provide a place to go and show the way

Henry noted that there had been a recent incident in which a rider had exhibited dangerous riding practices and had placed other riders in dangerous situations; the club will need to address this.

Moved Henry Rokx seconded John Hubner

"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

John advised the cut off for the next edition of the Grapevine was now the end of August and he was still waiting some reports. The production was progressing and John understood sponsors were happy with the lay out, etc.

Moved John Hubner, Seconded Charles Ellicott

“that the report be noted”

Carried

Publisher's Report

No report as Alan Ralph was unable to attend this month. **Noted**

Web Master's Report.

Brian Malpas advised he had nothing to report.

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. 3 months to go
2. Badges completed
3. David is to met Greg Hay of the football club on 29 July to sort out the final detail of catering and other services
 - a. Showers to be fitted with curtains and non slip floor
 - b. Bar open most of the time and until late on Saturday night
 - c. . to discuss administration issues.
4. Shirts: ordered 60 polo's White on Blue, suppliers wanted cash, and have asked the question; why cash?
5. Helena Gritten at National Office has sent copy of the insurance policy which will be lodged with the Shire along with other documentation.
6. Stalls confirmed are so far:
 - a. Bike Mart, and
 - b. Extreme clothing,
 - c. Nova Honda Ringwood has declined to put a stall in but have donated a \$100 voucher for a raffle prize.
 - d. Roz Hutchinson has organised with Bianchet Winery to put on a tasting for \$5.00 which will include up to 10 different wines, sales orders will also be possible.

7. David is still waiting on Tony for the risk management document to lodge with the Shire planning document mentioned at the last meeting. The registration form is on the web, Tony agreed to provide by Monday.
8. The \$1000 bond will have to be paid 1 month before the event that is 17th October.
9. Healesville ventures to man gates.
10. Road closures at night are being managed.
11. Entertainment:
 - a. Friday night, will be a DJ and Karaoke night
 - b. Saturday night, it was thought that a high profile band would make the event more attractive and Maurice Keys had been approached but had wanted \$6000 for a night. An alternative was Creedence Clear Water Recycle at \$2000 a night with Rusty Nails at \$800 to \$1000 as a support band.
 - c. By way of alternative Alan Smith had offered his band and had waved his portion of the fee.
 - d. David sort direction from the committee as to which option should be adopted.
12. The committee discussed the entertainment question at some length , points coming out were
 - a. The rally clashed with Shearwaters BBQ function and it may be there are less of their members in attendance this year, this leads to a need to attract support from other Victorian branches.
 - b. Last year entertainment budget was \$1200 this year it would be up to \$3000.
 - c. Income from registrations would suggest that 150 registrations, @ \$25 which is achievable would cover the cost of the entertainment plus 50 registrations on the Saturday @ \$15 would cover the cost of the entertainment.
 - d. Is the prospect of using a well known band likely to improve attendances? The committee felt that this was a likely outcome provided the message got out to the other Vic clubs.
 - e. Current financial position, and whether it was necessary to pay up front any amounts over and above the ground deposit. It was the Committee's understanding that payment would only be needed buy the night and registrations will all be in by then.
 - f. Whether is was appropriate for the committee to make a decision of this magnitude with out reference to the membership

Moved Charles Ellicott, seconded Tony Ashton

“that the committee has been elected to run the affairs of the branch and is empowered by the constitution to make decisions and accordingly the Committee approves the expenditure on Creedence Clearwater Recycle and Rusty nails and that the following actions be taken:

- a David to seek permission to use CCR's logo on our literature.

- b A flyer be developed showing the band and be available for Henry to take to Albury Wodonga on the week end of 1 Sept, and to Shearwaters social the following week.
- c The flyer to contain a registration form on the back page.
- d Perry Stephens at Melbourne club to be contacted and asked to follow up Melbourne club on our behalf, Flyers to be provided.
- e Tony to set up a list of clubs and the committee together with other members to be rostered to make visits to social nights or Saturday mornings to promote the rally in September October.

The motion was carried with abstentions from Brian Malpas and John Hubner

General Business

Challenge Club

Garry tabled an email from member Sue Thompson concerning a request for support at a day out for the Challenge Club which supports Children with cancer and their families. Aside from the fact that the committee had discussed the prospect of supporting this event which is to be run by the Subaru WRX owners club, and had requested details of the venue and program the email took a some what aggressive approach.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Tony had rung Sue Thompson and spoken to her daughter who is the organizer, there was still no venue but it would be somewhere in the Dandenong's.

- a. The kids involver ranged in ages from quite young to teenagers, mostly between 8 and 12 years.
- b. Idea is to give the kids and their siblings and parents a good day out.
- c. Rides would be nice and also a display with kids being able to sit on Bikes for photos.
- d. Club to provide stuff for show bag, e.g. badges, flyers.
- e. Date is 15 October.
- f. Venue still not known.

Issues discussed.

- a. Helmets must fit properly if people are riding.
- b. Insurance issues in relation to bike owners insurance and TAC
- c. Tony to make enquiries with National Administration re Ulysses PL cover for this event, also TAC and report back.

Coffs Harbor

Accommodation filling fast, note that the register is operating.

Rider safety

Gary Wood advised he was concerned that some members were putting their own enjoyment above the safety of other members and he supported the proposal to raise this issue in The grapevine. If this continues then he will be taking direct action.

Noted

Date Time and Place of next meeting

Tuesday 19 September 2006 at 8.00 PM at Le Pines Croydon.