

Minutes of Meeting
Yarra Ranges Ulysses Committee of Management
Tuesday 26 February 2008
Croydon Soccer and Darts Club Croydon at 7.30pm

Present

J. Anderson	Committee
T. Ashton	Secretary/Treasurer
D. Blythe	Committee
S. Knowles	Quartermaster
B. Malpas	Webmaster
J. Malpas	Social Co-ordinator
E. Ralph	Committee
H. Rokx	Ride Co-ordinator

Apologies:

B. Campbell	Committee
N.Cole	Editor
C. Ellicott	Committee
D. Yeouart	President

Minutes of previous meeting

The secretary presented for adoption the minutes of the January 2008 meeting.

Moved E Ralph Seconded D Blyde

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

Carried.

Matters arising from the minutes.

1 Saturday Morning Venue.

Given that there had been considerable discussion on the web site regarding a suitable replacement for the Yarra Glenn hotel and the fact that the committee had made a decision to go temporarily with the Brunch Café; it was considered appropriate to consider the position.

Firstly the president had called for suggestions from members, and had reported that he had received 22, of which he had short listed to 8.

There was considerable discussion as to how to deal with the multitude of suggestions and to make a decision which would satisfy the most members. It was clearly a

convoluted exercise to transfer the meeting place to 8 venues for test runs which would take at least a month to get a good feel of the suitability.

Two points of view developed, one was concerned that if members were not happy with a venue they would go to one where they were, this had the potential to split the club therefore it was necessary to explore all suggestions .

The second point of view was that the committee was elected to manage the affairs of the club and it was incumbent upon it to make decisions on the members' behalf that is not to say the views of members should not be ignored.

It was agreed that if it is ultimately decided to investigate alternative Saturday venues for there should be a set criteria for evaluation.

Some criteria suggested for evaluation were:

- Must be open as a matter of course on Saturday mornings, this avoids the problem of a proprietor making special arrangements , employing staff etc, and then finding there is insufficient return to warrant the outlay and closing the venue down as happened with the Yarra Glenn Hotel.
- Must have hard stand preferably flat and be capable of handling 100 odd bikes.
- As Saturday morning is a social event the venue must have a reasonable breakfast menu at reasonable prices. Ability to deliver prompt service must be present.
- Must be capable of seating up to 100 people
- Should be central to members and have good access.
- Ideally the venue should provide a good start point for impromptu rides which occur from time to time.

The next issue to be considered is that having formulated a selection criterion who is going to do the evaluation and when?

This was left in abeyance.

2 Bikers Bash

Janine reported that the bikers bash was well attended and that the general feeling was that it was a success, with everyone having a really good time. It as noted that there were representatives from a number of branches, Geelong, Leongatha, Bendigo to mention a few.

Tony reported that on the figures he had that the event turned a profit of \$1257.70 but was then informed that there were some expenses still outstanding which had not been reported to him, and this would alter the outcome by about \$200.

The question as to how the proceeds were to be split between the SES and CFA was considered, it was the committee's understanding that the proceeds were to be split 50% 50 % between the organizations but there now appeared to be some doubt arising from this as the CFA at yea had not responded to the branch' letter, or to the presidents approaches, and although promising to sell tickets had not done so. The event organizers had suggested that the SES should receive the whole amount.

A final decision on the distribution and how it is to be presented is to be made at the next committee meeting.

The incoming committee will also consider whether this is to be an annual Yarra Ranges event or not.

3 Arrangements for AGM

The secretary outlined the procedure for the conduct of the AGM and the ballot process to be used.

It was noted that there was no position of welfare officer on the notice David Blyde advised that Sylvia Kean was unable to continue in this role. It was agreed this position would be an appointment by the new committee.

Correspondence

The secretary advised that he had no correspondence received other than that relating to the Saturday Morning venue which was on the web site.

Reports

Presidents Report

A copy of the report which the President proposed to table at the AGM had been forwarded to the committee and was noted.

Secretary Report

The secretary advised that he had been preoccupied with the AGM and the processes had already been covered earlier.

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurer provided an overview of the financial position which he had forwarded with the notice of AGM

Quartermaster Report

Steve advised that he had completed his stock reconciliation to the end of February and had \$232.50 in cash to hand over. He also requested a cheque for \$95.70 for Andrews Clothing for the following day, as there was no cheque book available the amount was deducted from the \$232.70.

There had been no Sales in February.

It was also reported that there was a new invoice from Recognition ID for payment.

Ride Co-ordinator Report.

Henry advised that there had been virtually no changes to the ride calendar since the last meeting.

He had also been speaking to the new incoming co coordinator and had made an offer of assistance and would pass on all information to make the job easier.

Social Co-ordinator Report

Janine advised the years social events had been successful and that her program for 2008 was now taking shape, she proposed the following major events:

- Bowling Night 26 April
- Trivia Night 21 June
- Pool and Pizza night 19 July
- Progressive Dinner 23 Aug
- Racing Night 27 Sep
- Christmas Dinner 6 Dec at a probable new venue.

Editor Report.

Norm requested that all reports be in by the end of the month so he can go to publication.

Webmaster Report

Brian advised that the hosting service had suffered some problems when their server went down, the consequences of which were that all postings on the notice board from deck 24th had been lost. He was trying to recover what ever he could, and will be backing up more regularly in future.