

START TIME: 8.07 pm

PRESENT: Lewis Bordon (Tres.), Steve Bond (Vice Pres.), Frank Sutherland (P.R.), Blythe Osborne (Rider Training), Alan Purves (Recovery), Dave Robinson (Newsletter), Malcolm Millan (4B's), Members: 70.

PROLOGUES: Damien Codognotto (Pres.), Ian Hollis (Research).

SECRETARY: Jim Caldwell (Registers Co-ordinator)

LEGAL ADVISOR: Jim Gurry (Legal Advisor)

CHAIRMAN: Luke Bryant

Welcome to all, especially new members (7).

Minutes of previous meeting were read by Bernadette Fitzpatrick. Discussion followed. Motion by Blythe Osborne and Seconded by Frank Sutherland regarding the removal of the latter part of the reference to Tony Scicluna, that is him being in M.R.A. Admin. Motion by Macca (West. Subs.) for the minutes to be accepted, Seconded by Blythe Osborne. Accepted.

JIM GURRY re: Stuart Rolfe's letter.

Stuart was not present at the meeting. Jim pointed out that the letter was not defamatory. The letter was sent after Malcolm McMillan told Jim about some comments that Stuart had made, Jim wanted an explanation about them. Stuart went to see Jim before he had received the letter. Discussion by them was had and Stuart left friendly, he had the right to make comments, as a M.R.A. member.

A reply by Damien and Lewis was accepted unanimously by the Committee. Jim read Stuart's and Damien/Lewis letters.

Jim then questioned the equipment buying eg. computer, house, in regards to money loss. Jim said yes control was needed, that was the reason that the finance committee was formed last year. Difficulty arises in one month waiting periods for general meeting.

Jim then said that decisions regarding the computer and the trucks should have come to a General Meeting, and that the computer was not cost worthy in regards to 80/81 service bureau costing figure to do the work. Lewis asked Blythe to research the figures by a service bureau, Blythe said the figures were in files done by Ken Crib, no later than December 82. Computer is cost effective as we have our own programmers and that the work done by a bureau cost \$25 an hour, three years ago. It is good regarding the personal aspect i.e. instant queries can be answered and memberships can be sent out the same day, there is also too many members to do it manually. Blythe said he was not disputing the buying of the computer but the way it was handled - not before a general of committee meeting. Discussion followed regarding a \$2000 figure for a capital expenditure. If an item was to cost more than \$2000 then it had to go before a general meeting. That is, under the Constitution, a quorum of fifty members is needed to vote for all decisions at a general meeting, thus all members have been notified. A suggestion was put forward that at the first meeting, the suggestion is proposed. Someone looks into it and at the second meeting, the suggestion is either carried or dismissed. Luke Bryant mentioned that the rapid growth in memberships and the pressure of work often necessitates the immediate decisions. All members are invited to watch the work done at M.R.A. House and also invited to help - it is most needed.

M.R.A. House was needed and is not a burden. Lewis went on to say that due to the large amount of money flow through, it was needed to centralise things. Blythe said that the decision to buy the house was made by 2 or 3 persons. Lewis said, that at the time there was no full-time committee.

Motion put by Blythe Osborne that the General Meeting took due note of both arguments and support was expressed for the views of Lewis and Damien in their role of M.R.A. Promotions and the General Meeting refers to the Committee that capital expenditure purchases in excess of \$2000 be referred back to the General Meeting for approval. And at the General Meeting expresses explicit support and that it has no objections to M.R.A. Promotions officers holding positions on the M.R.A. Committee and sees no conflict of interest. Seconded by Andy Luck. Carried unanimously.

C.A.M.S. at present. Bikes will be supplied for our tests. Any statement will be checked by our lawyers. There may be an insurance discount available if the product tests are positive and Western Underwriters agrees.

Dealings with Canberra Motor Insurance have terminated and we will deal direct with Western Underwriters. All existing policies etc. will be honoured.

No 4 B's Report.

Festivals Committee Report: meeting held prior to General meeting, minutes attached.

Festivals: Sunday '17 / 4. 9 A.M. Warrigul Park. Hiedleburg.
Vintage & Classic bikes needed for display.

Rider Training Report: Learner Permits Bill has gone through Parliament to the effect that the Upper House rejected the Lower House version. So it is now back before the Lower House. The next Stay Upright Course (cost \$80, plus \$8.5 accomodation) is to be held on April 23 - 25, 1983.

P.R. Report: by Frank Sutherland. The aim for the Royal Melbourne Show Grand Parade is 200 bikes. Regarding the Broadmeadows land issue, M.R.A. will get a lot of backing.

General Business: M.R.A. Great Britain is going well.

Stock: lots available, eg. glasses, stubby holders.

Geelong Raft Race: Winner was Doncaster/Templestowe Lions Club.

Deep Creek Trail Park: Keith McLachlan requires input for Govt. delagation re. BMX & motocross parks and raw deals.

Bathurst '82: Bad media reviews were received. MOTION by Blythe Osborne to give M.R.A. Committee authority to go full ahead and clean up Bathurst '84. Seconded by Steve. Carried with some abstentions.

Elections: are to held after Registers' Conference, therefore in August.

Stuart Rolfe received letter regarding M.R.A. finance allegations. He was perturbed by the question of his loyalty. Lewis and Damien authorised move. General misunderstanding, but general discussion followed. Motion by Blythe for vote of thank to Stuart for his work as M.R.A. Secretary. Seconded by Frank. Carried by with some abstentions.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.10 PM