

M.R.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 1985

Opened 10.30 am 31/8

1.

Present:

Hal Caston	President
Peter Johnston	Chairman
Sammi Ross	NMM Co-ordinator
Grant Pigot	Minutes Secretary
Jan Fleming	Secretary

This is a copy of what I was sent. I have not interpreted or corrected it in any way. Please proof read it.

Side.

Vic. Tony Scicluna and Robin Redman

A.C.T. Paul Edstein and Paul Byrne

Qld. Doug Chin

Tas. Nigel Saville and Phil Hobson

S.A. Peter Mount

W.A. Terri Healand

N.S.W. R. Goodman and B. Wilkins (10.46 am. not present and beginning of Conf.)

Presidents Report

A quiet six months since S.A. Conf.
continuing interstate communic. difficulties
hopes that problems between states can be overcome
issues must be talked out for the good of the members

Secretary

correspondence attached

Treasurers Report

M.R.A. Australia - approx \$7000 in bank
some discussion required for M.R.A. Aust by branches

Business Arising

minutes from last conf. not printed or distrib.
no objections



I. Nat. Const.

Prez. - Reed & co. preparing and drawing up articles of inc. & draft constitution for a legal company

Therefore want permission to run M.R.A. A.C.T instit. to run in parallel
Nat. Constit. no comment received over article circulated earlier

T. Scicluna (Vic.) Happy with draft, also W.A.

A.C.T. some comments to be sent

Tas., Qld., S.A. not seen copy

copies to be redistributed to those that did not receive them.

Tas and Vic suggest Oct 31 deadline for comments

W.A. suggest later - commitments in Oct.

resolved to be Oct 31 for deadline (by show of hands)

2. Formulation of M.R.A. Aust policy document

submissions req'd by May 31.

N.S.W. have but others have not made any to date.

Vic suggest Oct 31 as new deadline

3. Presentation etc etc

copies to be distrib. to all branches for comment by Vic.

Vic ask to move on to later since no information

4. National Rally

N.S.W. - Far west sub-branch to hold rally in 86

need help & site ; need to determine cost

possibly unsuitable - heat & cold etc.

Central West uncertain

running water, Hotel, on site catering not really possible at site.

National Co-ordination - PR to be handled by Secretary (M.R.A. Aust)

tentatively planned for Autumn 86

A.C.T. wish to know if any suggests really are to be appropriate
 N.S.W. - details will be forwarded mid-October
 Far west wish to make some money if possible, as well as possible reimburse-
 ments for outlay to begin with
 Broken Hill good spot for centrality

5.

Vic have done nothing as yet on sticker and artwork or submission to Vic. police.

also Japanese system

Jap system - if not see a m'cycle then admission of guilt
 problems with I didnt see him

N.S.W. suggest 'it'

S.A. - it doesnt mean anything

Sec - 'I didn't see you' since this gets around sexism & more personal

Vic. - any guidelines given on what National body or each state wanted.

Sec - not a national initiative

changed to I didnt see you

Vic - can put "I didnt see you is an admission of guilt"

A.C.T. ask if acceptable, or 'negligence'

W.A. & Vic can possibly do roughs by a certain deadline (or any other)

S.A. - suggest end of Nov.

roughs to be forwarded by Nov. 31- will then be distrib. by sec ASAP after
 deadline for comment by branches (Dec 31)

6. Service Signs

defer to item 11 on main agenda by Pres.

7. item 22 on main agenda

8.

so far response by S.A.

N.S.W. say dispatched but not received by Sec

Vic - cannot see benefit since all major motorcycle reports distrib thru AMC

A.C.T. - if one state has something then catalogue will allow other states
 access.

N.S.W. - not all material available to other states

Vic. - formal catalogue updated regularly?

catalogue to be updated by states & held by M.R.A. Aust.

Vic - will catalogue & send to Nat. Sec

9. Letter / Minutes to M.R.A. G.B.

Vic - had corresp from G.B. - no meetings held, no guideline adherence
 can send to H.C. for perusal on G.B.

S.A. - members have expressed G.B. have shown signs of deterioration

Vic. - will give HC correspondence and if not satisfactory then will be terminated
 from name use

G.B. supposedly Vic sub branch

S.A. help out of situation

Vic sent tape to complaintant & Press about guideline etc for MRA
 appears to be one big mess

small voice in Vic.

ask to be taken on HC recommendation

10.

not done by Sec as yet

11. M'cycle Safety Package

up to individual state govts to impose running lights laws in own state
 change of ADR to CDR since then can be imposed retrorespectively
 will be an ADR

can be looked after by AMC

N.S.W. - no reason to be discussed since it can be complied with by choice.

12. National N'Letter

Sec - exec requested to prepare draft (terms of ref) for MRA Aust & any other proposals.

NSW - should go ahead & contract be drawn up as proposed earlier

SA - discussed at length & Nat. N'letter not wanted

guidelines not pheasible in that light

NSW - why MRA Vic can call N'letter national journal

if no permission then withdraw

Vic - sent to all registers & nationally hence ads set up on these terms, does not conflict

NSW - unsolicited & false advertising

Vic - not sent to memberships only registers

ACT - not a national magazine

Vic - holding firm on objection since other delegates cutting balls off

SA - advertisers served not members - principle is to cater to members

HC - membership form does not seem to be involved

NSW - two occasions where national used. which is important?

Vic - could scrap first national

ACT - feel strongly about use of both

NSW (BW) - move motion that words National Journal of the National MA be deleted from cover deciding factor 2nd Paul Byrne

1 against Vic will abstain

SA cannot see point unless rewording can occur

ACT Amend - that all reference to DF being a national magazine by a national body

HC - some ads "national"

amendment rejected

SA - wish to remove the word cover - accepted

Amendment moved PM (SA) PB (ACT)

For: 4 Against: 2 Vic abstain

Lapsed

Sec - will terms of ref be prepared.

SA - not interested

NSW - needs terms since if package comes along then can refer and accept or reject without waste of time

Pres - not feeling qualified

PE(ACT) premature until decided that nat mag def. wanted

WA - some terms should be drawn up since agreed upon at last conf

Vic - all having problems with our newsletter

NSW - terms of reference can be drawn up by anyone

not premature since act has to be gotten together for future

Sec - exc did not prepare since unknown what states want

organis take too long to act on any proposal

HC - too long & too complex to cover by self

SA - difficult having input on a national basis since national enthusiasm hard to drum up.

not n'letter at cost of state newsletters

NSW - that each branch can if want to prepare guidelines for next national conf 2nd N.S.(Tas)

if guidelines drawn up need not be accepted

guidelines must be drawn up for how money is spent if state wants contract

For; Unanimous

HC delegate must vote, observers cannot

Closed for 10 mt brk. 12.02 pm reopened 12.19 pm

MRA page for Bike Australia

all submissions to be routed through HC photographs can be b&w or colour (if clear)

as long as all are clear

NSW move motion that MRA Aust accept page on terms of editor 2nd TH (WA) carried unan.

NSW - contract for newsletter be postponed to next N Conf.

Moved RG (NSW) 2nd TS(Vic) For : 7 carried unan.

13. Deferred to main agenda

14. Cat. Stock

Sec: has SA Vic (maybe)
Tas & NSW sent (NSW twice)

15. M'ship form in AMCN

WA : has improved figures since small m'ship.
Vic: 15 new members (better than B Aust)
Tas : have not noticed difference
NSW : no real response - as supposedly to be placed in each and determine which is best.
Tas : try REVS
move that trial ad in REVS for six mths.
moved : NS (Tas) 2nd RG (NSW)
no comments for or against
Favour : 6 Against - carried
ACT abstain since no effect on m'ship

17.

Vic - adopt sticker & also contract to stand by their word/
some offering discounts are not actually doing so
call for each state to use some form of contract
Sec - contract in process of being revived, then will be distributed & matter raised at following Nat. Conf.
NSW - list of items to be discounted or not also SA
WA - no discount system offered , wish to get into system
wished to know if system is national.
HC : possibility of writing to "Just Jeans" for national discount (on a national level)
WA : does not produce stock.

18. Main Agenda.

19 Around Aust. Run

HC : ion. bike provided. sponsors are being chased
leaving Perth Oct.1
generating plenty of media interest
sub-branches are been.
up to states to organise for media etc. for run in their states.
seeking possibility of petrol sponsors.
no replies as yet from any of the big petrol companies
possibility of states & registers talking to media (current affairs shows locally)
interview in NSW with T.Willesee
HC will contact all states & registers
forthcoming regarding final arrangements

20. Safety Poster

Sec - being organised by Gold Coast register
NSW - have corrected poster and sent back, but since nothing heard.
HC - received letter (Aug 9) regarding MRA Aust policy on helmets.
Vic - backed poster with \$100 toward Prod n. , regards helmets to be worn if state laws decree
Dept Transport disagree with some of gear on poster, if changed will help & pay. cannot compromise on this - will allow Dept foot in door.
HC 2nd poster part financed by AMA with aggressive outlook
NSW : can we leave it to Gold coast
Sec: A: Qld amend safety poster.
B: Submit poster to state branches for approval giving details costing
C: Print etc.
Vic : If dept Transport will produce & MRA distribute then we must have some say.
action should be taken.
Sec: Find out what Dept wants then accept or reject.

WA Does not agree.

5.

NSW: Day-glo shirt & light on not agreed with - therefore will not distribute.
most states agree with this.

Vic. Should clarify Dept. wording. accept or reject.

SA : Should write out what we want now and dictate to Dept. Transport.
deal with in main agenda.

Lunch. closed at 1.10 pm.

Meeting opened 2.26 pm.

AGENDA

5. Election.

President : H.Caston

Secretary : S.Ross

Treasurer : S.Rolfe

all elected unopposed

6. ADR - N1

SA - potentially serious situation.

discussions held with MIAA - extremely concerned.

letter from AMIA attached

basically reflects the general attitude to be expressed by this conference.

NSW - Dec 22 Govt. symposium to be held in Sydney - MRA NSW invited to attend.

HC : Barry Cohen (Environ) is to be lobbied now since generally Transport
are not really in favour of N1

have gone as far as we can go with normal channels.

must be directed now at Ministers.

States should deal with Ministers.

SA dealers are suggesting problem lies with modification on after-market systems
by buyers . not new bikes.

ACT - problem is that regulations existing are not policed enough

HC - no trade off - leave new bikes alone, and check & police existing modif-
ications.

Vic suggest that we 'go in strong' on our local members.

NSW : co-ordinated attack must be launched in each state

publicity must be handled on a state by state basis.

HC : Cross-roads MRA NSW have collected 500 signatures on a petition against

ADR - N1

7. Comp. Legislation

SA some under impression that MRA has policies on legislation & some don't
ie: legislation that is compulsory to do a particular thing (motorcycling)

Vic : fair & sensible legislation only.

ACT : to be decided on a state by state basis depending upon type of legis-
lation encountered.

SA : MRA has no policy (blanket) on legislation

Tas :

8. 5/25 Helmet Policy.

Qld - discussed in state conf.

membership was basically against & for

not seen copy of policy (Tas, SA)

held over by Vic until RG briefed

5yr conviction free & 25 yrs age then allowed choice as to whether or not
wear helmet.

9.

Est. working rel'nship with FCAI.

have many full time researchers etc.

can furnish material to MRA if we establish working relationship

can see no harm to establish this
 ie: want us to keep a low profile on sidestands
 standard for horns will have their backing
 NSW : state or national
 HC : seems only federal group.
 FCAI been to lobby at state level.
 eg: NSW m'cycle council lobbying
 prepared to devote 1 mill toward fighting N1 at court level if worst comes.
 NSW : MRA pres take up discussion with FCAI to establish working rel'nship
 with FCAI & MRA Aust moved B. Wilkins (NSW) 2. TS (Vic)
 For 7 Against - Carried
 NSW - can only be beneficial in long term.
 HC - not to interfere with FCAI & AMC

10. Est. working rel'nship with AMIA

HC : received letter on July 4 from Mr. S Strickland.
 high priority given to est rel'nship with bodies involved for m'cycles.
 wish awareness for m'cycles & drivers.
 national policy on rider training.
 very keen on not treading on toes of MRA Aust & AMC.
 Vic: significant since now industry support has at last been obtained for most
 MRA activities regarding motorcycles.
 eg: 250 laws & ADR - N1
 Vic. read letter to conf. from VACC to m'cycle dealers.
 HC : suggests set up meeting with AMIA
 Vic: moved two motions.
 1. Each state undertake to est. co-operation with state subdivisions
 AACC 2nd BW(NSW)
 2. That Pres arrange meeting with AMIA forthwith 2nd N Saville Tas
 Carried (Both) Unan.

11. Services Signs

need to make a decision to find out a type of sign that can be put up nationally.
 some criticisms levelled at sign model included
 - too small
 - 'INC'
 SA suggest take back this design for approval by memberships, quotes be
 obtained regarding prod'n 2nd BW (NSW)
 For 6 Against - W.A. abstained
 Action deadline by Sept 31.

12 Prod'n progress etc.

Vic - signs shown (see attached) are basically the roughs
 RTA Vic recommended some alternatives and sign now produced to standards.
 road grooving, slippery surface.
 MCC, Northcott CC prepared to pilot scheme
 can be made available for approx \$30-40 each.
 HC can use single sign of bike profile with writing on sign underneath.
 eg: 'slippery when wet'

Break at 4.10 pm.

Resumed at 4.25 pm.

Vic : referred to item 5 - meeting did not pass a vote of thanks to outgoing
 Sec.
 Chair says that Sec (outgoing) duties cease at end of this conf.

13 Motocross Promo Albany

WA : cannot bring full proposal since still unclear
 maj. of Albany register all motocross enthusiasts.
 vote of no conf. for motocross club & hence Albany motocross club formed.
 requested federal approval.
 HC : S Williams (WA Sec) sent HC for advice etc.

HC will call meeting whilst on endurance run.
does not want to see MRA affiliated with ACU

1. MRA can have a moto-X division.

2. Can have its own account (accountable to MRA perth & Aust.)

no ACU affiliation, since aims conflict.

ACT : moved motion.

That the matter of MRA Albany promoting motocross and possibly conducting events under the MRA banner be resolved out of session when we have enough details to make a decision.

For ; 7 Carried unan. No abst.

14. M.12 Carton Promo.

Vic. - approx couple hundred dollars for 35,000 cartons.

artwork have been produced & dist. to registers.

no objection to change in colour schemes

Tas: moved motion 2nd P.Byrne (ACT)

For the purposes of promotion where no other ie B/W colours are available then

ie:-

For purposes of promotion where it is not possible to print in black and white printing in other colours is permissible subject to state branch approval and Nat. Exec. approval.

For: 7 Against - Carried

15.

NSW (Bw) That Oct 86 be called

Motorcycle Awareness Month

2nd P.Byrne (ACT)

NSW : indicated that Nat. M. Month unacc. to members because:-

1. Name infers support of motorcycle industry.

2. Message not got across.

3. Much free advertising (240 buses) funded to Traffic Authority NSW.
motion withdrawn (Bw NSW) until month is decided upon.

SA - end of year is exceptionally busy esp. since advent of Grand Prix.

amount of publicity space is restricted and hence space in all forms of media must be reserved some time before.

earlier in year is more uncluttered with events etc & hence effectiveness of advertising dollar is enhanced.

Qld : raised point of co-op with GP organisers.

SA : they show no interest except where large monies involved.

WA : October most relevant time since start of summer & more bikes on road.

Tas unable - Tas Rally

most branches well situated with October as NMM

much work done at establishing Oct. as being synchronous with NMM

Motion : Bw (NSW) That Oct 86 be called :-

"National Motorcycle Awareness Month".

2nd P Byrne.

SA : PM moved amendment to delete 'national'

For : 6 Against - Abst 1 (Vic)

Carried

Nat. Co-ord etc

SA lack of comm. - responsibility has lead to problems regarding organisation

Adjourned : 5.45 pm

Re-open 9.00 am. Sept 1.

Gen. Business items to be submitted by 9.00 am.

Meeting opened 9.20 am.
All present except Vic. 9.25 am.

15. (cont.) Def. Duties & Resp.

SR: had to basically find out for self duties and resp

SA - write down what think would be clear & submit to states for consideration.
most problems encountered were because no guidelines set down.

best to have a co-ordinator ASAP

SR : to send guidelines to states for consid. & states send g'lines to sec or
NMM co-ordinator.

all submitted by SR by end Oct.

guidelines subm. by Nov. 30 for submission to agenda in Dec.

NSW - states to forward nominations for NMM word by Nov. 31.

Nat. Logo.

SA : dissatisfied with logo and its selection

most states not satisfied and may or may not use.

state branches can submit designs for next MAM (Oct 86)

HC : suggest considerations be left until guidelines set down by states & SR.
logo design to be submitted by Nov 31 by any state branches capable.

Thematic Appl. (SA)

original concept behind NMM was to promote awareness & safety.

'motorcycling is magic' introduced whole new set of parameters.

safety is an excellent medium, however M is M brought in the industry.

SA : pheasability of diff. themes each year.

NSW : themes to be submitted by Nov 30

Tas : moved N Saville 2nd Hal. Caston.

That states submit to the Secretary designs for a logo for MAM and themes
for use during MAM in 1986 by Nov 30 for consideration at next Nat. Conf.

For 7 Ag : 0 Abst : 0

SR : presented pamphlet (see attached) for approval by members
to be used for national distribut'n.

NSW : more pertinent for item 19.

ACT : could be used at start of Oct 85 and used for whole year until beginning
Oct 86.

Tas : take back to our members for approval.

NSW : make on next Nat. Conf. agenda submissions of opinions to be by the
next nat conf.

SR : brought point about glossy mag & calendar (1 off) yearly.

see attached

comments from state branches by Nov 30.

16 4B

Vic : why changes in 4B letter meanings have gone ahead.

red & red/gold badges by SA & NSW

SA : whats in a word?

Vic : - have had changes - and a code of practice should be drawn up since
no guidelines available.

: states starting up 4B's have no guidelines.

red/gold badges used for a rally in NSW

Vic : should be able to draw up guidelines for the 4B administration ie: Draught
code bearing in mind three names.

to be presented before next nat. conf (Nov 30) to be decided on at next nat.
conf.

Vic: The Draught 4B code of practice be drawn up by MRA Vic for ratification
at next nat. conf. 2nd P.M.

For 7 Ag. 0 Abst. -

17. MRA Aust. Imm. & Long Term Goals

SA : we should decide on where MRA Aust as a body is going. what to get into
depth of involvement & effect on community.

concern about public exposure of personal & internal MRA problems

AMC - chair has expressed that AMC will possibly move motion of expulsion

for MRA Vic.

basically Vic looking for support from rest of MRA.

wants undertaking from rest of state MRA's in writing for support at next AMC conference.

NSW : - all this does not help personality of MRA in public's eyes

Tas : unity is most important

Vic : why is Vic being singled out?

PE (ACT) : not here to represent AMC.

PE : members must agree so PE can talk as AMC Chairman.

WA : stayed out of MRA Aust because of infighting.

WA members getting upset that this is beginning to happen again.

PE - MRA Vic to be expelled by AMC since opposed to MSF

MRA Vic actively campaigning against MSF which is supported by rest of states.
Vic have written letters to press. - which is a member taking opposing position to AMC aim of est. MSF.

Vic : can see long term ramifications for MRA Aust.

PE : MRA Vic went public when it is not allowed to do.

Vic : personal view of D. Condognotto only. not MRA Vic.

relevant letters in AMCN issues tabled to ascertain whether or not personal view of D Condognotto or not.

Vic: will rest of state branches be with AMC on this expulsion or not.

SA : if can guarantee no repeats?

NSW (Blw) moved motion:-

That MRA Aust recognises that officials of both the national Executive and state branches of the MRA have a responsibility to every motorcyclist not to involve themselves in public debate to the detriment of motorcycling.

2nd Paul Byrne.

Break at 11 am.

Resumed at 11.15 am.

Qld. moved to change debate to criticism. Lapsed

For : 7 Ag - Abst -

Vic : moved motion that :-

That the MRA state branches do not support any expulsion move against MRA Vic from the AMC at the next AMC conference.

2nd TH (WA)

For : 5 Against - 0 Abst: 2 (ACT,Qld)

SA : wish to discuss pheasability of AMC in terms of involvement & long term goals.

Tas. No where near the stage of taking over since no full time employees.
cannot take over AMC since not enough time to look after own state branches.
JF : needs to be an attitude change regarding MRA Aust since MRA Aust matters have been allowed to lapse moreso in next 6 mnths than before.

responsibilities of states to MRA Aust should be examined & tasks set at Nat Confs should be followed up/

Tas : must have unity in own back yard before assuming greater responsibility (with MRA Aust & AMC)

HC : endorsement by MRA on all safety related items & promotions. as both long and short term goals.

asked to participate on a rider training film which will introduce MRA Aust pres & some ideals of MRA.

NSW . resolve that if national body finds script acceptable we should endorse the president to participate. resolved.

NSW (Blw) : motion

That an item of business at the next national conference be discussion of specific goals to be achieved by 1990. States to submit proposed goals by Dec 31 1985.

For : 7 Against - Abst: -

18. Est MRA NT.

Vic : began negot. with NTMA regarding setting up a branch of MRA in NT.

Sec (NTMA) wrote letter & phone call requesting information regards starting up MRA (NT).

letter sent by MRA Vic furnishing info to allow starting up MRA (NT).
 happy to allow information to go through national executive (Vic HC)
 NSW : by resolution that info should go through Hal & vote of thanks by Nat.
 Conf to MRA Vic for the groundwork.
 SA : Catherine (NT) wish to set up sub-branch of SA until MRA (NT) set up.
 NSW : could cause friction since MRA (NT) run through Nat. exec.
 hence they could possibly work together.

19. Membership.

SA : const. inundated with bad media coverage on motorcycling.
 hence we should be able to constructively cope with this
 must have way of offering general public appreciation of motorcycling.
 Vic : must take these events (Bathurst, Milperra) as it comes and try to present
 the other side.
 SA : publicity machine not efficient in the way the general public is approached.
 need to be more efficient since really only 1 month (Oct) is really dealt with
 in any depth.
 NSW : possibility of exchange of successes & ideas regarding media promotions
 from one state to another.
 SA - media involved often in reporting of bad news rather than community
 services and hence MRA tends to suffer when performing community services
 eg (blood runs etc) since Milperra & riots more desirable to media.
 Tas : MRA trying to work together with Police on roadside with motorcycle
 pick up service.
 HC : Try to gnaw away at the 'American' attitude that the media is taking
 on.
 SA : A way should be found to offer something to outlaw groups and young
 first time riders.
 most who join MRA are fairly concerned with motorcycling is going.
 that is what MRA is basically concerned with
 should go out of our way to attract groups which could possibly cause conflict.
 NSW : considered (MRA) by some outlaw groups as compromising their image.
 Vic : day of people joining MRA for political reasons is ended.
 people are joining MRA for gain in terms of services discounts etc
 look more at buying them rather than selling them ideals of MRA.
 ACT - do we want to attract the outlaws at the detriment of memberships.
 WA - we want to attract all m'cyclists since we are representative of all
 motorcycles.
 NSW - if we want to attract a specific grp then we should do something for
 them.
 should be able to be done on state level.
 is it possible to do something on national level for commuters & trail riders.
 SA - something of a conflict of purpose with the outlaws (eg Milperra) and
 hence attracting such grps can compromise the aims & objectives of the MRA
 in terms of the public eye.
 Accessibility
 SA - difficult comparatively since members find it hard to be able to contact
 MRA in particular circumstances.
 difficult for SA since no office and hence no contact.
 Vic : insurance and stock can be used to furnish sufficient income for use
 of a home base
 Vic : should have some base of operations perhaps similar to MRA House (Tas).

Lunch : 12.45 pm.

19. M'ship drive.

NSW every day should be a membership drive

no need for m'ship drives - just do what has been done but better.

SA : see attached details on ideas pertaining to memberships & the methods of gaining said.

drive basically a non-event and consequently should be involved in keeping memberships rather than a membership drive.

20. M'ship Fee Increase.

Qld - increasingly difficult to service m'ship & consequently more difficult to function.

WA : may lose m'ships - increase since justification for increase would not show a further gain to members.

Tas : when taken to members some time ago not really well received esp family memberships.

basically resolved that the m'ship fee is not to be increased at this time.

21. Register / sub-branches.

SA : boils down to how autonomous sub branches & registers should be.

most SA registers only in infancy at the moment & it is felt that there should be lines along which these registers can function so as to proceed.

NSW : have 21 sub-branches running and cct under which inc. there are:-

1. Financial responsibilities under the act.

2. State conferences.

sub branches fairly autonomous as long as stay within guidelines of state

NSW : preparing guidelines for execs on registers & guidelines to which they run and will be distributed.

registers must be allowed to have their say and also communication with registers by state committee members (esp at AGM's)

exchange of opinions & minutes between all sub branches.

consistency in office bearers, the longer the term the better.

the element as being boss must be maintained ie: autonomy with control if going too far

22. Funding of MRA Aust.

Tas : methods of payment - what are they or how regular they should be.

up to state branch to determine terms of payment.

MRA Tas owe approx \$600 - to MRA Tas and wish to pay 12 months on top of what is owed for next 12 mths.

Vic - what are the subscriptions:-

\$2- / membership.

\$2- / family m'ship.

to a ceiling of \$1000 between conf.

Vic : can consideration be given to \$350 - being knocked off outstanding bill because of RTA charging MRA Vic for Look bike pamphlets.

moved : Brian Wilkins (NSW)

2nd Nigel Saville (Tas)

That the debt of MRA Aust by MRA Vic be reduced by \$350 for services rendered for the provision of the 'Look Bike' pamphlets.'

For : 7 Against - Abst - Carried

24. Propose Name Change.

Vic : said would investigate name change and all finalised at Adelaide Nat Conf.

25. Exch of Mags etc.

letters of info & interest. minutes & mags should be sent from state to state so that states may be updated on what occurs.

26. Comms between states.

covered

27. Toy Run Badges.

SA : Toy run badges made in Adelaide, proposed earlier that they be used by other branches.

NSW . agreed that these badges be ordered from SA direct by NSW sub branches. will be produced again this year but in diff colours
all directions to be directed through SA since D.C. is Toy Run advertising co-ordinator. R/W

28. National Directory

SA : wish for more efficient national directory.

HC : all registers to be advised and will gather all addresses & details on endurance run. will take back to ACT collate & distribute.

WA : annual deadline every year?

NSW : state responsibility.

all info to be forwarded annually after AGM's ie: end of Oct.

Break 2.15 pm.

Resumed 2.25 pm.

29. Safety Poster

NSW : on text :-

Delete Full Gear Fools gear.

insert : Motorcycle Safety - Its a state of mind.

LHS Helmet : should fit properly & be comf.

Jacket : warm protective waterproof.

Gloves : warm & protective.

Trousers delete insert pants.

RHS : delete bonehead

Hands : its hard to control a motorcycle with no hands.

Knees : you thought its hard to get parts for your bike, try getting parts for your body.

Feet : bare feet bare bones.

Gold coast register to be contacted to find out what arrangements have been made

since poster in its form now is unacceptable as it is.

redo and redesign for submission at a later dated.

if acceptable to all involved in above form then MRA Aust logo be applied.

NSW BW 2nd P.Byrne.

Delegate to MRA Aust President to approve an appropriate safety poster for production by the Federal Dept of Transport

This poster to be within the guidelines discussed at this conference and include the MRA (Aust) logo.

For : 6 Against : 1 (SA) Abst -

Gen Business

more efficient means of conducting conf.

better to have admin issues first. and m'cycling issues later.

also whiteboard for motions etc.

possibility of use of PC & operator for use of in later NC's.

pre-arrangement of photocopies.

agenda to be more comprehensive and details.

notification of travel arrangements later

ie : with some notice.

paying of tickets in one hit by MRA Aust.

observers however another matter.

NSW : conference where possible states make bookings through MRA (Aust).

2. Behavior WA members.

SA : Hooning by Perth members at Border run.

WA has no knowledge of allegations

will make enquiries & follow up.

3. Deadlines set at N'Cs

SA : many deadlines set and have been ignored
if MRA Aust is to work then these deadlines will be adhered to.
minute secretary to extract motions deadlines etc and send ASAP.

4. MAM

SA : - t-shirts etc.
offering a no. of T-shirts with 'motorcycling is magic'
ie: white on black, sil. on black and black on white.
also skirts for ladies.
SA : will advise state branches on cost etc.
(ii) Advertising.
in relation to industry magazine.
MRA (friend or foe?)
could possibly cash in on MAM with advertising for Oct.
(iii) Poster
SA - not seen by delegates before
negs to be produced as soon as possible and sent to state branches.
(iv) 'Look Bike' campaign
5 campaigns - decline for first time in motorcycle fatalities in Vic.
(v) Badges
SA : have ordered badges from Vic. (NMM)
when are due, how much & what will be date of payment
being co-ordinated by Sammi Ross
SR : will take $\frac{1}{2}$ payment on any orders.

5. Assoc & Aff. M'ship

SA : enquiries from trade & other grps on some sort of assoc. & aff. m'ship.
unsure of what to do
NSW will send relevant information to SA once rest of bugs have been ironed
out by solicitors.
some clubs are affiliated with MRA NSW.

6. Grants

SA : possible way of getting money.
have made some tentative enquiries but seem unlikely.
wondered if any other methods for obtaining income through grants
NSW - trying to explore every avenue until can latch onto.
WA : applying of CEP grant for a full time worker but must have an office.
Vic : have had some CEP grants but problems with increased paperwork - trying
to gain a road safety grant from govt at moment hence less problems with
paperwork etc.
Vic : can offer SA assistance in gaining a CEP with copies & tricks of trade.

7. Standardised Letterhead.

Tas . running out of letterhead and hence want direction on what to use.
HC : has received letters & hence can move toward new MRA Aust type letterhead

8. NT No plates

Vic : people have lost rego labels etc.
NT in '86 will adopt new no. plate with extended length with sticker that can
be attached.
Vic - if info. req'd then it can be xeroxed hence & sent.

9. Library (ACT)

(ACT) - any films that can be bought or given & can be sent to ACT for building
up library.

10. Pro-Hart Poster.

SR - use of Pro-Hart for poster for MRA.
used for a long period of time & for any particular type of advertising for
MRA.
possibility of original for national raffle
resolved for follow up.

11. Equipment for Secretary.

SR : possibility of typewriter for secretary & or a personal comp. + filing cabinet for secretary when job changes.

about time for MRA Aust to provide equipment for secretary.

Vic : the Secretary must be able to job efficiently and must have equipment to do job properly.

NSW : resolution NSW & nat. exec that they investigate the purchase of word processor/typewriter PC. under the value of \$1000- to advise Nat exec ASAP.
2nd NS

For : 7 Against - Abst -

also filing cabinet can be purchased and material sent to SR by JF.

12 MRA Aust Address.

SR lives in Canberra.

P.O. Box 38 Higgins 2615

NSW P.O. Box 123 Flem. Markets.

Next MRA Aust Conf.

Perth Aust Day W'end 1986

Meeting closed 3.44 pm.

Sincere vote of thanks to JF for her work as secretary.

Thanks also to Tas.

MOTIONS

From Business Arising.

Item 12 Proposed : Brian Wilkins NSW Seconded : Paul Byrne ACT

That the words "The National Journal of the National Motorcycle Organization the Motorcycle Riders Association; be deleted from (the cover of - amended) the Deciding Factor."

Amended by ACT, not accepted by NSW.

Amended by SA "to remove the word 'cover'." Seconded : Paul Byrene ACT.

For : 4 Against : 2 Abstained : 1 Motion lapsed.

For discussion at next conference (Business arising).

Proposed : Brian Wilkins NSW Seconded : Nigel Saville Tas.

That each branch of the MRA who wishes to prepare guidelines for a National Newsletter to be discussed at the next National Conference.

For : 7 Carried unanimously.

Proposed : Brian Wilkins NSW Seconded Terri Healand WA

That MRA Aust accepts an MRA page in "Bike Australia" under the terms of the editor as reported by the President.

For ; 7 Carried unanimously

Proposed : Ross Goodman NSW Seconded : Tony Scicluna Vic.

That discussion for the draft contract on proposed National Newsletter be deferred till next conference.

For : 7 Carried unanimously.

Proposed : Nigel Saville Tas. Seconded : Ross Goodman NSW

That we trial the MRA ad in Revs for 6 months

For : 6 Abstain : 1 ACT Carried

- Proposed : Brian Wilkins Seconded : Tony Scicluna
That MRA president undertake discussion with FCAI in order to establish co-operation between MRA (Aust) and FCAI. Item 9.
For : 7 Against : 0 Unanimously carried
- Proposed : Tony Scicluna Seconded : Brian Wilkins
That each state undertake to establish co-operation with state subdivisions of the AACC Item 10.
For : 7
- Proposed : Tony Scicluna Seconded : Nigel Saville
That MRA president arrange a meeting with the AMIA forthwith. Item 10.
For : 7
- Proposed : Peter Mount Seconded : Brian Wilkins
That the basic design for the service sign be taken to state bodies for state approval and quotes obtained for their production. Item 11.
For : 6 Abstention : 1 WA.
- Proposed : Paul Byrne Seconded : Doug Chinn
That the matter of MRA Albany promoting motocross and possibly conducting events under the MRA banner be resolved out of session when we have enough details to make a decision. Item 13.
For : 7 Against : - Abstained - Carried unanimously
- Proposed : Nigel Saville Seconded : Paul Byrne
For purposes of promotion where it is not possible to print in black and white printing in colours is permissible subject to State Branch and National Exec approval. Item 14.
For : 7
- Proposed : Brian Wilkins Seconded : Paul Byrne
That October 1986 be called Motorcycle Awareness Month. Item 15.
For : 6 Abstain 1
- Proposed : Nigel Saville Seconded : Hal Caston
That states submit to the secretary designs for a logo for M.A.M. and themes for use during MAM in 1986 by 30 Nov for consideration at next National Conference. Item 15.
For : 7 Carried
- Proposed : Tony Scicluna Seconded : Peter Mount
That the draft code of practice be drawn up by MRA Victoria for ratification at the January National Conference. Item 16.
For : 7 Carried
- Proposed : Brian Wilkins Seconded : Paul Byrne
That MRA (Australia) recognizes that officials of both the national executive and state branches of the MRA have a responsibility to every motorcyclist not to involve themselves in public debate to the detriment of motorcycling. Item 17.
For : 7 Carried
- Proposed : Tony Scicluna Seconded : Terri Healand
That the MRA state branches do not support any expulsion move against MRA Victoria from the AMC at the next AMC Conference. Item 17.
For : 5 Abstentions : 2 (ACT, Qld)
- Proposed : Brian Wilkins Seconded : Paul Byrne
That an item of business at the National Conference be discussion of specific goals to be achieved by 1990. States to submit proposed goals by 31 December 1985 Item 17.
For : 7

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Proposed : Brian Seconded : Nigel

That MRA (Vic) debt to MRA (Aust) be reduced by \$350 for services rendered,
for the provision nationally of the "Look Bike " pamphlets.
For : 7

Proposed : Brian Seconded : Paul

That MRA (Aust) President be delegated to approve an appropriate safety
poster for production by the Federal Dept. of Transport. This poster to be
within the guidelines discussed at this conference and include the MRA (Aust)
logo.

For : 6 Against : 1 SA

Proposed : Brian Wilkins Seconded : Nigel Saville.

That NSW and National Executive look into the purchase of a word processor
and personal comp. for less than \$1000 . To advise the Nat Exec. ASAP
For : 7