

THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

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Minutes - Board Meeting No. 33.
Darby's Hotel Princes Hwy Caulfield.
12.00 noon Sunday November 1 1992.

Meeting Opened 12.17pm

Members Present 7

Guests 5

Apologies none

MRA AUSTRALIA - Board

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| President | Damien Codognotto |
| Vice President | Chris Lamblin |
| Secretary | Peter Bricknell |
| Treasurer | Gus Cummings |
| Membership Secretary | Jo Nelson |

Appointed Board Members

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| 4B's Manager | Chris Lamblin |
| Chief Marshal | David Taylor |
| First Aid Officer | Kathy Lamblin |

REPORTS

President - Damien Codognotto

1. NMSM is "six weeks were we've really got to perform".
2. The Loyola College pillion run was successful but risks were taken. The organization of such events needs to be cleaned up and orange vests need to be worn by all marshals. Damien will have "marshal" patches made up and in future all pillions must sign indemnity forms. Good PR was achieved with coverage on Channel 10. \$2175.00 was banked.
3. TDF is out but delivery to some areas has been delayed due to a foul up within Australia Post.
4. MRAA will talk to TT Line about a group discount to the 1993 Targa Rally.
5. The 0055 Number is operating and included in the new printing of the Vic Road's leaflet.
6. There has been no response to a request for suggestions for MRAA's 15th anniversary. Damien suggested that a second request be made with the Feb. TDF deadline as the cut off point.
7. MRAA members will recieve substantial discounts on entry fees to the bike show at Sandown Raceway. (Harley/Triumph raffle still included in the price of admission)
8. Damien will need 2/3 people to help at the nov. 14 Rider Training Awareness Day and a wooden "gallows" needs to be made up for the proposed "slimy sausage suck".
9. Damien is maintaining contact with Trevor Magna of the BMF.
10. MRAA has asked the AMC to refund its \$2000.00 membership fee but AMC discussion on this matter has been deferred until March 1993.
11. Tough lobbying against FORS has produced co-operation in the form of a "Take Care - Be Aware" campaign to be aimed at car drivers during and after NMSM.
12. The TAC will spend \$1.3 million on driver awareness advertizements in 1993.

REPORTS - continued.

Vice President:- Chris Lamblin.

Chris said most of his business was listed in ITEMS but he does desperately need a new type writer ribbon. (Damien suggested MRAA look into bulk buying as all its machines take identical ribbons.).

Secretary - Peter Bricknell.

1. Peter said that most of his time had been spent on the organization of the DAR and he couldn't believe that Damien had done all these events on his own in the past. Minutes and agendas had also taken up time.
2. TDF is in the shops and Peter thanked John Anderson and Steve Lukacs for their efforts in distribution.
3. Data Express Couriers have been given membership forms, leaflets and instructions on how to fullfill the role of area rep.

Treasurer - Gus Cummings.

Gus said October was not included in this report as the month finished on the day (Sat. Oct. 31) before this meeting and all the figures were not available. The report covers the 3 month period from June 30 to Sept 30.

The bank balance at 30/6/92 was \$563.00 and was \$798.00 at 30/9/92. This included income of \$11,237.00 and expenditure of \$11,002.00 and Gus commented that this 3 month income was less than 20% of MRAA's annual figure which indicated the seasonal variation involved.

At 30/9/92 liabilities were \$4,500.00 which included Telecom, Jim Gurry and Calder Raceway. When October is included this figure should show \$2,500.00 with the large Telecom account paid off. Gus made his regular plea for more members and therefore cash.

Membership Secretary - Jo Nelson.

At the previous Board Meeting membership stood at 1780 and the current figure , with some to be deleted, shows 1860 - an increase of 80. (Damien said that the increasing number of discounts available to members will encourage renewals so we should adhere to the already generous 90 day cut off.).

4B's Manager - Chris Lamblin.

1. The 4B's chocolate drive produced an income of \$714.00.
2. 100 certificates of appreciation have been printed and the first one will be awarded to Mac's Hotel for supplying the 4B's meeting room free of charge. These certificates will be framed.
3. 4B flags will be produced to increase the profile of the group.
4. Windcheaters, T shirts and "4B supporter"/"Volvo aware rider" stickers will be produced and sold with profits going into the benevolent fund.
5. The visiting problem at Western General is still being sorted out as is another problem involving 2 senior nursing staff in casualty at the Royal Melbourne.
6. There is \$642.00 in the running cost account.
7. Chris asked for ideas to get more money into the benevolent fund so that some donations could be made.
8. The 4Bs will approach the government again regarding tax deductability. (Damien said that sales of 4B merchandise must not detract from MRAA marketing.).
9. Chris and Michael Czajka had a brief discussion about the 4Bs.

REPORTS - continued.

Chief Marshal - David Taylor.

1. David has mostly been working with Peter on the DAR.
2. The TAC Toy Run grant of \$15,000.00 has been approved.
3. Submissions regarding the provision of advanced rider training to MRAA marshals are still being recieved from interested organizations.

First Aid Officer - Kathy Lamblin.

Kathy said she had nothing to report.

Michael Czajka questioned the accuracy of the minutes to the last Board Meeting with regard to the visiting problem at Western General Hospital but withdrew any possible objection after a discussion with Chris and Peter.

The Minutes to Board Meeting No. 32 were accepted unanimously.
Accepted - Russel Lovell. Seconded - Gus Cummings.

BUSINESS ARISING.

1. Second letters to hospitals re the DAR. Chris said these would be sent out during the following week.
2. Post Toy Run bike storage(Bike Barn.). Gus said that this would be okay if one of the owners comes on the run and he will sort this out nearer the time. Damien said Eddy Garner's shop in North Melbourne was another possibility.
3. TDF Displays. Chris tabled a sample from a Ringwood company which was made in cardboard in 4 colors, was machine varnished, held about 12 magazines and cost approximately \$16.00 per unit.
4. Monthly income and expenditure statement. Gus tabled the first one and thanked Jo for her assistance. October income was \$6677.00 which was mainly the Loyola pillion run and memberships. Expenditure was \$5686.00 which included the payment of the large telecom account.
5. Letter to the AMC. Peter said this had not been done due to his commitments to organizing the DAR.
6. Elizabeth Street NMSM posters. Peter said that Training Awareness Day(A3), Driver Awareness Ride and Poker Run(A4) had been put in shops around Melbourne and suburbs.
7. Damien to contact Lisa Herriot. Damien said this had not been done yet due to lack of time.

ITEMS

It was discussed and decided to keep items to a minimum due to the General Meeting due to take place later in the day.

1. 0055 Number. This was deferred to the GM.
2. NMSM Launch/Rider training Awareness Day. Damien asked for people and Italian bikes for the launch(12.00 noon 13/11/92 Ray Quincey's) and volunteers to assist at the training awareness day.
3. DAR. This was mostly held over to the GM. Lloyd Williams tabled quotes for a sound system for the DAR and loud hailers.
It was decided to hire a mobile PA system from Hugh McLean Sound Systems for \$60.00 which included all accessories and did not require a generator.
After discussion it was decided that 2 loud hailers will be needed in future and the best option was for Lloyd to repair the existing unit and the purchase of another unit be looked into as soon as possible.
4. The Poker Run. Chris said that now the Loyola run was over he would be free to concentrzte on the Poker Run. Damien and Chris were worried that some people may commence the run at Warburton and thus avoid paying. Checks will be organized and Damien will brief the Warburton people. Damien will need at least 2 people to assist at the start. The Healesville check point may be moved to the old railway station to avoid some of last year's problems.

ITEMS - continued.

5. Toy Run and Bike Show. Damien said a Franklin Mint Harley Davidson model would be one of the prizes. The leopard tank is not a likely starter but army scout cars may take part. Help is needed for the bike show and judging. It was suggested that the purchase of a Toy Run badge could qualify people to vote in a people's choice judging. Bikes must be grouped together by manufacturer.

Peter said a police user pays system was now in place and was applicable with the following criteria: 1. sponsored event. 2. an admission charge being applicable. He suggested these options.

1. TAC include the police cost in their sponsorship.
2. MRAA write to the Police Minister for an exemption.(charity event.)
3. Let the police sort it out.

Damien insisted that nothing be put in writing and said that to acknowledge that the user pays system might be applicable to the Toy Run was a dangerous precedent. It was decided to simply inform Major Incidents and Planning "for their information".

6. Blood Run/Challenge. Kathy said that the calendar in the new TDF did not include the Blood Run or the Poker Run. Damien said these events were deleted during the layout by Percival Publishing to allow extra photos. Michael Czajka's article was also deleted due to lack of advertizing. Kathy will get together with David re the Blood Run.

7. Loyola College Pillion Run. Chris said there were problems due to lack of time and organizational experience on his part. The school principal was unhappy and the weather was poor but it was a great day.

Kathy argued that many riders who took part were not paid their \$10.00 for petrol and a way should be found to give them their money. A long general discussion took place and Chris will try to establish who these riders were and pay them. Chris asked David to assist him with a protocol for events such as Loyola.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. David said that one of his neighbours did professional standard screen printing and perhaps the 4Bs might like to approach him to do their flags. Chris said that at this stage "Mumbles" was doing the work.

2. Peter suggested that the GM might see some new people in attendance and that Chris as the Chair Person should welcome them.

3. Peter asked that all GM speakers come to the front of the room due to minuting problems(audibility and identification).

4. Michael Czajka said that the Westgate Community discount on safety equipment was now over and had generated sales worth \$40,000.00. There is now a \$50.00 Stay Upright course discount available to Western Suburbs residents. Chris suggested that in future these offers should include locally made products.

5. David said that John Nelson had asked him if the MRAA marshals could take over the marshalling of triathlon events from him. Damien said he thought it was a good idea provided it did not involve clashes with MRAA events. The Triathlon Association will recognize these marshals as qualified to judge these events after they have sat an exam on the rules. This will take place in the near future. John's request was agreed to in principal although the finer details need to be discussed.

6. Michael Czajka asked that all Western Suburbs mail be sent to the Altona post office box.

Meeting Closed 1.57pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 1992. 7.00pm DARBY'S HOTEL.