

THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

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Minutes - Board Meeting No. 35.
Darby's Hotel Princess Hwy Caulfield.
2.00pm Sunday February 7, 1993.

Meeting opened - 12.25pm

Members present - 6

Visitors - 6

Apologies - David Taylor

MRA Australia - Board

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary

Damien Codognotto
Chris Lamblin
Peter Bricknell
Gus Cummings
...vacant...

Appointed board members

4B's Manager
Chief Marshal
Administrator
First Aid Officer

Chris Lamblin
Lloyd Williams
David Taylor
Kathy Lamblin

CHAIRPERSON - Chris Lamblin.

In his opening address the chair asked Peter to minute comments from him in his role as Chairperson as "Chairperson" rather than using his name, this being to avoid confusion.

REPORTS

President - Damien Codognotto.

1. Damien has not been able to have the anticipated time off in January.
2. Damien had a disagreement with David Taylor which he hoped had been resolved. Damien said that David was too valuable to lose.
3. The relationship between MRAA and the AMC and its member groups was still "a tad delicate" after the January 23 meeting.
4. TDF is on hold due to a shortage of advertizers. Damien is seeking another publisher who may turn out to be Chris Beattie (Heavy Duty). Ex "Two Wheels" salesperson Jo Wilks(?) will sell ads on commission. The Feb. issue will be late.
5. The 0055 number needs to be updated.
6. The National Breakdown Service needs to be developed.
7. Due to changes to the TAC, MRAA needs to look at third party and registration.
8. The logo and constitution need further work.
9. The MRAA/NSW MCC/AMC meeting took place on 23/1/93.
10. The Victorian Government motorcycle safety hearings will be held in Parliament House on 17/2/93. Observers should be neat and tidy.
11. The police caused a major problem at the Heathcote drags. Damien and Chris Beattie attended an emergency meeting on 5/2/93 to sort out relations with the police force. A new liason committee will be formed.
12. Riders and their motorcycles can now be licensed and registered to carry passengers on a commercial basis. The correct procedure must be followed.
13. There will be a trip to New York to meet with the International Coalition of Motor-

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-cyclists and the Federation of European Motorcyclists.

14. Daytime headlight use has been outlawed in Italy because police believe it causes crashes.
15. The Toy Run grant has not been finalized.
16. No further progress has been made in the search for a new headquarters.
17. Jo has been helping Linda Rosier to learn the membership system.
18. Event teams will be discussed later in the meeting.

Vice President - Chris Lamblin.

Chris deferred his report to items.

Secretary - Peter Bricknell.

1. Peter introduced a Herald-Sun feature on speed cameras which included a photo of a bike at high speed. A letter pointing out that most riders respect speed limits was sent to and published by the newspaper.
2. Peter apologized to Kathy for not including one of her items on the agenda.

Treasurer - Gus Cummings.

There was \$9231.00 in the bank (part due to the Toy Run grant) which would be about \$5-6,000.00 after liabilities. MRAA may be able to pay the outstanding debt to Jim Gurry.

Membership Secretary - position vacant.

Damien made a short report....As of 5/2/93 membership was 2,106 with 21 life members, 181 to be deleted and a further 489 due to renew but not over 3 months. Current members 1,404. 15-20 memberships are coming in per week. Damien hopes to update the membership leaflet and ask the Motorcycle Safety Committee to recommend to Vicroads that the mail out should continue for another 2 years.

4B's Manager - Chris Lamblin.

1. There was no 4Bs meeting in December but a Riv' on the Yarra instead.
2. There was a January meeting which was not well attended.
3. The next regular meeting will take place in February.
4. Many horizontal sheets are coming in but there is still no way of correlating them. Chris is working on that.
5. Requests for visits have been recieved from many parts of Victoria.

Chief Marshal - Lloyd Williams.

1. The 4 radios and 2 loud hailers purchased for the Toy Run were used successfully. They have been numbered and will be engraved.
 2. Graeme Bates has asked his students to design a logo for the Marshalls' Unit and designs should be ready by April.
- Chris asked if of serial numbers and other details could be kept for the radios in case of theft. Lloyd said that David may have already done this.

Administrator - David Taylor.

David was not present.

First Aid - Kathy Lamblin.

1. Melbourne Ambulance Service (coutesy of "Fumbles") have donated 2 stretchers to the First Aid Unit.
2. The lime green jackets have arrived and can now be purchased.

The minutes to board meeting no. 34 were accepted unanimously.
Accepted - Andrew Cooper. Seconded - Lloyd Williams.

BUSINESS ARISING.

1. Problems at hospitals(Chris). Due to the busy Dec/Jan period these have not been sorted out as yet.
2. Letters to the AMC(Peter). Both letters have been recieved by the AMC and a reply has been recieved to the first one.
3. Marshalls' advanced rider training(Lloyd). A tender from Stay Upright has been recieved and sent on to David Taylor by Damien.
4. VIEWS at Sandown Raceway(Chris). The system does not appear to be reliable and needs a lot more development. Its inventor would like to see VIEWS as a compulsory ADR item which MRAA should be opposed to.
5. Coburg Drive-in footage to Steve Barnewell(TAC).(Chris). This has not been done as yet. Chris will get the tape to Damien who will pass it on to Steve at a meeting on Thursday.
6. Blood Challenge letter to AMCN(Kathy). Damien has sent a progress report to all media including AMCN. (Scouts 312, MRAA 250 and police 77 as at week one of January). The radio ads will start soon.
7. 1992 Toy Run report and 1993 grant application.(Damien). Damien has not been able to do this but hopes to supply Gus with the required numbers during the next week. David will then be able to do the report. MRAA needs a replacement book keeper.
8. Meeting with Mick Hone(Peter). This will be arranged when more time is available.
9. Ambulance response time(Brought up by Lloyd). This will be discussed at the GM.
10. Damien suggested that at the next GM the board look at appointing a stock control officer - possibly Jim Cutts. Chris suggested a merchandising unit also.
11. Damien asked that the MRAT dual membership deal go on the agenda for the next board meeting.
12. Margaret Noone from VSK will attend the next board meeting.

ITEMS

1. Toy run - NMSM. Damien introduced a list of 1993 dates and team leaders for the various events. The publicity achieved during 1992 was without precedent. The organization of these events, particularly the Toy Run, needs to be started as soon as possible as a meeting needs to be set up with the MCC market committee. Stuart Strickland(Honda) and Chris Van Wick(BMW) are keen to have trade displays in the Flagstaff Gardens and council permission is needed to do this.
2. TDF. Percival Publishing has withdrawn from the agreement to produce TDF. Damien is talking to Chris Beattie(Heavy Duty magazine) and Jo Wilks(?), ex "Two Wheels" ad lady, about putting together TDF in future. The magazine is delayed but will continue.
3. MRAA/AMC/NSW MCC meeting - SDC. Peter read a short report on the January 23 meeting. A letter has been sent to Peter Mount(AMC) asking that AMC withdraw from the Victorian Motorcycle Safety hearings and as yet a reply has not been recieved. In the event of a refusal to do so Chris and Peter will meet the AMC representatives on the night before the hearing(16/2/93). A long discussion took place. The tape is available if details are required.
4. TAC television adverts. The TAC adverts have been filmed without MRAA input. Damien is inquiring into why this was done and will attend a meeting on Tuesday.
5. Heathcote drags. Damien said that the police activities were "a disgrace". A liason committee involving 3 police departments has been set up to avoid future problems. Damien did an interview on the "Hinch" program.
6. Membership Secretary. Damien would like to see the job shared by Linda Kosier(M/ships) and Jim Cutts(Stock). A decision will be made at the GM when hopefully Jim will be present.
7. Blood Challenge(Kathy). This was covered in Business Arising. Kathy asked everyone present to "bleed" and encourage others to do so.
8. MRAA 15th anniversary(Kathy). Kathy will set up a team and organise a party at the Anchor and Hope.
9. Social Sips(Peter). Peter said that the social sips were not going well and that in future at least one board member should be present at each one. The social sips will be looked at during the next board meeting.

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10. 0055 number. This has not been updated and will be discussed at the next board meeting.
11. WRAP - Women Riders and Pillions (Kathy). The group had a meeting in January and a constitution has been produced using the 4B's document as a guide. Work is also being done on a logo. A member will sign an area rep contract as a means to raise funds and the next meeting will take place on Thursday 11/2/93 at 7.30pm in the Anchor and Hope.
12. Working Groups. Damien asked all team leaders to report to him regularly on their progress.
13. PANCH. Glenys Lord (PR Officer at PANCH) will attend the next board meeting. She would like MRAA to work with PANCH to help raise money for its South Block Redevelopment Project. In return MRAA would benefit from valuable publicity. Chris will discuss possible ways to do this with Glenys.

Damien asked all non board members and nonapproved visitors to leave until the scheduled time of the general meeting.

14. Timboon Hospital. The hospital has invited MRAA to take part in a weekend fund raiser in March.
15. First Aid Training for marshalls (Chris/Kathy). A group of marshalls and other "staff" (minimum 15) will be trained to level 2 first aid by "mumbles" for the reduced price of 70.00 per person. MRAA will bear half the cost if the individuals concerned put up their money first and guarrantee their services at events through out the year.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Damien made the following motions:

a. THAT JOHN NELSON BE GIVEN AN HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN MRAA INC IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICES.

Accepted - Peter Bricknell. Seconded - Lloyd Williams. Unanimous.

b. THAT JO NELSON BE GIVEN AN HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN MRAA INC IN RECOGNITION OF HER SERVICES.

Accepted - Kathy Lamblin. Seconded - Peter Bricknell. Unanimous.

c. THAT CARLA MAITLAND BE GIVEN AN HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF MRAA INC IN RECOGNITION OF HER SERVICES.

Accepted - Lloyd Williams. Seconded - kathy Lamblin. Unanimous.

2. Vietnam Veterans (Chris). Chris referred to a recent item on "Hinch". Members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club after leading the Frankston Australia Day Parade were refused entry to the Frankston RSL even though they were members. Apparently this was based on the dress code but may have involved some discrimination.

Chris (chair) made the following motion: THAT MRAA FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE REFUSAL OF FRANKSTON RSL TO ALLOW ENTRY TO MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS' M. C. AND THAT A LETTER OF SUPPORT BE SENT TO THE VIETNAM VETS' AND A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE RSL IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

Accepted - Gus Cummings. Seconded - Lloyd Williams. Unanimous.

Meeting closed - 2.05pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING MONDAY MARCH 1 1993 7.00PM DARBY' HOTEL.