

THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING NO. 37

MONDAY APRIL 5, 1993 7.00PM

COUNCIL OF ADULT EDUCATION

256 FLINDERS STREET

MELBOURNE

MEETING OPENED: 7.15PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: 6

APOLOGIES: GUS CUMMINGS, LINDA ROSIER.

GUESTS: RUSSELL LOVELL, DETLEF LAMP, CHRIS CZAJKA.

GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN FABRE - VICROADS.

MRAA BOARD

PRESIDENT - Damien Codognotto

VICE PRESIDENT - Chris Lamblin

SECRETARY - Peter Bricknell

TREASURER - Gus Cummings

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Linda Rosier

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

4B'S MANAGER - Chris Lamblin

CHIEF MARSHAL - Lloyd Williams

ADMINISTRATOR - David Taylor

FIRST AID OFFICER - Kathy Lamblin

CHAIRPERSON - Chris Lamblin

The Chairman said that the previous Board Meeting had been a "disgrace" and that future meetings must be run in a much more professional manner. The chair proposed that at future meetings no one addresses the meeting or leaves the table without the approval of the chair. This was agreed to.

The chair welcomed guest speaker John Fabre of Vicroads and officially welcomed Lloyd Williams to the Board.

GUEST SPEAKER - John Fabre

John introduced himself and spoke at length on the future of motorcycling as seen by Vicroads. A draft strategy has been circulated, designed to bring all relevant groups together to work towards greater motorcycle safety. A Road Safety Co-ordinating Council is now in place to implement future strategies and a forum is to be set up to service this council. Input from all sources, including motorcycle groups, will need to go to this forum and hopefully materialize in the form of recommendations to the council.

GUEST SPEAKER - continued

The first meeting of the forum will be in mid May. John asked the Board to consider ways that the forum can solve the many "unknowns" of motorcycling safety and pointed out the need for great change.

Changes suggested by John were:

1. That retailers and distributors should be more involved in and responsible for motorcycle safety.
2. That the media should act more responsibly.
3. That a determination of the role of the riding community in contributing to crashes needs to be made.

A long discussion took place involving a current Vicroads/Police study that MRAA unfortunately has not been included in. This study involves a team of Vicroads personnel attending metro fatal crash scenes and drawing independent conclusions as to what behavioural and environmental factors led these collisions. The "real safety value" of helmets is also being looked at.

John was told of serious shortcomings in police data gathering methods, problems with the attitude of the media and also Frank Green, the general lack of regard by drivers towards riders and MRAA's belief that to rely too much on statistics is a serious error.

REPORTS

President - Damien Codognotto

1. FORS have cancelled the April 2 consultative meeting at very short notice.
2. Chris Czajka and Damien will attend the Road User Behaviour Sub-Committee on 6/4/93.
3. A meeting with the Melbourne City Council re the '94 Toy Run will take place after the RUBS meeting. Chris Lamblin and Lloyd Williams will attend.
4. The last police liason meeting was positive in its outcome. Damien will miss the next one due to Targa Tasmania. April 27, 2.00pm - Chris Czajka will attend in his place.
5. A Monash University researcher will do a pilot study for MRAA on car driver prejudice against motorcyclists.
6. Damien will place research on the priority list for 1994 at the RUBS meeting.
7. MRAA has had some good media in the motorcycle press.
8. Damien apologized for his behaviour at the last Board Meeting and any possible "cranky" behaviour towards board members.

Vice President - Chris Lamblin

1. The trip to Tulsa is being organized and John Fabre is supplying some research.
2. Chris asked for quicker progress on the constitutional rewrite.
3. Chris submitted the Marshalls' first aid badge for approval.

Secretary - Peter Bricknell

Peter deferred his report.

Treasurer - Gus Cummings

Gus was absent however Damien made a brief report. A turnover of \$100,000.00 is anticipated for 1992/93. All of MRAA's inherited debts have been payed.

Membership Secretary - Linda Rosier

Linda was absent however Damien made a brief report. MRAA has 2,070 financial members which is 71 up on the previous month.

REPORTS - continued

4B's Manager - Chris Lamblin

1. Letters have been sent to 4 4B members requesting a reason for thier lack of attendance.
2. 2 new members are in training.
3. Due to lack of resources it was not possible to have an MRAA presence at the Timboon Hospital fund raising day.
4. Research from horizontal sheets is to be made available to Vicroads(?).(GAP IN TAPE)
Complete condidentiality will be observed.

Chief Marshal - Lloyd Williams

1. The Marshalls' first aid training will take place on the 23/24/25th of April with 14 members taking part at Morrison House.in Mt. Evelyn. Total cost is \$1,050.00 with MRAA paying \$490.00 and the Marshalls paying \$560.00(\$40.00 per head).
2. It was decided to remove the date from the Marshalls' first aid patches so that more than 1 year's supply could be ordered thus lowering the cost per unit.

Administrator - David Taylor

David made no report but collected some data sheets and telephone update forms from board members.

First Aid Officer - Kathy Lamblin

1. The Scouts beat MRAA in the Blood Challenge 653 to 456. In January the Scouts donated 100 times to MRAA's 30. In 1993/94 the Blood Challenge may have an interstate format.

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Accepted - Lloyd Williams Seconded - Kathy Lamblin ACCEPTED

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Vizard Footage to TAC(Chris) The tape was given to Damien at tha Starting Grid.
2. 1992 Toy Run Report(David/Damien) David has the details that he needs to complete the report.
3. 1993 Toy Run Grant(Damien) The application has not been made and the future of TAC is uncertain.
4. MCC Market Committee Meeting(Chris/Damien) Chris and Damien will attend this meeting on 6/4/93. The market management want the Toy Run moved to a different site and have suggested the City Square. Damien said that Swanston Walk might be a better option and could include bike displays and a Classic Club bike show.
5. WRAP(Kathy) Kathy handed out copies of WRAP's updated constitution. The group's official colors will be purple and green which are the international colors of women. The logo will be launched at the 15th Anniversary party.

ITEMS

1. Starting Grid Pillion Rides(Peter) The pillion rides went well and were blessed with fine weather. 12 riders from HOGs Ringwood and Brunswick and the Goldwing Road Riders carried 38 passengers on 73 rides. In many cases parents joined in after children brought them along. Some came because of the radio ads and some because of the signs in Church Street.

Starting Grid(Kathy) 58 guests attended which was 8 more than last year. This was not enough to regain the deposit. The raffle and the sweep worked well. David said he thought the publicity was more effective this year. Damien said that even though the event had cost MRAA \$500.00 it had been worthwhile. Chris Czajka noted some confusion caused by the wording on the publicity sheets.

2. 15th Anniversary Celebration(Kathy) Rod Quantok will be the MC and Dutch Tilders will be engaged for the night. Tickets need to be pushed by word of mouth.

ITEMS - continued

2. 15th Anniversary Celebration - continued

Kathy moved the following motion: THAT DUTCH TILDERS AND HIS BAND BE EMPLOYED FOR MRAA'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT THE ANCHOR AND HOPE ON SATURDAY 15TH OF MAY.

Accepted - Peter Bricknell Seconded - Lloyd Williams ACCEPTED.

3. The Cobram Rally (Lloyd) The rally team met on 26/3/93 and the organization is well under way. There will be a ride to Cobram 2 weeks before the rally to check things out. The team has been concerned that the pricing structure is too high and will recommend changes for next year.

4. Working Group Reports. Some of these were collected.

5. VSK and PANCH Fundraising. Chris and Graeme Mummery will meet with the organizers involved to see what can be arranged.

6. Administration Priorities(David) This was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Electoral Officer(Damien) Damien moved the following motion: THAT DETLEF LAMP BE THE ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR THE 1993 AGM.

Accepted - Peter Bricknell Seconded - Lloyd Williams ACCEPTED.

8. Constitution Rewrite(Detlef) Detlef has set up a working group consisting of Detlef, John Nelson, Chris Swalwell and Chris Czajka. A definitive copy of the current constitution has been obtained and work is progressing. Board members were issued with copies so that they might suggest changes.

9. Area Rep Voting Rights?(Russell Lovell) Russell asked the question: Do area reps have voting rights on the board? A long discussion took place and it was decided that the constitutional committee should take a look at a situation where votes of any interested parties be at the Chair's discretion. This situation will prevail until the committee has resolved the matter. It was pointed out that Board Meetings are not open to anyone other than board members except by arrangement with the Secretary.

The 5 elected board members are charged with running the MRAA and only they have automatic voting rights. Appointed board members are engaged for their expertise in specific areas and may vote with the consent of the Chair, which is the normal situation and does not need to be continually ratified.

10. Changes to the WSR Constitution(Chris Czajka)

Damien moved the following motion: THAT THE MRAA BOARD ACCEPT THE CHANGES MADE TO THE WSR RULES AND CONSTITUTION.

Accepted - Peter Bricknell Seconded - David Taylor ACCEPTED.

11. Social Sips(Peter) This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Damien asked that board members adhere to the roster system and pass club magazines on to other board members quickly.

2. Damien spoke about a dispute between himself and a member of the Z Owners Club over the inclusion of electoral candidate letters in mail outs. Peter said that "Sarge" had requested that this matter plus the matter of the Z Owners' banner being placed on the stage at the 1992 Toy Run be listed on the agenda for the next GM.

It was decided that any decision on these matters should be deferred to the June Board Meeting, possibly with an invitation being issued to "Sarge" to attend. Chris Lamblin said he would make inquiries. Chris Czajka will chair the May meetings in the absence of Damien and Chris.

3. Kathy moved the following motion: THAT THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE WOMEN RIDERS AND PILLIONS' SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE MRAA BE ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE MRAA.

Accepted - Peter Bricknell Seconded - Lloyd Williams ACCEPTED.

4. Chris Czajka tabled a school assignment that included a review of the structure of the MRAA.

5. Damien said that AMC had faxed through papers for MRAA comment on the National Road Safety Strategy Meeting that took place in Melbourne on 11/3/93. Damien said that the material had been insufficient and had been sent far too late to be properly studied.

GENERAL BUSINESS - continued

5 - continued - Damien said that FCRS and AMC had probably made an agreement to keep MRAA uninformed about this and other meetings. These meetings involve the development of a national road safety strategy for the next 10 years. The April 2 FCRS consultative meeting has been cancelled at short notice for dubious reasons.

Peter said that Greg Hirst had asked that MRAA not break the 3 way agreement of Jan 23 as he (Hirst) had already made some moves to possibly solve the problem.

Damien put his view of the 3 way agreement onto the record.

MEETING CLCSED: 10.00PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SUNDAY MAY 2, 1993 12.00NOON DARBY'S HOTEL CAULFIELD.