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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

The first MRAA Board Meeting for 1997 was held at 380 Elizabeth St, Melbourne, on Friday, January 10.

The meeting was publicly advertised in The Deciding Factor and several people not on the Board of the MRAA attended as guests. The meeting was controversial enough that I believe it warrants my response for the record and I tender this as part of my President's report to the next Board Meeting.

At the Board Meeting several allegations were made against Board members. These included "incompetant business management" on my part and that my style of communication was not acceptable. It was also said that someone had called for Jim Cutts, Vice President and Editor of The Deciding Factor, to stand down as Editor. Also at the meeting I reported that, aside from monies owed to NMC, the MRAA was free of debt (excluding normal running costs) and had a relatively healthy cash flow that was mainly generated by the shop at 380 Elizabeth Street.

I will detail the investment the NMC has made in the MRAA and it's HQ further on but first a bit of history and some answers to some allegations.

The NMC is a company with one director, me. It began in 1981 as MRA Promotions. It was set up by then MRA Treasurer, Louis Borden and myself (with full knowledge and aproval of the MRA Committee) because the Association could not undertake major events nor employ people. MRA Promotions successfully ran 3 MRA Motorcycle Expos and an insurance agency for Western Underwriters over 3 years. It also ran the first MRA House at 184 Brunswick St, Fitzroy, as the MRA was not able to sign a lease.

MRA Promotions negotiated the move to 440 Elizabeth Street in 1983. Louis Borden left the company when Tony Scicluna became President. I was appointed publicity officer about this time and managed the Elizabeth Street shop. It became the highest selling W.U. outlet in the State and by the end of the 1984/'85 financial year the MRA turnover was around \$140,000 pa.

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I had been elected President again but there was pressure to run the shop as a club house rather than a business so I resigned effective December 31, 1985. I left the MRA with a healthy turnover, a shop in Elizabeth Street and a membership of over 5000 Victorians.

I had run all the MRA Toy Runs so far and I was disappointed when the MRA Committee failed to apply for the use of the venue in time and the City Square was lost. They decided to move the event and one option was the LaTrobe Valley. I found a new site and ran Toy Run '86 in Victoria Square with Wayne Gardner and Melbourne's Mayor Trevor Huggard as guests.

440 Elizabeth Street degenerated and was closed within 18 months of my leaving. Vehicles, video equipment, cameras, shop equipment and more were sold off to pay bills or just disappeared.

Julian Butler became a director of MRA Promotions and we decided to change the name as the MRA no longer had a good name with the companies we had to deal with. It seemed likely that Australia would get a 500cc GP and I had been elected to the Board of the Melbourne Tourist Authority so we needed a name that would reflect what we did and not be associated with the failed business at 440 Elizabeth Street. We picked NMC and changed the company name.

In 1989 we ran the first OZ GP Run & Rally. It was a success. Some past MRA members asked me to put a team together to get the MRA back on it's feet. MRAQ had gone bankrupt and was closed by the State Government and MRA NSW was having trouble meeting Tax Office requirements (it was later ordered to close itself down). MRA Australia (Vic Branch) Inc. had gone very low profile. Julian and I put a team together and ran against the MRA Committee and won. There was only 1 person running the Association. To our dismay we found a membership list of less than 500, \$15,000 in written debts and another \$10,000 or so in claimed debts. Most of the records were either lost or not available to us so we applied to the Tax Office to start fresh from July 1, 1989. It was deemed we could not be held responsible for the operation we inherited from the previous management.

For the next 2½ years we worked very hard from my home at 22 Tooronga Road, East Malvern. Julian left and Gus Cummings became MRAA Treasurer. We built the membership up to about 2500 and paid all the debts, a total well over \$20,000.

NMC did not charge the MRAA any rent for premises or use of equipment such as copiers, fax, desks and so on. Nor did MRAA pay any wages. In 1992 MRAA Vice President, Chris Lamblin ran against me and lost. A motion of no confidence was put and Chris lost that too. Both decisions were made by **secret ballot**, the second with observers from the Australian Electoral Commission observing to ensure fair play.

It became obvious that if the MRAA was to succeed as Bicycle Victoria had, it had to have it's own premises and paid staff. The MRAA Board agreed we should start looking for a new HQ, probably in Elizabeth Street.

David Skinner - IBS.

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EXPLAIN

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MRAA DEBT.

SULY 1, 1989 - START - FINANCES HAVE MET LEGALS EACH FIN. YEAR.  
RENT FREE AT TOORONGA ROAD. 1990 - GP LOSS RECORDS - A1.

BY THE END OF 1991 - MRAA DEBTS WELL ON WAY TO BEING PAID.

1992 - TAKE OVER DISRUPTION LOST TDF / LOST MEMBERSHIP.

AT THE START OF 1994 - OBVIOUS WE COULD NOT SURVIVE IN SUBS. STRAIN ON THE NELSONS & LINDA ROSIER & GUS C WAS TOO MUCH.

SOLD HOUSE - MY BILLS AVAIL. ANG.

SULY 1, 1994 - SHOP BOARD DECIDED STAKE MRAA YES RENT 2916. PM

- INS \$1100
- RATES \$
- WATER \$

APROX. \$

ELEC. / PHONE & OTHER BILLS  
SHARED. MRAA/NMC

WAGES SHOP ASST. \$348 40 HR WK.  
INC TAX. 48 WKS P.Y.

= 7.5 FIN. YEARS = \$125,280-00

During that time less than 2 weeks  
in TAS <sup>92 & 93</sup> plus 1 week in N.E. VIC/NSW  
JAN. 1996. I have had a total of 4  
weeks UNPAID leave.

2.5 FIN. YEARS = \$41,760-00. WAGE

CHEQUES.

STATIONARY

LABELS & TAGS FOR GP M/C PARK  
STRINGS

PLASTIC SLEEVES

YEAR PLANNER.

DATE STAMP.

RING BINDERS.

DO NOT PUT BOARD MEETINGS IN TDF  
AS OPEN MEETINGS..

Board members to see proofs.

Fees due on envelope.