



**THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED (VICTORIA BRANCH)**

PO BOX 64 COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE 3000.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STATE COMMITTEE - 4/7/87

Venue - , Frankston (Blythe's place)

Meeting opened 4.20 p.m.

Purpose of Special Meeting: to discuss CEP Grant and its administration

Present: Chair: Blythe Osbourne (at President's request)  
Secretary (Marg)  
Registers represented - Seymour, Metro, South Gippsland,  
Ballarat, Bendigo, Eastern Suburbs, Southern Peninsula  
Damien (left after addressing meeting)  
President (Rose) (arrived approx. ½ hr late)  
Memb. Sec. (Sandy) (arrived approx. 5.30pm.)

Apologies: Treasurer (Tony) (due to sudden family crisis)  
Vice Pres (Davo) (car blew up)  
Sale Register (Cameron Massey) (was in Davo's car)  
4Bs  
Border Districts...proxy given to Secretary & advised to Pre

Damien requested leave to address the meeting before formal business got under way.  
Chair requested brief statement from Damien on matters he wished to address meeting on.....which Damien did.  
Meeting agreed Damien should address meeting - 8 minute time limit, with questions after.

Damien's address: outlined - MRA financial situation currently (dismal)  
- action taken to recruit old/new members  
- Damien's wish to work for MRA as per directions from Register's Conference  
- Tony's role as Treasurer and manager of CEP Grant and administration.

No questions.

Chair - Reg Conf. decision re ½ Open Rode" - when affordable  
Damien - newsletter, P.R., etc.

Damien then left meeting and formal business commenced.

History of submission re CEP Grant - Report from Chair.

Grant is for purpose of employing - shop assistant, research officer, driver, and a CO-ordinator/Supervisor (part-time) - Tony.

Now, no shop and no vehicle.

**let those who ride decide**

We have 3 months in which to accept the Grant and its terms & conditions. "Acceptance" is interpreted as cashing the first cheque. This was done on 3/7/87, so technically, we have already accepted the grant as is.

Tony's lack of liason & communication with State Committee members has left everyone in the dark. Otherwise, Blythe has no difficulty with Tony's actions or his appointment as grant supervisor.

Tony wished to conduct interviews for other positions - CEP says he can be involved, but ultimate responsibility rests with State Comm.

Possible options - return the grant  
- renegotiate to change job description

#### Meeting opened for discussion

Q. Can Tony be Co-ordinator and still hold a Committee position?  
A. Yes, but, CEP will deal with State Comm - suggest a Steering Committee  
Q. A driver for recovery vehicle? - no vehicle, no driver, surely?  
A. Driver's job could be redefined to exclude recovery work, or, a recovery service could be organized by a person on end of phone taking calls and organizing a collection vehicle (commercial)  
Tony/Damien's offer to use own vehicles unacceptable.  
We can renegotiate job description - 50/50 chance of success - otherwise that portion of grant will have to be returned.

MOTION: "that a Committee of 3 be established to supervise the CEP Grant and be empowered to apply for variation to said grant."

Moved - Seymour. Seconded - President CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CEP Grant must function out of commercial premises.

65% of grant will go on the 3 full time salaries. The Co-ordinator is paid \$9486 salary over 6 month period (24hrs per week).  
MRA Treasurer will also receive payment of \$2000 for doing books.  
CO-ordinator (Tony) would have to report to Grant Steering Committee.

Blythe suggests that Marg Guthrie (Sec), Sandy Burgoyne (Memb Sec), and Paul van Houts (Sth. Penin) be the 3 persons on committee.  
Motion to accept nominations deferred until Sandy arrived.

Blythe outlined driver's job description as per terms of grant.

Meeting advised of Register Conf. policy decision that MRA would not operate a recovery service.

Meeting unanimously agreed that MRA should not have a driver employed.

Meeting unanimously agreed that we hold on to positions of shop assistant and research officer.

MOTION: "that Margaret Guthrie, Sandy Burgoyne, and Paul van Houts form the MRA Sub-Committee to manage the CEP Grant."

Moved - South Gippsland. Seconded - President.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suggestion that "driver" could be renegotiated as "assistant secretary" "storeman" or "computer operator"  
- not "computer operator" as this function to be done by shop assistant.

proposed "assistant secretary" - salary for driver at \$250.80 per week  
- would have to keep similar pay rate.  
suggested duties - to assist Pres/Sec/Comm. e.g. note-taker  
- to distribute material, and prepare (under direction)  
- telephone enquiries  
- "go-for/dogsbody" work  
- general office maintenance and cleaning  
- other duties as directed

Meeting agreed that : MRA wants to keep grant  
the Sub-Committee should negotiate variation with  
CEP (no driver)  
Tony approved as grant co-ordinator, and reports  
to steering committee  
Secretary to communicate decisions to Tony.

Grant operation contingent upon obtaining a premises (not a private or residential place).

MOTION: "that the CEP Grant Steering Committee obtain a premises for the MRA."

Moved - President      Seconded - Bendigo      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No further discussion on CEP Grant.

Meeting agreed to discuss other business.

Blythe - re PO Box 64 - who's got keys, how many, etc.?

Sec. already taken steps to have lock changed & new keys (2) issued.

Blythe - re computer - at April State Comm. meeting it was agreed that Fulvio would dump all our data on to his system, and then computer would go to Blythe's workplace for assessment. Steve Bridges (Metro) has offered to rewrite data base & lease new computer. Current computer has cost over \$14,000  
- Secretary to see Treasurer re Account to Custom Credit - \$1300 ?  
- Need Fulvio to supply double back-up discs, then erase his - once our computer O.K. then data can be put on and regularly updated.

Blythe then spoke a lot of computer jargon which the Secretary doesn't understand a word of.

- Doug & Don (Metro) will collect computer from Fulvio and take to Blythe, Secretary to organize arrangements. Renewals, etc., to be done off Fulvio's back-up.

Ballarat: received information that MRA would be declared bankrupt next week.

Southern Peninsula: also received information that MRA would fold. Secretary would like to know whether this is factual information, or whether this is gossip, or what! Treasurer would probably know our real financial situation better than most, and has not given any indication of declaring bankrupt our association.

MEETING CLOSED 7.15p.m.

Thanks to Blythe and Karleen for venue, coffee, tea, food, etc., etc.