



Board meeting minutes

Location: La Porchetta, Rathdowne Street Carlton

Date: 20/08/2010 7pm

Taken by: Grant Delahoy

Attending (confirmed): Grant Delahoy
Tony Ellis
Mick Doedee
Wendy Taylor
Detlef Lamp
Jim Little
John Karmouche

Absent with apologies: Kerry Walton
Kim Davies
Barry Marks
Grace Placencio

Correspondence: Deferred

Financials: Deferred

Membership:	Cancelled	1833
	Expired	830
	Life Member	48
	Single Membership	576
	Total Financial	624

Note that HLM members must renew each year even though at nil cost to them. We must have regular communication and support to continue their Life Membership status.

Minutes: Previous Meeting minutes deferred (now available on website).

Strategic Committee Report Peter Baulch and Alisdair Daws reported to the Executive prior to the meeting. The Strategic committee has met three times since inception with Peter elected Chairman. A list of recommendations was tabled with the executive. These communications will remain confidential until outcomes are approved and actioned. Feedback from the board was to establish and table the Strategic Committee terms of reference and to have representation present at all board meetings.

Proposal to simplify the guiding principle of the MRAV to: Protecting and Promoting rider's rights.

AMC AGM Report Tony Ellis compiled a brief report on the AMC AGM for 2010 The Australian Motorcycle Council was formed in 1982 and revitalised in 2004 with a broader membership structure. The objectives of the Council are to:

- *Promote and improve all aspects of road safety concerning motorcycling in Australia*
- *Promote, improve and protect the use of motorcycles in Australia, recognising their environmentally beneficial place in urban and land transport planning and systems*

- *Promote and improve at all levels the full knowledge, awareness, understanding and acceptance of motorcyclists' welfare and safety needs in Australia*

AMC Membership is open to any organisation formed in the interest of motorcycling, as may be approved by the Association.

The AMC recently held its AGM in Adelaide. Kerry Walton and Tony Ellis attended as representatives of the MRA(Vic).

The AMC currently represents motorcyclists on the following committees:

- The Australian Transport Safety Bureau's Motorcycle Safety Consultative Council
- Australian Road Signs and Traffic Signals Standards Committee
- Australian Road Marking Paints Standards Committee
- Australian Speed Controls Standards Committee
- Australian Road Safety Barrier Systems Standards Committee
- Australian Paint and Line Marking Standards Committee
- Technical Liaison Group and Technical Emissions Liaison Group
- Australian Recall Committee

Member organisations include:

Motorcycle Riders Association of Victoria (MRA Vic)
 Motorcycle Riders Association of Australian Capital Territory (MRA ACT)
 Motorcycle Council of New South Wales Incorporated (MCC of NSW)
 Motorcycle Riders Association of Queensland (MRAQ)
 Motorcycle Riders Association of South Australia (MRA SA)
 Motorcycle Riders Association of Western Australia (MRA WA)
 Tasmanian Motorcycle Council Incorporated (TMC)
 Rider Awareness Northern Territory (RANT)
 Victorian Motorcycle Council (VMC)
 Ulysses Club Inc.

Attendees:

Shaun Lennard	(AMC Chairman) (TMC – Pres)
Brian Wood	(AMC Treasurer) (MCCofNSW)
Lorrie Hemming	(AMC Secretary) (Ulysses)
Neville Gray	(AMC Committee) (MRASA – Vice Pres)
Tony Ellis	(AMC Committee) (MRA (Vic) Road Safety & Research Officer)
Dave Wright	(MRAWA - Pres)
Eliza Tobin	(RANT - Pres)
John Bailey	(RANT - Vice Pres)
Jennifer Woods	(Ulysses Club Rep to AMC) (MRAACT - Pres)
Kathleen Parsons	(MRAACT - Vice Pres)
Peter Major	(MRAACT - Guest)
Rob Colligan	(MCCofNSW - Pres)
Kerry Walton	(MRAVic - Pres)
Harald Lindemann	(MRASA President)
Phil McClelland	(MRASA - Committee)
Peter Mount	(MRASA - Guest)
Greg Janzke	(MRASA - Guest)
Liv Anderson	(MRASA - Guest)
Ray Newland	(AMC Research Advisor)
Rhys Griffiths	(FCAI - Motorcycle Manager)

Matthew Bennett	(MA - Riders' Division - Pres)
Helena Gritton	(Nat VP Ulysses - Guest)
Adrian Weissenfeld	(CASR - PHD Student)
Kellie Buckley	(Australian Motorcycle News)
Lt. Colonel Sean Faulkner	(Deputy Dir Policy and Plans - Defence ACT)
Sgt Deese Tyris	(NT Defence Force Rider Trainer)
Senator Dana Wortley	(ALP – attending on behalf of Anthony Albanese MHR – Minister for Transport)
Russell “Camel” Wattie	(UMC Queensland – and Senate candidate)
Rowan	(UMC Queensland)
Senator Cory Bernardi	(Lib Senator for SA spoke at the Saturday night dinner)

The AMC has appointed Ray Newland, former motorcycle manager of the FCAI ,as its honorary research advisor.

Following the AGM the makeup of the AMC Executive is currently:

- Chair – Shaun Lennard (Tasmania Motorcycle Council)
- Secretary – Lorrie Hemming (Queensland)
- Treasurer – Brian Wood (MCC NSW)
- Executive member – Neville Gray MRA(SA)
- Executive member – Tony Ellis (MRA(Vic))

Arising out of the AGM a futures committee has been set up consisting of Shaun Lennard, Rob Colligan (NSWMCC) and Tony Ellis. This committee has been tasked with looking at the structure and the potential funding of the organisation with a view to having professional support. The committee will formulate a plan with short/mid/long term goals, what type of funded positions i.e. professional lobbyist, spokesperson or secretariat, and negotiate with potential industry sponsors.

Chairman's Report highlights.

- 'Good Gear Guide' launched in Sept '09, outside Parliament House by Minister Anthony Albanese, Infrastructure minister
- AMC delegates in attendance were able to speak with the Minister
- August '09 Shaun met with Minister Albanese's advisor Anne Marie and discussed issues from the Canberra summit
- Suggestion that often meeting with minister's particular portfolio advisor may be more productive
- Higher AMC profile evidenced by MP's attendance at 2010 AGM
- Greg Hirst (CMC) initiated Annual MP and Senators Ride and invited AMC to assist
- Aim to build awareness of motorcycling and gain mileage on political agenda
- Held in March 2010
- One member of the House of Representatives and two Senators in attendance
- good media coverage, AMCN, Sky Channel, follow up with Parliamentarians the next day
- Thanks to Greg Hirst for laying the foundation for successful networking event
- Continued discussions, exchange of information, improved relations with FCAI and MA
- Invitation for AMC Representative on Queensland Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group (Lorrie)
- Ongoing AMC Representative on Ulysses Road Safety Committee (Shaun)
- Research Papers on Motorcycle Safety by Australasian College of Road Safety
- Opportunity for AMC to put forward view on the world of motorcycling
- Shaun's article suggesting States work more closely together reiterated the theme of the National Road Safety Council
- Protective Clothing Workshop participation at Sydney Road Safety Conference 2009

- Need to discuss further, funding for Delegates attendance at Conferences
- Shaun was invited and funded by FEMA and the European Commission to speak at a European Conference about Australian motorcycle safety
- Chair of the Road Safety Conference to be held in Canberra this year has now invited Shaun to attend and speak about motorcycle safety initiatives in Europe. MCCofNSW have offered to fund Shaun's attendance
- Wayne Gardner to speak on the Friday workshop
- Release of the Victorian PTW Strategy an absolute watershed in Australia and is the world benchmark according to European rider groups
- Motorcycling is more than just motorcycle safety but all inclusive.

Tony also reported on a meeting with the New Zealand delegation of rider representatives and political parties looking into the Victorian Road Safety Levy model.

ToyRun Report: Jim Little reported.

The MRA ToyRun 2010 will be held at the Docklands Precinct. A historic agreement between the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and the MRA(Vic) has been announced on August 19th. Media releases will be forthcoming for what should turn into a premier Melbourne Family day event for all Victorians.

Associate Membership Trial: Outline and mechanisms now approved for this trial over the next three years. Sandra Ramsey to head up committee to begin approaching clubs. We would encourage all members to approach any other motorcycle clubs they may be affiliated with to endorse Sandra to meet with their executive.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIPS

Background

Since its inception the Motorcycle Riders Association has been a membership of individuals formed to lobby politicians and authorities for riders to enjoy their freedom and passion for motorcycles. Authorities look at representation in terms of numbers therefore it is in the interest of every motorcyclist to ensure the lobby group has the backing of the majority of motorcycle riders in this state. However many riders prefer not to participate in politics and only join social clubs of like minded people getting out and about on their motorcycles. The MRV associate membership program is designed to unite all Victorian motorcycle clubs to lobby for their common interests by supporting the MRV as the political vehicle to have their collective voice heard. This is an added value that all participating clubs can attain for their membership.

How does a club add value to their membership?

Participating club executives can add MRV associate membership status for all their members simply by supplying the MRV Membership secretary with their members name, address and email address. They can advise their members of this in any manner they see fit and these details are treated with extreme confidentiality. The members are added to the MRV register as Associate Members and they will receive electronic distribution of the MRV Newsletter.

What does membership mean?

A full MRAV member must pay the \$25 annual membership fee to be counted as a full member on the MRAV register. A full MRAV member may vote at all general meetings as well as receive a printed copy of each MRAV Newsletter.

An MRAV Associate Member has the right to be counted as a supporter of the MRAV. At any time, an MRAV Associate member may pay the \$25 membership fee and attain the status and rights of a full member. Both full and associate members can enjoy membership discounts at supporting suppliers, advocacy support and advice as well as access the MRAV website for news, calendar and chat forum.

Renewal

On each annual membership renewal date an invitation to renew as a full member will be posted to all members at which point the Associate Members can choose to become full members by their payment of the \$25 annual fee. If they choose not to become full members their membership status will be cancelled as the Associated Membership term is for a single year only. Depending on when their club joined the associated membership program this may be more than twelve months as the minimum term must always be one year.

VMC: Request for Detlef to provide the MRA(Vic) board with details on the VMC – Who are members, what they have been doing , constitution, etc. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Sandra and Grant to attend these meetings. Detlef to provide venue details.

Community Safety Day 24th October: \$200 approved to support this event. Wendy to organise. There are two meetings to attend before the date. Tony to advise Holly from the Scooter group. Sandra will try to talk to her contact at Suzuki. Kim to send all the old “Toyrun” badges to Wendy to give away at this event.

Rider's Advocate: New 20 page template Barry is working on the next edition. Question for distributor for cost to include inserts - “Good gear guide (Tony to follow up supply of these -500)”, “Motorcycle Theft” Pamphlet? All round appreciation to Barry for the extreme effort he’s putting into the Newsletter.

MRAVic logo registration: Motion to have Grace Placencio proceed with the MRAV logo trademark by Tony Ellis, seconded Grant Delahoy. Grace to proceed and report.

Meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Note – the original booking by Kerry and Grant at the Venue was for the upstairs room but we were instructed to use the back room downstairs on the night. The music proved hard to hear over but overall the venue was good. The QGM on the 17th September is booked for Bell’s hotel however we’ll try this venue again so long as it’s upstairs for the next board meeting.