

NOTES OF MRA QGM MEETING  
May 26 2001  
MRA OFFICE ROSS STREET.

As a quorum was not reached an informal meeting was held. Therefore these are notes only.

**PRESENT:** Richard Ward, Detlef Lamp, Lee O'Mahoney, David Adams, Sally McKerrow, Marc Wright, Damien Condognotto, Michael Czajka, Eric Saunders, Kerri Ritchie, Faye Kerridge, Garry Yip, Pat Stephens

**APOLOGIES:** None

**MATTERS DISCUSSED**

**Board:**

Position of president of MRA is vacant after resignation of Dean in March 2001. Discussion of functions of president and secretary as broadly outlined in constitution. The position is to be elected at the AGM on 25 August 2001.

Vice president and secretary positions are due for election in 2002.

Secretary can be filled as a casual vacancy.

Positions of treasurer and membership secretary are not due for election till 2003.

**Acting Presidents Report**

At present the three board members put in about 15 hours per week plus to keep things going. The number of volunteers is increasing which means we can focus on issues instead of the day to day running.

Members should consider taking on board positions as it is important that MRA has a full board.

Thanks to everyone who makes the successful running of MRA possible.

The meeting congratulated John Karmouche and Damien Codognotto for the success of the wire rope barrier protest. It was a well run event and highlighted the fact that the installation of these barriers is of concern to the motorcycling community.

**Board Reports**

**MRA Cranbourne GP Run**

Kerri advised on the arrangements so far for the GP run.

The city of Casey is very supportive of MRA and the GP run and acknowledge MRA ownership of the event while taking on a major organising role.

**Australian Motorcycle Expo.**

Kerri reported that the organisers have offered a good deal on a site at the Expo.

The Expo requires a four day commitment from volunteers including board members.

Admission will be about \$11.00 and MRA members may get a discount.

## **MRA AGM**

In an effort to get more support and in order that we have a fun day also, Kerri is looking at having a pre-meeting lunch to add a social aspect to the day. Options include 'Bell's' and possibly a guest speaker. We hope to change the constitution so that we can achieve a quorum at meetings.

## **MRA Safety Meetings**

Damien Condognotto and Michael Czajka report on at MRAA safety meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month.

The first was last week and was very successful.

There is plenty of time available for discussion and guest speakers and, as they are not board meetings can be attended by anyone, with recommendations coming back to either a QGM or a board meeting for "official" action.

## **MRA Newsletter:**

The quarterly newsletter will have advertising in it from the next issue to reduce costs. Any suggestions re articles most welcome.

Thanks particularly to Lee for her assistance with the last newsletter and to our printer who is an MRAA member who donates his time to help keep costs to a minimum. Discussion on whether newsletter could or should be issued by email.

## **Treasurers Report**

Faye tabled the treasurers report including the bank balance, a month by month year to date comparison of cash flow for the last three financial years, petty cash usage and expenses,

Faye was congratulated by the meeting for her excellent report.

## **Membership Secretary Report**

Garry advised 825 financial members as at 01.04.01 and 2032 names on the database. Since the previous QGM held on 24.02.01 23 new members have joined.

A new membership card has been designed and implemented and the monthly renewal reminder letter is working well.

MRAA should make the most of membership opportunities like the motorcycle expo, the Toy Run and the GP run to recruit new members.

Garry advised that more than 400 members have been with MRA for over five years and other stats on members.

## **MRA Toy Run**

2001 Organiser, Sally McKerrow, explained her vision for this years toy run and meeting was enthusiastic re her ideas.

She sees roles for nine committee members and five contacts for the regional runs. Committee positions would include corporate sponsorship, communication, entertainment etc. She wants to develop a framework for subsequent years and will provide a written proposal to the board.

Damien wants to update the toy run leaflets as soon as possible and design to be reviewed asap.

Numbers will need to be negotiated and Damien will provide a quote. Detlef suggested BMW club for eg could include the leaflets in their club mailouts for promotion.

For marshalls to be covered by 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance they must be MRAA members.

We are considering the traditional starting point of Swanston St, do the same run as last year and finish in Elizabeth St. This could provide more PR for MRAA especially being in well-known motorcycle locale.

### **Summer Blood Challenge**

The position of organiser is vacant – members should consider taking on this role. Damien is unable to continue this role and will do handover to whoever takes it on including history of the challenge.

### **Social Rides**

For all riders on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month with an emphasis on the social.

Thanks to Perry for help organising before and after.

Should there be a disclaimer? Check policy with Grace.

Riders could report on the condition of the roads.

Rides could be promoted to local traders at destination.

### **Report from Michael re FORS/VMAC etc**

Still concern with wire rope barrier, it is dangerous due to its small surface area and it is also cheap to install but expensive to maintain.

Once damaged it is not functional until it has been repaired.

Front number plates are coming up as an issue in a number of states mainly SA and WA.

There is a safety issue with adding front number plates to motorcycles.

Some states have an issue with speed cameras as they photograph from the front.

Vic photographs from the rear.

Damien added – Manufacturers do not make bikes to have front number plates and national roadlaws are against anything that increases risk.

### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday & Thursday evening 7.00pm –9.00pm

Saturday 10.00am – 3.pm.

The phones are checked regularly for messages.

**Next Meeting:** to be advised.