

Minutes of Meeting – Monday 11 Dec 2017

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm by Branch President Phil Morris, who welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Phil Brasher, Ken Morton, Craig Davies, Paul Rees, Peter Monk, Alan Young and Greg Schafer.

Committee Members in Attendance: Phil Morris, Chris Larmer, Rob Tunnicliff, John Foley, Craig Carfoot and Phil Kersh.

Attendance: 78 members, their partners and friends.

Previous Minutes: Nov 2017 Minutes were accepted by Craig Carfoot, seconded by Norm Syme. No business arising.

Presidents Report: An update re the upcoming AGM in the Riverland. Start getting your registrations etc ready. President and Craig Carfoot attended MCA and gave them a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance in proving support for our Trivia Night. A big thankyou to Michelle for the Christmas Party. A great night again. President also mentioned that a number of members of the Committee will not be standing for re-election and it is a requirement that all nominations be in 28 days before our AGM. Effectively that is the Jan mtg. Several members attended the Sutherland Council/RMS Hazard Identification night put on at Council chambers. Both Council and RMS representatives thanked us for our input from an experienced motorcycle riders viewpoint. The annual Toy Run for Sylvanvale was another event that Lou will speak to later.

Secretary's Report: If you have had a special birthday, something that ends in a '0' you might be due for a badge, likewise, if you've been in Ulysses for 10 or 15 years and up these badges are also available. Some are free, others at a small cost (\$5.50) from NATCOM, but give me your details and I can pass them on. Special Olympics are on in Adelaide 16-20 April 2018 and they are already looking for some support re a donation. Sylvanvale sent us a letter expressing their appreciation of our support during the year. Ulysses NATCOM update re what's happening at that level. A letter was sent to Beyond Blue with a \$500 donation in memory of Ken Irvine, and we received a thankyou from the RMS re the risk mapping exercise.

Treasurers Report: We are going along well financially with more coming in than going out, so all is good. We are about \$1k better off than this time last year.

Ride Captains Report: Peter Monk was away but just check the website. Rides are all listed through to about April 2018.

QM Report: Craig is away however if you need anything you can still place an order with him via email.

Social Secretary's Report: The Christmas Party went well, but next year we may be looking at holding it here at the Taren Point Bowlo as the facilities are probably better. And we are looking again at the Coolangatta Resort for Christmas in July, tentatively set for the 20 July with more info to follow.

Web Masters Report: Web is up-to-date with Ken's bike now listed for sale at \$14,500. Photos of the rides are coming in. Webmaster cautioned members as to what sort of material can/should be

posted on public forum sites as any possible offensive material will be blocked/censored by the webmaster to prevent any problems coming back on her, individually, or our Branch in general. Times have changed and you've got to be careful what you put out there.

Publicity Officers Report: This month we have another fine mag. At the Sydney Motorcycle Show the high quality of our DR was commented upon by many riders. The MCA Supermarket have expanded their interest in us and although the DR still needs new advertisers to keep the costs neutral we have a new one come on board, the Lime Leaf Café at the Sunrise Nursery, Helensburgh.

Welfare Officer: Spoke with Paul Rees who appeared in good spirits, Garry and Margaret Navas were out and about on a ride, and a special thankyou to Steve from Caringbah M/cs sharing their tent for Breakfast Torque.

General Business: Pres Phil presented Gerry Bloeman with his 70 year old badge and his 30 year membership badge. Lou mentioned the Sylvanvale Toy Run with 17 bikes plus Kim in her car with many of the toys. Vampire Run on tomorrow. Anna-Marie and Leonie special Birthdays. Keith Moyle mentioned Phil Brasher getting a new KTM and a kidney transplant. Hoping both go well but Phil wanted to know if his nickname of 'Chainsaw' would change since he no longer has the Husqvarna. Ron Jarvis noted that we have about \$700 for Ronald MacDonald House Foundation but we only have tonight and the Jan mtg to bring it up to \$1k. Dig deep as he has organised to present the money on the 16 Jan. Rob Lord just confirming the Kurrajong Ride is a Long Ride. Bill Garrett asked if anyone would be interested in a Golf day next year.

Raffles: \$100 Wish Card to Mary Sutton, \$50 to Bruce Pollard. Kobe won the \$50 Caringbah M/c's voucher and Phil Morris the \$25 Stapletons GyMEA voucher. Don't forget to support our generous sponsors. And Lorraine Rigby won the special Christmas \$200 Caltex Card.

Auctions: A beautiful set of HD coasters went to Vic Swibel for \$20.

Next Mtg: 8 January 2018, with a 8:15pm finish. Minutes prepared by Secretary Rob Tunnicliff