



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm, Tuesday 10th November, 2015

Held at the Hagen Arms, Echunga. Meeting commenced 7.30pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Present

Sarah Rawlinson (Chairperson), Fred Guilhaus, John Pfitzner, John Toshach, Tony Fackrell, Dave Degenhardt, Allan Rofe, Avis Pearce, Diane Goddard, John Goddard, Graham Phillips, Cliff Grant, Richard Mackenzie, , Phil Davill, Janet Davill, Don Taylor, Gwen Pye, Chris Attrill, Tony Simes, Suzie Gray, Tony Vaughan, Don Clifton, John Antonio (recorder)

2. Apologies

David Barrett, Denise Barrett, Louise Beazley, Paul Beazley, Matt Hawthorn

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 18th November 2014

Moved by Avis Pearce and seconded by John Goddard, that the Minutes posted on the website be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. Carried.

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report: Sarah Rawlinson

AHMCC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2015

So here we are at the end, almost, of another year in the annals of the AHMCC.

A year in which we've morphed from the AHVCC to the AHMCC.

Constitutions are such fun! The superior legal minds of John Antonio and Warwick Ambrose somehow managed to bring a new constitution to fruition. It's significantly slimmed down but notably more succinct.

There were lots of high points for the Club in 2015.

Our 2 day Goolwa event was applauded by riders and Refs alike. Postings along the lines of "best event for the year" were not uncommon. The feeling at the event was great. Special thanks to Don Taylor for providing that special Benny Hill moment when he took Richard Tourmet for a ride in the portable dunny! We all look forward to Don's plans for the 2016 event.



Our Club's contribution to the CAMs series in January and the National Veterans Championships in October were professional in all areas. Phil Davill as usual the go to person for timing.

And while on the subject of timing we owe our thanks to John Goddard who has developed deep and meaningful relationships with the Orion people from Belgium to Queensland. The time he's spent exchanging emails is akin to any flourishing internet romance and has been rewarded with a functioning decoder and a new batch of transponders. The cost of the new transponders is now \$80.00 but they should have a longer life span to offset the cost. We also have a hand held testing unit to check transponders at the start. So well done John!

The winter months provided some classic Hypothermia events. Wistow especially allowed visiting clubs to experience Arctic conditions and have a near death experience. Peter Grivell's wife was very generous in her praise for our First Aiders who raised Peter's temperature to one that was compatible with life. Club races at Woodchester and Wistow also proved what a crazy bunch of people we are. As if we needed to have that reaffirmed!

Phil Davill and Tony Simes have set up a system allowing race entries to be made via our website. It's incredibly simple to use. We have still opted to take payments on the day so we have cash for prizemoney and to run the events.

Tony Simes set up our facebook page which is a very effective way to communicate and engender club spirit. Just look at some of Don Clifton's posts postrace to get some insight into the tragic cyclists mind. Tony also designed our new club logo. We are currently designing a club jersey which will display our long term sponsors and our logo. We hope that members will get on board and wear the jersey to show club support.

The Charity race was again well supported. It's always good to support those people who aren't able to ride bikes.

It can be hard to find new courses but our new Tinpot Hill course worked well and had good feedback. Stay tuned for another new course in 2016.

Our safety record remains almost unblemished for the year. Dave Deg is ok with crashes so long as they don't happen on his turf. So thanks to Cliff Grant who tipped over on a social ride and Avis Pearce who crashed at the Blackwood fruit shop without even involving her bike! Jason Langbein did have a crash on Angus Creek Road but as that was due to a touch of wheels we really can't blame Dave Degenhardt.

For many of us one of the high points of 2015 was to see our Secretary John Antonio regain the ability to raise a glass with his right arm! Not content with that he is desperate to once more prove his cycling credentials. Anxiety levels are rising in the Guilhaus and Phillips camps!

Other "Highs"? The ethos of volunteerism remains strong in the club. Unlike other clubs we have resisted the temptation to "outsource". This will ensure our financial viability. But I'll leave the financial details to our esteemed treasurer.



So now for the “downers” for 2015.

We are losing Cliff Grant as handicapper. A big thank you to Cliff for doing such a great job. He will ensure that his replacement, Richard McKenzie, knows how to “be mean, vindictive and how to lose friends” (Quote, Cliff Grant 2015).

On separate occasions our new tent and our brooms were stolen!

By now you all know about the fire that claimed hat covers, numbers, first-aid boxes and assorted stuff. It was a traumatic time for me but when I look back the support that came from club members more than outweighed the grief. Avis Pearce just took over the replacement of the club equipment, leaving me free to deal with insurance firms for my personal loss and the club claim. Insurance sadly is often something you have to fight for so it was a relief to have the time to do that. In the end the club was reasonably well reimbursed so the outcome was much better than we initially anticipated.

So let’s not end with the lows but contemplate the highs to come.

We now have five new first-aid officers. Dave Degenhardt, Suzie Gray, Avis Pearce, Graham Phillips and Fred Guilhaus all did the accreditation course. I have been appointed a Referee so I can help out the two Tonys when required.

Our committee is strong and our membership continues to grow.

So a big “thank you” to everyone of our Committee members and to everyone else who helped with first-aid, catering, refereeing, marshalling and timing.

And a high five to all the crazy cyclists who kept our races competitive but above all fun.

Let’s all play again in 2016

4.2 Treasurer’s Report

John Toshach spoke to his Income Statement Report for the year ending 30th June 2015, which included a comparison with the same period in 2014. The club had finished the 2014-2015 financial year with a reconciled cash balance of \$26,502. This surplus of \$2,294 was a good result considering the net financial losses incurred in the fire that destroyed much club equipment.

Proposed by Graham Phillips, seconded by Avis Pearce, that Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Carried.

4.3 Registrar’s Report

John Antonio reported that membership had increased in 2015 from 95 last year to 103. This number is made up of 84 males and 19 females, both groups having an average age of



53 years. New members this year numbered 26. Racing Memberships had increased from 86 in 2014 to 95 (76 males and 15 females). Compared with 2014, there are the same number of Associate Members (8) and one less official (8). The biggest increase was in the number of female racing members, from 9 to 15 (67% increase).

Proposed by Dave Degenhardt, seconded by Sarah Rawlinson, that Registrar's Report be accepted. Carried.

5 Election of Office Bearers

Sarah Rawlinson vacated the Chair and invited Fred Guilhaus to chair this part of the meeting as Returning Officer.

5.1 Office of President: Sarah Rawlinson was nominated by Tony Vaughan, seconded by Janet Davill. Sarah declared her acceptance of the nomination. No other nomination was received. Fred Guilhaus declared that Sarah Rawlinson was elected to the office of President.

5.2 Office of Treasurer: John Toshach was nominated by John Pfitzner, seconded by Allan Rofe. John declared his acceptance of the nomination. No other nomination was received. Fred Guilhaus declared that John Toshach was elected to the office of Treasurer.

5.3 Office of Secretary: John Antonio was nominated by Sarah Rawlinson, seconded by Dave Degenhardt. John declared his acceptance of the nomination. No other nomination was received. Fred Guilhaus declared that John Antonio was elected to the office of Secretary.

5.4 Election of Office Bearers: Non-Executive

For the position of Vice-President

Avis Pearce was nominated by Sarah Rawlinson, seconded by Tony Vaughan.

Other Committee Members

David Degenhardt, proposed by Cliff Grant, seconded by Janet Davill

Graham Phillips, proposed by John Antonio, seconded by Avis Pearce

Phil Davill, proposed by Sarah Rawlinson, seconded by Gwen Pye

Tony Simes, proposed by Dave Degenhardt, seconded by Richard McKenzie

John Goddard, proposed by Sarah Rawlinson, seconded by Phil Davill

All nominees accepted their nominations and it was agreed unanimously by the members that these Non-Executive Office Bearers would be confirmed at the first meeting of the new Committee.

Fred Guilhaus then vacated the Chair and the new President Sarah Rawlinson resumed as Chair.



6 Position of Handicapper

Cliff Grant has relinquished his role as Handicapper. Sarah Rawlinson thanked him for his excellent work in this role. She announced that Richard McKenzie had agreed to assume this role.

7 Membership Fees and Renewals

SAMCA is proposing that membership fees be increased by \$10 to cover additional fees for referees at Open and Championship Events. SDVLCC countered by proposing a \$3 increase in race fees for these events. This to be decided at SAMCA AGM on November 24. Sarah asked for show of hands for favoured option. 17 favoured \$10 option, 4 favoured \$3 option.

Sarah put forward a motion that the club membership fees be increased by \$10 per annum if that option is ratified by SAMCA, but remain at the current level if the \$3 race entrant fee increase is accepted. Seconded by John Goddard. Motion carried unanimously.

Members were encouraged to delay renewing their membership until the above has been sorted.

8 General Business

8.1 Uniforms

Sarah announced that the club will be ordering new jerseys incorporating the new logo and sponsors. She presented a sample jersey from Sportsfull and asked members for their opinions regarding fit and comfort.

8.2 Safety Officer Issues

Tony Vaughan questioned whether the Safety Officer needed authorisation from the Department of Transport to impose road traffic restrictions by the use of signs. Dave Degenhardt responded that Bob Cotton, State Head Referee, believes the Safety Officer has that authority. In further discussion it was clarified that the authority to impose road closures sits with the Chief Referee.

8.3 Marshalling Roster

Tony Vaughan raised the matter of the need for a marshalling roster, something that used to exist. Dave pointed out that with the current number of volunteers who have been regularly marshalling, in particular Hal Osman and Bob Bishop, there has been no need to create a roster from Racing Members.

9 Meeting Closure

Meeting closed: 8.31 pm