

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Monthly General Zoom Meeting, Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm

Meeting Chaired: Len Kerwood, President

Zoom Members Online: 32 plus wives and associates

Committee –

Glynis Gibbons: Secretary/Vice President,

Tony Press: Minute Secretary,

Paul Goethel: Treasurer,

Robert Humphreys: Editor,

Gary Hawkins: Competition Secretary.

John Shiells: Property Officer,

Russell Dickson: Membership Secretary.

Apologies: Ron Crellin: Social Secretary, Fiona Humphreys, Leanne Goethel and Richard Kempster.

Visitors, New Members: Re-joining member Tony Sprent from Tasmania needing assistance with restoring his Open Road Tourer – talk to Graeme Logan. Simon Scillio, Graeme Hatfield 1928 Property Roadster & 1933 chassis.

Sick Call: Bruce Walker reported: John Fatouris in treatment, Bruce Rogers back home. Bruce also advised Barbara his wife is having serious lung problems. We wish them all well.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: (posted on the Club website)

Moved Acceptance: Len Kerwood,

Seconded: Rob Davis,

Carried.

Reports:

Secretary: Glynis reported that the other Club emailed magazines have been forwarded to John and Tony for emailing to Club members. The Motor Sport Australia (CAMS) affiliation form has been received for display in the Clubrooms. The UK Austin Seven Clubs Association first quarter magazines have been received and posted to subscribing members. Membership renewals have been forwarded to Russell for processing. Water Bill received and passed to Paul for payment. Len advised new members that the A7CA quarterly magazine is an excellent and reasonably priced Magazine from the UK umbrella organisation in the form of the original Austin 7 Handbook full of interesting articles and full colour pictures. Members can subscribe by contacting the Membership Secretary with a request as soon as possible to get the four issues mailed.

Editor: Robert advised the January/February Light Shaft was posted out Friday 29th January and emailed to all members with an email address on Saturday 30th January. He needs more members to submit stories about the problems and successes with restoring their Austin Seven. Tony Sprent told of the plate and badge he had received with his car- and was encouraged to submit an article on this to the editor. Talking of restoring your car, Mail Order Spares is working hard with Robert and Janne Humphreys. Volunteers needed here.

Treasurer: Paul reported cash in hand \$427,458.74 with membership renewals coming in and bills being paid. This appears a healthy balance but with another year of uncertainty for our money making

events we will need this buffer. The amount includes cash at the Spares Garage of \$91,302.84. Graeme Logan questioned the Treasurer on why the Spares Garage cash doesn't include the \$50,000 transferred to the Cash Maximiser account some time back. Paul explained the end of year accounts show this but Graeme wants it recognized that the Spares Garage balance available is actually \$131,000. Len advised this would be referred to the Club Committee for resolution.

Treasurers Report–

Moved Acceptance: Len Kerwood,

Seconded: Andrew Dawes,

Carried

Spares Report: Graeme advised he had forwarded a full report to the Editor for inclusion in the Light Shaft. This showed December and January had been a busy time in Spares with a number of trailer loads of second hand Austin Seven spare parts to be squeezed into Spares storage and priced. Two large new Spares orders placed on UK suppliers are very slow in being filled due to the virus problems. He welcomed Courtney Rumble and David Easton to the Spares Subcommittee. Neil Rickard is taking over the Spares banking duties from Janne Humphreys, who will assist in the changeover. Saturday 6th February Spares open- clubroom access with care and limited numbers- no BBQ.

Historic Winton: Len reported for Peta Lee- It is very difficult to plan the future for the event especially as Winton Motor Raceway have still not given a reply on a hire quote (and have indicated to Peta the event may only go ahead without public attendance). He has had contact from Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) to ask if they could take the event from AASA.

Membership Secretary: Russell advised he is busy taking up membership renewals plus new members and working on entering all into the new membership system being built, working in parallel with Geoff Taylor and his previous system. We have 339 member renewals plus 11 new members with 80 members still to renew – Len reminded these members that if they have not paid membership by the end of February, a joining fee will be charged! Russell noted that all members with a Club Permit car except one have renewed membership as required under the Club scheme agreement. Len advised members should check their Permit books for miss-prints.

Competition Secretary: Gary reported that OST 1 will be held 18th April on a private property so no restrictions. . Eddington Sprint March 30th 2021 was cancelled but latest advice it will be run. At the recent MSA Zoom Meeting a new group had formed- Australian Motor Sport Corporation for Cars and Motorcycles to try to coordinate events- apparently NSW is being difficult with their organization and this should help. MAS Motor Sport Licences have been changed and prices have increased- this will be reviewed, including a family membership licence.

Social Secretary: In Ron's absence Len advised the Progressive Lunch is on 28th February- details in the Light Shaft and on the Website under Coming Events.

Property Officer: John has purchased a new Club vacuum clearer and is assisting on a zoom setup for MGM meetings. He attended the recent Owners Corporation meeting. Club Spares will have a new thrust on manufacturing and the Spares Roster has been finalised for 2021. The 'Chrysler Club' computerised member program for Russell is progressing with help from Mark Fenton with easier sorting for groups of members while Brian Gibbons is helping set up the linked Light Shaft mailing insert print system.

Coming Events: Saturday 6th February Covid Spares opening. John McMillan as URRRS coordinator has arranged the Wednesday 31st March visit to Ambulance Victoria Museum and needs numbers attending- advise John. He will talk to Russell Clough regarding the A 30 Club joining in.

Len noted that there have been a number of local area runs organised by members: anyone can do this

National Rally: Andrea Casabene noted that it is only 12 months to the Rally! For new members the National Austin Seven Rally is held every five years and 2022 is also the 100th anniversary of the Austin Seven. The location Warrnambool is well into planning- see the Club website for full details under the Rally link with letter of expression of interest. 100 received so far. The Rally Subcommittee members are visiting Warrnambool. If you need more details contact Andrea and if possible offer to help with running the event. Len advised members that all Sevens are welcome in any condition.

Past Events: Pudding in the Park December 2020 well attended. Picnic in the Park January 2021 at new venue- Rob noted most enjoyed this event.

General Business: Merv Boldner has had his Chummy, which he has owned and driven regularly for 63 years expertly repaired by David Lowe- the clutch is better than ever with much increased movement he has written a letter of thanks to David.

Buys and Sells: Michael Shegog has information on some cars for sale in Queensland - contact him for details. Andrew Dawes has a large Austin Motor Company vitreous enamel neon sign for sale- Len will contact Andrew to possibly secure for the Club.

Meeting Closed: at 9:20 pm

Minutes will be posted on the Club Website