

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB Inc.

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

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm

Meeting Chaired: Len Kerwood, President

Zoom Members Online: 29 plus wives and associates

Committee –

Glynis Gibbons: Secretary/Vice President,

Tony Press: Minute Secretary,

Paul Goethel: Treasurer,

Robert Humphreys: Editor,

Russell Dickson: Membership Secretary.

Ron Crellin: Social Secretary,

Apologies: John Shiells: Property Officer, Gary Hawkins: Competition Secretary, Glen Kelly.

Visitors, New Members: Richard Kempster- Austin 7 restored to the family.

Sick Call: John Needham is out of hospital and recovering slowly. Bruce Walker is attending hospital checks with Barbara.

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

Moved Acceptance: Rob Davis,

Seconded: Glynis Gibbons,

Carried.

Reports:

President: Len has received a number of member questions about using the Clubroom for meetings again. Unfortunately with the present Covid rules our clubroom can only have 35 members so with the usual MGM attendance at 40 or more we are still restricted to Zoom meetings. With smaller numbers expected the committee has agreed to hold the March HAS at the Clubrooms.

A regular Zoom MGM participant from Tasmania Tony Sprent thinks the present meetings are a great idea. Len noted the Committee hopes to provide Zoom as a regular part of the usual clubroom meeting

Historic Winton 2021: Len advised Entry Secretary Peta Lee is working on going ahead with HW 2021 under Tier Three Rules with up to 1,000 people. We will proceed if we attract sufficient competitors to cover our costs based on present planning. There will be a HW Subcommittee Zoom meeting Thursday 4th March to bring volunteers up to date. Peta will start asking for entries this week

Membership Secretary: Russell advised there are still 36 members to renew – there may be some who will not renew- in past years at this time we still had 80 to renew so the club is in a good position with 386 members. Any renewals after end February will be required to pay a joining fee.

Competition Secretary: In Gary's absence Tony gave his report- copy attached to the minutes

Social Secretary: Ron advised the Hot Cross Run planning still waiting for results of Tier Three forms – too many forms! He is liaising with the other three Clubs but still need volunteers to help run the event and act as a contact for the day- Paul will assist here. The Progressive Lunch was a great success and some attendees will get a refund. Rob and Ivy's Crazy Whist has been moved to 11th September.

Secretary: Glynis noted that the A7CA reported the passing of Herbert Austin's grandson at 86 on 11th February. Brian Gibbons is well under way with planning the Border Run, 12th-14th June- more to come. Contact Brian if any questions. Information received on the Swanpool Motor Festival, Leongatha Show and Shine and the Gippsland Vehicle Collection 'First and Last' from the 14th March.

Editor: Robert advised he had received many good magazine articles. Tony Johns advised a correction for last issue- pictures attributed to Martin Stubbs were by David Lowe. More Vehicle articles would be good- the Milano story was great referring to Club-member John Fleming now in Wonthaggi. Next magazine closes 21st March.

In John's absence he reported a new manager at our agent for Unit 2 and Clubroom Safety Measures Report being finalized.

Spares Report: Graeme Logan advised the Meteor body advertised in the Light Shaft has sold. UK suppliers still slow. He looks forward to more open Spares time for club-members – second hand spares are building up including a good (rare) short Chassis. Spares will be open Saturday 13th March without BBQ.

Treasurer: Paul reported cash in hand \$425,300 with all outstanding accounts paid. Len noted the Cash Maximiser account includes Spares \$50,000 among all other club monies.

National Rally 2022: Andrea Casabene reported on planning with the Subcommittee meeting on 14th March to finalise details for runs and Registration Forms. The Subcommittee will visit Warmambool 17th April to finalise details. To date 110 expressions of interest received giving some 220 attendees.

Past Events: Graeme Logan said he and Bev had greatly enjoyed the Progressive lunch. He noted Brian Gibbon's had a very successful pneumatic car seat using a 19" tube.

Coming Events: Saturday 13th March Covid Spares opening. URRRS Wednesday 31st March visit to Ambulance Victoria Museum- contact John McMillan to confirm names for lunch planning. John and Michael Shegog are working toward a day run around the bay for 18th April.

General Business: John McMillan thought that it was strange to hear that people had time to ban the well-loved Dir. Seuss books given the state of the economy. Recent visits to the city had revealed the lack of people on the streets and in eating places- new city buildings and Docklands were deserted. Ian Motley has the 'JWF Story' book mentioned in the March Light Shaft– a great read. Courtney Rumble has an Air Powered Sander which he will loan to Club-members for a deposit. Tony Sprent would like to see the Club run technical sessions with a Zoom connection- Len advised we had run such sessions previously and we will again. John McMillan is looking at running the 2021 Pub Crawl.

Buys and Sells: Courtney Rumble wants a rear guard for his 1933 utility.

Meeting Closed: at 9.20 pm

Minutes will be posted on the Club Website