

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting with Zoom, Wednesday 5th May 2021.

Meeting opened at 8.15 pm

Meeting Chaired: Len Kerwood: President,

Committee –

Glynis Gibbons: Secretary/Vice President,

Tony Press: Minute Secretary,

Paul Goethel: Treasurer,

Robert Humphreys: Editor,

Russell Dickson: Membership Secretary.

John Shiells: Property Officer on Zoom,

Ron Crellin: Social Secretary,

Gary Hawkins: Competition Secretary,

Members in the Clubroom: 30

Zoom Members Online: 5

Apologies: Lois Logan.

New Members &Visitors: Ron noted he was visiting Melbourne from Queensland

Sick Call: Yolanda Filip in Hospital, Doug Veel is recovering, John Fatouris is having regular treatment but looking forward to hosting the Saturday BBQ, Nigel Tait is in hospital for treatment- Bruce has sent a card.

Presidents Report: Len introduced the May MGM and welcomed all including members on Zoom. All attending must sign in with QR code or in the attendance book.

Reports: Len advised **Historic Winton 2021** is under way- the club has signed the WMR Contract, forwarded it to WMR with full payment and a covering note. Peta Lee has advised we have 207 car entries plus 104 bike entries. All Club officials should have advised Peta or Alan Barnes to be included in the list for Ticketebo- the cut off was 4th May but late responders will be accepted. Alan advised all applicants will receive an email with a ticket to print out for production at the course, along with your Covid Training ‘certificate’ which you will get after completing the online program. The weather is the only remaining factor in what promises to be a good HW.

Out of interest, the recent VHRR Rob Roy ‘open’ meeting had 55 entries– unfortunately mostly moderns. The two flathead historic Fords driven by Jim Russell and one other made excellent times Martin Stubbs entered and drove his Austin 7.

Membership Secretary: Russell advised there is no slowdown in the membership with the OST group coming back at the start of the season plus three new Austin 7 owners, bringing the Club up to 411 members. The Light Shaft address mailer is now on the Club ‘Chrysler’ program (which John Shiells spent many long hours getting brought up to Austin 7 Club requirements) and was used to print out mailers for the May Light Shaft posting.

Spares Report: Graeme Logan advised new overseas stock is still slow. New head gaskets and tyres have arrived. A local member has started producing paper gaskets. Saturday we will hold our regular spares BBQ

Treasurer: Paul noted we have now sold 1,000 HW tickets- 500 each day. He and Rob had discussed with the Club accountant Spares accounting arrangements. He reported cash in hand \$450,380.92 after

paying full Winton circuit hire. We will still have a surplus for 2021. Treasurer's report attached.

Editor: Robert advised that, with his Spares Mail Order hat on he had recently received an order which turned out to be from a Cornwall UK Austin 7 owner and not a member. He thanked all LS contributors and noted he now has more articles 'in stock'. He will close the June magazine early to avoid his Historic Winton duties.

Secretary: Glynis has forwarded the Other Club online magazines for circulation and the hard copies of others are on the back table- she will clean out old issues. All accounts sent to Paul for payment. Federation Zoom meeting on 15th May. Now we are returning to open meetings we need a kitchen roster and a new supper provider- apply Glynis. .

Social Secretary: Ron advised that he has booked Christmas in July at the Glasshouse- details per the poster and the ever popular Crazy Whist will be in September with a 32 member limit.

Property Officer: John Shiells requires an early Committee decision on the Club Zoom setup- NBN or Phone link. He has submitted a report on relative costings.

Competition Secretary: Gary advised the recent OST 1 and 2 had been good with a new course at Glenburn. The AMS (CAMS) state council meeting advised Supercars are a 'worry' at Sandown. New Speed Licences are under review. Event Rules are changing too often. Two more OST's are coming. The MG Car Club have been granted \$ ½ Million for Rob Roy, AMS to approve, but the unfortunately the money will be provided to the local council to spend on Rob Roy and his could cause a problem in handing over? Report copy attached.

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

Moved Acceptance: Paul Goethel,

Seconded: Bruce Walker,

Carried.

Past Events: Good Friday Hot Cross Bun was a success with \$1,216 raised for the Children's Hospital. Bay Pier to Pier Run Sunday 18th April was a great success with 14 Austins.

Coming Events: OST 3 at Narbethong: open HAS/Spares Wednesday 19th May: Historic Winton 22-23rd May, Flags and Banners on display to welcome up to 5,000 attendees per day: Border Run 12-14th June, Brian Gibbons advised 20 entered with six Austin 7s, but still room to book: 27th June Fish and Chip Run to Tooradin: URRRS Tuesday 29th June: Pub Crawl on Bellarine Peninsula, details and request for expressions of interest will appear in the June Light Shaft.

General Business: Geoff Hall in Canberra advised he has a new Capital Territory member Bevan Jones. John Heagney advised the loss of a few HW stalwarts Kevin Brown and John Burghart among others.

Buys and Sells: John Shiells wants a set of cycle guards for a sports 7, John Needham advised Peter Holby VSCC wants to buy a Chummy. ME Auctions have a clearing sale at Spray Avenue, Mordialloc includes a 50's build A 7 Special on 26-27 chassis.

Meeting Closed: at 9.10 pm

Minutes will be posted on the Club Website.