

# AUSTIN 7 CLUB Inc.

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## Minutes of Monthly General Meeting and SGM with Zoom, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Meeting opened at 8.03 pm

**Members Present:** 30 in the room, 10 on Zoom.

**Meeting Chaired:** Len Kerwood, President,  
**Committee:**

Glynis Gibbons: Secretary/Vice President,

Tony Press: Minute Secretary.

Paul Goethel: Treasurer,

Robert Humphreys: Editor,

Gary Hawkins: Competition Secretary,

Russell Dickson: Membership Secretary,

John Shiells: Property Officer,

Ron Crellin: Social Secretary.

**Apologies:** Helen Shegog, Bev Logan, Yolanda Filip. Leanne Goethel, Janne & Fiona Humphreys,

**The President** welcomed all to the September MGM/SGM, noting that members seem to have approved the Club provided pre meeting sandwiches from Costco, bought by Rob for a 7 pm opening of the Clubroom by John, to feed those missing dinner to attend the MGM.

**New Members & Visitors:** Visitor Ron Kerwood (past President)

**Sick Call:** Bruce Walker advised John Heagney is recovering. Helen Shegog is still suffering from 'long Covid' Tony Colson is home.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting** (posted on the Website & on the Noticeboard.

Moved Acceptance: Gary Hawkins,

Seconded: Mike Belcher,

Carried.

Len paused the MGM to introduce his brother Ron Kerwood, who had recently discovered a collection of letters he had received as Club President from Club Patron Captain Arthur Waite back in in the 1980s. The full text of his presentation is attached.

Len advised the Club will be pleased to add the Letters to the Club Collection

## Return to the MGM

### Reports:

**Secretary:** Glynis advised the Other Club magazines have been sent to Tony for email distribution, hard copies are on the back shelf, A7CA UK Magazines has been posted to members. Rates for Units 8 & 9

received. Email from the Brenton Spengler, Austin 7 Club of South Australia, about the 2023 Border Run- dates set 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September- we will need Victorian entrants! Insurance Policies due end September- Committee will handle. Len noted the Clubs insurance is one of our largest expenses.

**Treasurer:** Pauls advised the Audit is completed for presentation in October- we have a surplus for 2021-22. Paul presented his Financial report: Cash Maximiser \$347,079.34, General Account \$18,819.86, Historic Winton \$119,571.78, National Rally Account \$4,000.00, Spares Garage \$114,006.08, Westpac \$2,040.52 giving a total of \$601,517.55 plus National Rally Seed Fund of \$4,000. A copy Paul's report is attached.

**Move acceptance if the Financial Report.**

Moved: Wayne Styles,  
Seconded: John Shiells,  
Carried

**Editor:** Robert advised the Light Shaft had been posted and emailed. Rob would like members to submit Engineering questions for discussion in the magazine. Tony Johns is putting time in on the Austin 7 history now his Bentley book is completed (a copy is in the Club library).

**Property Officer:** John advised our Unit 2 has been let at a very good rent of \$22,000 pa for a two year plus two year extension contract, with six months payment up front. The new agent delivered the goods and the eight week refurbishment by Club-members was well worthwhile. He is repositioning the Clubroom cameras to give better views for Zoom at our meetings.

**Social Secretary:** Ron advised cancellation of the Crazy Whist night was the last straw. He will be travelling in 2023 and announced his retirement from the position. A volunteer is urgently needed.

**Spares:** Len advised a new stock of extractors from Walter Raschle is available.

**Historic Winton:** Len reported on the recent HW 2022 debrief meeting. Peta Lee is retiring from the Subcommittee and we need volunteers for Entry Secretary and Secretary of the Meeting. Where are the young volunteers to keep HW going- please front up!

**The MGM was suspended at 8.30 and the SGM Opened:**

**Minutes of Special General Meeting, held at Club Rooms, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.**

The Special General Meeting held to set the Club Subscriptions for 2022- Meeting opened at 8.30 PM

**Present-** per the MGM.

**Committee –**

Len Kerwood, President,  
Glynis Gibbons, Secretary/Vice President,  
Tony Press, Minute Secretary,  
Paul Goethel, Treasurer,  
Robert Humphreys, Editor,  
Gary Hawkins, Competition Secretary.  
Ron Crellin, Social Secretary,  
Russell Dickson: Membership Secretary,  
John Shiells, Property Officer.

The President requested the Membership Secretary Russel Dickson to present a plan for the new Annual Subscription structure and joining fee as shown on the Clubroom overhead screen. Russell put the motion:

- Full Members \$50 per annum
- Associate Members \$50 per annum
- Family Subscription (Junior Associate and Spouse Associate memberships are only available as part of a Family Subscription) \$70 per annum
- OST Passenger Associate \$20 per annum
- Joining Fee for Full Member, Associate Member, Remote Associate and Family Subscription \$35
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- Printed Light Shaft fee for
  - Postal address within Australia \$45
  - Zone 1: New Zealand \$125
  - Zone 2: Asia Pacific \$135
  - Zone 3: USA/Canada \$180
  - Zone 4: UK/Europe \$190
  - Zone 5: Rest of World \$195

Russell explained we now distribute an electronic version of the Light Shaft to all members with an email address and with the postal system very variable members are well served without receiving a hard copy.

Questions from the audience: Are the Club operating costs covered? Paul advised that this proposal gives a 'break even' - all surpluses are from Spares and Historic Winton giving \$27,540 income with present Light Shaft costs \$11,220. Len noted that while income is reduced expenses are also reduced.

Question- Will Life Members still receive a light shaft – yes.

Question- Will reduced number of printed copies increase printing cost- Rob advised with present printing practices utilising computerised printing a reduction in numbers will have little effect on costs.

John McMillan rose to speak against the motion: his submission is attached to the minutes, including an alternate motion.

In reply Len advised that the recent Club membership system from the Chrysler Club put in place by Russell and John gives a better view of the Club membership. We will lose Historic Winton in time to come. We have a Club for old cars – will it continue? We have to plan the future for the Club. Reducing fees is unusual but Members other costs are going up. This new structure is for 12 months only and in 2023 we will review again- the world is changing- what will the Club be in five years' time? Regarding other sources of Club income, as noted John Shiells has gained a high income tenant for our Unit Two, contributing \$88,000 over the next four years. Included in the fee all members now get a regular email of Other Car Club magazines at no cost to them. Agreeing with other member comments, Rob Davis stated all members wanting a printed Light Shaft should pay. Noel Wilcox suggested a compromise fee at \$75 PA. The President requested a seconder for Russell Dickson's initial motion-

Gary Hawkins Seconded the motion.

The President requested a show of hands vote;

For the Motion- Vote: 26 with 6 online,

Against the motion- Vote: 8 with 1 online

The President declared the motion carried.

With the motion being carried there was no requirement for John McMillan's Motion.

## **The SGM was closed and the MGM reopened at 9.05**

### **Reports:**

**Membership Secretary:** Russell advised membership is slow at present. One new member Bob Hogan from Catalina NSW with the very narrow Austin 7 Van.

**Competition Secretary:** Gary reported the good news that the OST members are very enthusiastic with younger members taking up the sport. OST 8 John Pryce was good, with Grant Campbell blowing up the engine and trying borrowed cars. For OST 9 at Woori Yallock Grant had a new engine (\$3,000 later) and John Strich learned an expensive lesson at the dam. OST 10 Three Bridges all running but the 18<sup>th</sup> September event is under water and could be cancelled. The two day at Gilderoy will have Elections with a younger crew stepping up. The always enthusiastic owner of our Panton Hill course recently died and the Club sent a card and letter to the family for a great OST Supporter. He attended the last Federation meeting. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes

**AOMC Meeting:** Len was unable to attend the meeting. He noted the AOMC National Motoring Day regularly spreads over many locations

**Past Events:** Glynis reported on the Colin and Maria's Magnolia Day Run, attended in a 1935 Open Road Tourer with a new member. Absolutely beautiful day for a great visit, with a good Club turnout which shows we should concentrate on country runs.

**Coming Events:** Club Spares will be open this Saturday with a BBQ provided by the Club.

Phil Hallo reported on the Annual Rally at Mornington Park with a mini Swap Meet with good entries- get out there! See the website and Light Shaft for details- the map shows the location and the site will be signposted. Trailer parking also near the pavilion.

Austin 7 Heaven Tool Day Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Brian Gibbons with Michael Shegog and Russell- get your hands dirty and learn. See the Light Shaft for details.

Austin 7 Heaven Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> 'Round the Houses' with Walter Raschle on improving brakes (with Whiteboard). Contact Russell to book.

John McMillan has four vacancies following a late withdrawal from the Pub Crawl- contact John.

John will advise on the November URRRS

**General Business:** Len reported the Benalla Auto Club have been forced to Close Wakefield after an Environmental Court only allowed 42 days per year operation- not enough to make the course viable. John McMillan reported the Pacific Highway is now an excellent with run double highway and 110 kph.

Len advised DIY Supper sandwiches available tonight with Yolanda Filip presiding next month.

**Meeting Closed:** at 9.40 pm.