

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Monthly General Zoom Meeting, Wednesday 2nd June 2021.

Meeting opened at 8.05 pm

Meeting Chaired: Len Kerwood: President,
Committee –

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,

Zoom Members Online: 26.

Apologies: Glynis Gibbons: Secretary/Vice President,

Visitor: Greg McDonald, invited by Chris Knoop. Greg has a 25,000 mile Austin 7 tourer, family owned since new in 1935, when it was bought for £199.

Sick Call: Rob Humphreys is recovering from a fall and a collision between his head and the door frame. Doug Veel is back home after hospitalisation, Barb Walker is very poorly and Noel Wilcox advised Dianne is not well. Nigel Tait is in hospital for cancer treatment.

Len introduced the June MGM and welcomed all members on Zoom.

Historic Winton 2021: Len reported on a good meeting with excellent weather. He has received confirmation of the Benalla Council \$1,500 grant. The lunch crew led by Alistair and Janet Craven did an excellent job of handled the meeting catering. The crowd was good with full Ticketebo ticketing- we will keep this format for future events. Within the limits of privacy laws we will also keep in touch with the younger attendees. The Motor Bike people were very interested in how we arranged the ticketing . The committee will discuss the allocation of funds with Winton Motor Raceway when all our accounting is finalised.

Historic Winton 2022 will be a different show, keeping in mind the Club will be hosting both the 2022 National Rally and HW in short order.

Shannons Club website has a great lot of congratulations: **Historic Winton for 2021: A BIG success!**

[Historic Winton for 2021: A BIG success! - Shannons Club](#)

The group 'N' Mini vs Cortina had an excellent display of Mini driving by Linda Devlin...

President: Len attended the AOMC meeting Monday 31st May. Two guest speakers 'Beyond Blue' presented on Men's Health – the advice for good mental health is- belong to a group such as your car club and the RACV presented their new stance on motor cars- their support is now to offer a grant of \$2,000 to remote communities, not including motor sport. Following this presentation Len later spoke to the Benalla Shire and suggested they approach Rotary to run the Friday 'Winton Historic Tour' and Rotary can then approach RACV for a \$2,000 grant. The Austin 7 Club will continue to support and advertise the tour.

Membership Secretary: Russell advised the June Light Shaft mail out went to plan. He has 12 new members including 6 OST returning passengers, giving a total of 423 members and four new Club Permit vehicles.

Editor: Rob thanked members for their contributions; he needs reports from members on Historic Winton. He will also add some of the very positive HW comments from Shannons Club website. Rob's head is recovering from the fight with the doorpost (the post won). With his other hat on he is finalizing the 2021 Winton accounts.

Competition Secretary: Gary advised OST 3 Narbethong was a good event with 14 starters, finishing before the rain. OST 4 will be cancelled and OST 5 at Woori Yallock is planned for 27th June.

Social Secretary: Ron asked for more starters for Christmas in July on 18th July- 20 to date with room for 12 more. Crazy Whist will be on with 32 maximum in September - you don't have to know how to play cards.

Property Officer: John noted the recent property Safety Check was good. Bins need to be emptied. A request has been placed for an NBN link to the Clubrooms to better run our Zoom meetings.

Treasurer: Paul is reviewing the Historic Winton Ticketebo money with the split yet to be sorted. We presently have \$536,456.83 in the bank but a percentage of this will have to be paid out to WMR and other HW accounts. The Accountants are still working from home but advise the year end accounts are being sorted and should be ready on time. Spars second hand accounting is being resolved.

Spares Report: Rob for Graeme Logan advised club member mail orders are coming in regularly. Overseas stock orders are very slow and some parts are not being made at present due to Covid. The locally manufactured Magneto Coil Conversion Kit will be tested when a suitable long event is run! The Saturday Spares BBQ has been cancelled.

National Rally 2022: Andrea Casabene advised that a number of Club volunteers will be needed for the event. Planning is being slowed by the lockdown with a Zoom subcommittee meeting for next Sunday. Registration Forms will be available soon. Andrea suggested Greg McDonald check the Club website for details. Michael Shegog is getting sponsors for the event- Shannons have offered money and advertising support, Penrite will offer support and Repco via Nigel Tait when he recovers. The Warrnambool Garage is offering support. Len noted we must keep a tight rein on expenses and suggested we should check the Council for a grant and he suggested the Tasmanian 'Dixi' may be in Melbourne and would be a good display item at the dinner. Tony will check the minutes for any reference to the present owner.

Past Events: Historic Winton 22-23rd May, OST meetings.

Coming Events: Brian Gibbons advised as a consequence of the current Victorian COVID Lockdown and the South Australian travel restrictions, the Border Run will not proceed on the upcoming Queens Birthday weekend. Sorry for the inconvenience and all deposits will be refunded. 27th June Fish and Chip Run to Tooradin see the Light Shaft: URRRS Tuesday 29th June: Pub Crawl on Bellarine Peninsula, details and request for expressions of interest in the June Light Shaft. 25th July Day Run to the Dale Shaw OST at Rob Roy, Len suggested it would be appropriate to take Dale's old car now known as the 'Caterpillar' to display. Rob will prepare an information board to suit. The July Monthly General Meeting will include the election for the 2022 Historic Winton Subcommittee- new younger members required.

General Business: Geoff Hall took a short video at Historic Winton and emailed to Tony for circulation to members. Greg Drummond advised all the HW Programs were sold indicating good planning.

Buys and Sells: Greg Smith wants an Austin7 Race Car- possible leads: Peter Mathews or Noel Stevens. The ex-John Fleming car is for sale in Queensland, see the Light Shaft.

Meeting Closed: at 9.15 pm. The Minutes will be posted on the Club Website.