

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Monthly General Zoom Meeting, Wednesday 4th August 2021.

Meeting opened at 8.00 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,

Apologies: Leanne Goethel, Bruce Walker, Janne Humphreys.

Sick Call: Bruce Walker, Ilona Booth, Ken Dugan.

President: Len introduced the August MGM, welcomed all members and apologised for having to again use Zoom. He was sad to report the great special builder Warren Bonning died last month. His last wish was for no funeral service so the family will celebrate Warren's life on what would have been his upcoming 95th Birthday. Rob posted a fitting tribute in the Light Shaft including a lovely picture of his granddaughter in his last Austin 7 special which she now owns.

Sadly Allan Tyrrell's wife Geraldine also died last month.

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

Moved Acceptance: Len Kerwood,

Seconded: Ron Crellin,

Carried.

Reports:

Treasurer: Paul reported cash on hand \$498,973.77. A final Report on Historic Winton 2021= following a very quick organization all worked well with an income result of \$91,000 made in total with Russell and others contributing \$13,000 advertising and \$8,000 sponsorship, \$8,200 gate takings, \$4,000 programs and \$3,000 vendors against expenses of \$92,466. He thanked all Club members who assisted in this. He will discuss sorting accounting practices this Friday. The Auditor is very busy but we hope he will be ready on time.

Acceptance of the Financial Report:

Moved: Glynis Gibbons,

Seconded: Gary Hawkins,

Carried.

In answer to a question on Historic Winton 2021 and Winton Motor Raceway Len commented that it was an outstanding event- in his opinion the best ever. We paid WMR their offer of reduced \$26,500 circuit hire and as agreed beforehand \$30,370 from the Gate takings. They also had camping income which we collected and passed on. In all we paid WMR \$72,000 compared to the 2019 event at \$52,000 and the 2018 event at \$47,000.

Editor: Rob advised the August Light Shaft has been posted and includes a good remembrance for Warren Bonning with pictures. Thank you to all contributors to the magazine.

Membership Secretary: Russell advised All quiet on new members but Club Permits still rolling in. The recent Membership List needs some corrections after transferring from the old system- please review your entry. Len noted he had sent an AOMC report from VicRoads on Club Plates to Tony for circulation to members. Ric Hattam has added his MGB to the Club 'Red Plate' list.

Secretary: Glynis advised the incoming Other Club Magazines had been forwarded to Tony for circulation to members. Hard copy Magazines will be placed in the Clubroom when possible. Trailer Insurance paid, Winton Sponsorship from the A30 Club received and Australia Post renewal. Letters in on Show and Shine Euroa for remote members and Shannons American Car Motor Show 26th September. A card from the Kessner Family thanking the Club for remembering John. The Austin 7 Club of South Australia has sent a letter suggesting that due to the 2022 National Rally we move the Border Run to a later time slot.

Spares Report: Graeme Logan reported the spares order from UK had arrived including brake shoe caps and taper pins for the clutch cross shaft.

Property Officer: John noted the Clubrooms had passed a successful Safety Service check. He had installed a new dishwasher and repaired damage caused by the old leaking unit. The HWS now only comes on with the lights. The NBN connection is being finalised. Wayne Styles Unit 10 new tenant is an Air-conditioning professional and will be useful when our units need checking. Our Unit 3 tenant can claim relief but has not needed this. The Body Corporate Insurer has reviewed our extra content improvement insurance.

Competition Secretary: Gary advised the Three Bridges OST 6 had 12 starters plus spectators, the Dale Shaw Trial has been relocated to 6th September at Rob Roy. John Pryce memorial OST 8 planned for 8th August. The VSCC Rob Roy Hill Climb 15th August. At the recent Motorsport Australia State Council meeting Eugene Arocca advised there will be no more Non Speed Licences but will go straight to a Speed Licence at \$120, reducing the number of licences from 38 to 10. A good uptake of State Government grants with MSA helping to access- Rob Roy has been granted half a million dollars. Len has spoken to MSA and had the feeling they were angling for a discussion on Historic Winton even though some years ago they advised they would not. The indication is that \$10,000 to \$20,000 is available and Len will apply for a grant for the OST group

Social Secretary: Ron advised Rob and Ivy Davis' Crazy Whist night is coming if he gets more participants. Only 5 members to date at \$5 per head and this needs 32. He is not happy with recent responses.

Minute Secretary/Website Manager: Tony has re-negotiated the Club Website austin7club.org hosting charge at John's suggestion. The new host Webcentral (was Netregistry) now have a local call centre and the easily understood technical support expertly arranged a new Club hosting at \$313.95 for two years compared to the previous \$1,092.50 for two years, with all existing Website arrangements unchanged.

National Rally 2022: Andrea Casabene advised the Registration Forms will be ready by the end of August. Next Subcommittee meeting 14th October. John McMillan requested when the next newsletter would be issued – Andrea advised out with the Registration form. Member question- what is 'Plan B' in case of cancellation due to Covid lockdown. Andrea noted this will be discussed at the next meeting including cancellation insurance when it would be impossible to run if NSW or Queensland were in lockdown.

Coming Events: Phil Hallo has organised the Annual Rally for the 3rd October as listed on the Club website and in the July Light Shaft with the entry form included on both. He has hired a hall in case of bad weather and is considering adding a Swap Day- watch the Light Shaft and Website/Facebook page for the latest details. For the Pub Crawl to Bellarine Peninsula John McMillan advised only 7 rooms left and all events have been sorted. The 29th September URRRS will be run to Graeme Logan's woodworking shop.

Meeting Closed: 9.10 pm. The Minutes will be posted on the Club Website.