

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Monthly General Zoom Meeting, Wednesday 6th October 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,

Ron Crellin: Social Secretary,

Gary Hawkins: Competition Secretary,

33 people online plus wives and partners.

Apologies: Bev Logan, Janne Humphreys, Leanne Goethel.

New Members: Greg McDonald, West Brunswick: 1935 Tourer in the family since new.

Sick Call: Ronnie Heagney recovering from a knee and nose operation. Ilona Booth has family helping.

President: Len introduced the October MGM, welcomed all members on Zoom

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

Moved Acceptance: Gary Hawkins,

Seconded: Len Kerwood,

Carried.

Len reported on recent Club Committee actions during lockdown. After a long discussion the Committee agreed to a bid on the upcoming online Auction for Unit 3 in our block, with a maximum bid held to a suitable amount having regard to our cash balance. The sale unfortunately went to \$511,000, well over our limit and much more than the value of new units being built next door. The first of our new Wednesday 3 pm HAS Zoom meetings was a great success with Courtenay Rumble giving a report on his very early Austin 7 rebuild. The November HAS presentation will be given by David Isom giving a talk about his 1929 Austin 7 Sports, followed in December by a tour of Club Spares with Graeme Logan and John Shiells.

Reports:

Social Secretary: Ron advised the 5th December Christmas Luncheon at the Mulgrave Country Club is oversubscribed with a maximum of 65 in the Panorama Room. Four 'emergency' bookings will be advised if there are any cancellations. The 15th December Christmas Pudding in the Park is planned for LePage Park as last year, details will be posted on the Website and in the Light Shaft. Plum Pudding and Custard provided fruit salad courtesy Janne Humphreys, BYO beverages. Spares will open before with Club Presentations during the night.

Treasurer: Paul advised the accounts are with the Auditors and should be ready for Novembers AGM. He noted we had a good surplus for 2020/21, even with the lockdowns. He reported that cash on hand is \$486,086.76 with all accounts paid up to date.

Acceptance of the Financial Report:

Moved: Len Kerwood,

Seconded: Rob Humphreys,

Carried.

Secretary: Glynis advised all Club Insurances had been reviewed by the Committee and paid following discussion regarding increases. Gallaghers had advised all cost increases are necessary and as Len noted the Car Club insurance policies were arranged with the AOMC and are generally the best available. The other Car Club online newsletters had been forwarded to Tony for distribution to members. A letter from Vicroads advised permits are not being completed properly and are being returned. They are also monitoring faulty (fraudulently) 'signed' forms and may revoke any offending Clubs right to handle Club Permits. Vicroads letter dated 30th September advises details of new Club Permit regulations including Fines for Logbook breaches. The Committee nomination forms have been circulated with the Light Shaft (including online), nominators do not need to be signed and forms should be submitted to the Secretary the week before the election. The UK A7CA 2022 account for their quarterly Magazines has been paid. The Federation meeting on Zoom will be 16th October- Len will confirm with our representative Noel Wilcox. Len will also ask Noel to find out about the Trophies available from the Federation for the 2022 National Rally.

Editor: Rob noted the mail system is still very slow- the online delivery is much faster. If you know any members who has not yet provided an email address to the Membership Secretary, please encourage them to do so. They will then receive the regular emailed copies of the monthly Light Shaft plus many other Club Magazines, many urgent messages and timely reminders, as do some 320 already 'online' Club members. Rob noted the 'online' Light Shaft is in full colour versus the printed B&W copy. He is presently checking on a full coloured printed copy which could be made available at a greater cost to subscribers. Historic Winton advertisers still have \$3,000 outstanding.

Property Officer: John advised there are Internet issues but when checked the Clubroom is all good.

Competition Secretary: Gary advised the recent Zoom MSA meeting with 67 people online elected 3 new members. The 2022 calendar is a disaster with the current state rules. A female chair for the State council gives the 50/50 male-female balance as required.

Membership Secretary: Russell has three new members- Rachel Kessner, re-joined , Malcolm Bevege, NSW with a sports special and Greg McDonald with a family tourer.

Spares Report: Graeme Logan reported on a slow new stock build up. Mail orders are booming.

Coming Events: The AGM will be held 3rd November including Committee Elections. Nomination forms in the October Light Shaft- please nominate for the Committee with all positions vacant. The Subcommittees will remain as listed for 2021 and the meeting ratified the Historic Winton Subcommittee agreed with Peta Lee which will appear in the November Light Shaft- vacancies need filling, apply to Peta for this major Club event. John McMillan advised the URRRS is moved to 2022 and the Pub Crawl future will be decided this Monday.

National Rally 2022: Andrea Casabene advised the next Newsletter and Booking Form will be released on Friday 8th and sent to all those expressing interest. Tony will place a link on the Website. The future is still difficult so planning will proceed as it is and wait for results of Covid. The booking form can be filled online but a paper form is available if required. Include a picture of your Seven plus details. 127 entries so far.

General Business: Courtney Rumble is working on Dennis Hourigan's 1932 Egan built Coupe. Rob is posting out mail order spares on Thursday. Richard Unkles requested advice on valence panel colour for his 1930 Ambulance- answer usually black.

Buys and Sells: Courtney needs a source for rubber section. Rob has a new bulb price list from Classic and Vintage Bulbs.

Meeting Closed: 9.20 pm. The MGM Minutes will be posted on the Club Website.