

Ulysses Club – Mackay Branch
Committee Meeting
Date: 16/08/08 – 7:30pm.

Present: Jim McDonald, Ron Waters-Marsh, Bryce Bathe, Audra Allan, Kevin Allan, Bernadette Botcher, Marita Harvey. Lea Waters-Marsh and Denise McDonald present as unofficial observers.

Apologies: Mike Jetson, Dennis Nixon

Minutes: Previous minutes, tabled and available.

1. **Financial Report:** Current account balance, \$2355.60. Cheques to be written:
Interest earned - \$10 – GST acceptable

2. **Quartermasters Report:** Money in for business, with Bernadette to be reimbursed \$110.00 for purchases made
 - 60's badges for branch members – handed to Mike Jetson
Neil and Lyn Craig
Barry Smith
Beau Brooks

 - Badge for Peter (Poppy) Parris still to come.

 - 60's badgers for members ordered and to be purchased, will be handed out when arrive
Maurice Price
Jim Durno
Ainslie McCall
Phillip Martin

3. **Driver Reviver:** Members are advised to bring their own food to as costing to provide meals for all members significantly adversely impacts on donations. Jim advised that he will still make his famous road kill stew with something he will pick up off the road on the way. Jim and Bryce will leave Friday 09.30am to open up by 12.00pm.
Soft drinks: - to be purchased and provided to road users.
Water: - Moo Smith has offered to utilise her contacts with the Warehouse to source low price water.
Cash Tins: Coffee tins or cash tins to be used for donations, with regular emptying to reduce monies lost in the event of a theft.
Banner: Jim and Bryce to take with them on Friday, currently held by Swampy.

4. **Treasurers Mystery Ride:** Mystery ride discussed and committee advised of request by Dale Ramsay for Ulysses to join his protest ride to Airlie Beach. Members to be advised of ride and to make own choice regarding involvement. Members advised not to wear Ulysses patch if riding with protest ride.

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5. **Changes to Ride Calendar:** Changes will be made to the ride calendar due to number of rides in quick succession. All changes will be forwarded by Jim, to members. The Seaforth Sleepover has been moved to Dec' 06-07th and the Airlie Beach Lunch run moved to 13 December.

6. **Back to Bowen Weekend:** Pins will be ordered again with the same styling and colouring but with a date change to reflect 2009. The Australia Day long weekend will be held on Monday with Swampy to co-ordinated the weekend again next year. Kev and Audra Allan – to coordinate games on the Sunday. Swampy to contact the Denison to check on bookings numbers and availability of the front bar, and bus. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged again this year and Chris from Coral Coast will put on a movie on Sunday night.....
Swampy to develop flyer and email / send to Queensland Ulysses branches to invite. Information learned from 2008 weekend to be applied to 2009 event. New Contact details for Coral Coast Caravan Park – 07 4785 1641.

7. **Branch Christmas Party:** Mackay Branch Christmas Party and Poker Run will be held in November. The Caravan Park, Bus and Midge Pt Tavern have been booked. All presents will be bought by members, to the value of \$15 and shared amongst each other. Kevin and Audra will provide the prizes for the worst male and female poker hand. Committee Members to approach local businesses for prizes for raffles etc. More to follow next committee meeting. Henk and Bernadette to organise accom' bus and venue...thanks guys..

8. **New Years Eve Party:** The New Years Eve Party will be held at Kev and Audra Allans farm again, if it's not broke don't fix it, this has proven to be a great location and the branch thanks Kev and Audra for the use of their home. As per last year, the Karaoke system will be hired and it will be a BYO food and drink with barbecue facilities provided and all members encouraged to sleep over and enjoy a recovery breakfast.

9. **Yeppoon Ride:** October 17 – 19 members of Mackay Branch will ride to Yeppoon and link with the Cap' Coast Ulysses for a weekend of fellowship etc...Jim to advise branch of ride through email and newsletter. Accom' to be booked through the Capricorn Palms Holiday Park – (BIG4) @ Yeppoon by members. Henk and Bernadette to be contacted to advise of ride attendance etc.

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10. Fundraising: - to the value of \$2000 without a license allowed. 1st prize must be at least 10% revenue generated. Jim to print tickets. Maritta mentioned that Keppel Community Services may assist with fundraising day for adults with disabilities etc on 26 Sept.

Portion of funds raised by various fundraising activities to be donated to the charities like the Arthritis Task Force and CQ Helicopter Rescue Service. Remainder of funds to be utilised by Mackay Branch for branch members, badges, age pins and other functions.

11. Mackay Branch AGM: All nominations to be in by 28 days prior to AGM on 1 February 2009. Nominations must be written, signed and witnessed in accordance with Ulysses Club – NATCOM constitution, with all elections of Mackay Branch office bearers to be as per the above mentioned Ulysses Club – NATCOM constitution.

(Refer to below extract):

[Members Hand Book produced by the National Committee.](#)

1.6 WHERE POSSIBLE, A SHORT RESUME TOGETHER WITH A PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED ON THE BRANCH WEBSITE OR INCLUDED IN THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

1.7 ULYSSES CLUB IS A SOCIAL CLUB AND BLATANT ELECTIONEERING BY THE CANDIDATE OR BY ANOTHER MEMBER ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATE IS NOT WELCOME AT BRANCH ELECTIONS.

1.13 THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL ASSUME THE CHAIR, INTRODUCE HIMSELF/HERSELF BY WAY OF A SHORT OPENING SPEECH, ADVISE EVERYONE THAT ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, THEN DECLARE ALL POSITIONS VACANT, AND THEN PROCEED TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION. THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHOULD ADVISE THE MEMBERS THAT **THE CLUB CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THE ELECTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES TO BE BY SECRET BALLOT. VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS FOR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES IS NOT PERMITTED.**

1.72 IT IS MINUTED CLUB POLICY THAT WHERE A SECRET BALLOT IS CONDUCTED, IF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS WISHES TO KNOW THE ACTUAL VOTE TALLY, THEN THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL READ OUT THE VOTE TALLY FOR EACH CANDIDATE. OTHERWISE, THE VOTE TALLY WILL NOT BE READ OUT, BUT THAT THE BALLOT PAPERS WILL BE RETAINED BY THE BRANCH SECRETARY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS AND THEN DESTROYED.

No further business:

Meeting Closed 09.30pm