

Ulysses Club Inc.

Mackay Branch Committee Meeting

16th February 2009.

OpeningTime: 5:42pm

Attendance:

Audra Allan, Bryce Bathe, Bernadette Botcher, Dennis Nixon, John Van Der Heuvel, Lyn Craig, Lyn Jones, Maritta Harvey, Rob Moyle ,Steve Anderson.

Apologies:

Darryl Shaw, Luanne Galea

Observers:

Henk Botcher, Ingrid Moyle, Kev Allan, Neil Craig

Presidents Welcome:

Maritta thanked all present. A suggestion on how the Committee would operate, in terms of the elected positions ,was given by Maritta. It was noted that the Committee consists of the six elected individuals being the President, Secretary, Treasurer and the three Committee members all having full voting rights on all matters relating to the Branch.

Maritta described the other official members as “supporters” of the committee. Those positions being The Quartermaster, The Welfare Officer, The Webmaster and the three Ride Committee members.

She also stated the importance of each position and stressed the need for the Committee and Supporters of the committee to communicate either through each other and/or directly to each other on issues of the Branch.

Maritta also stressed the importance of ensuring that sensitive information is not discussed outside the committee prior to the members agreeing to the release of such information.

Maritta asked that the minutes reflect a vote of thanks to Darryl Shaw and Team Safe for the use of the room to hold future committee meetings.

Previous Minutes:

Moved: Kev Allan

Seconded: Audra Allan

That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted:

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:

See Quartermasters Report in regards to 75mm club patches

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- One expression of interest to join Ulysses Club Inc. and Mackay Branch.
- One National And Branch application pending on proof of age and current motorcycle licence and then waiting on approval from NATCOM for Branch registration.

NATCOM:

- Invitation of delegates to Extended National Committee Meeting at Penrith
- Branch Contact Forms
- 2009 AGM Event -test riding motorcycle and riding apparel requirements
 - Postal voting forms
 - Procedures for attendance
 - Born to be wild – the Motorcycle in Australia Exhibition
- Minutes of previous NATCOM meeting
- Correspondence to the Quartermaster

Outward:

- Letter, Application forms and ride calendar sent to Allan Herbert for expression of joining the National Ulysses Club and Mackay Branch.
- Receipt sent to Robert Harris and Sharon Nott for Branch Registration
- Acceptance email to NATCOM Administration for extended NATCOM meeting at Penrith.
- Notification to NATCOM of the newly elected Mackay Branch Committee Members.
- Ride Calendar sent to David Scraggs who is awaiting National Ulysses membership to register as a Mackay Branch member.
- Letter to Ray Pfeffer for Branch Registration and Ride Calendar.

Moved: Lyn Jones

Seconded: Maritta Harvey

That the correspondence in and out be accepted.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Bryce Bath tabled a report on the Branch's current position. (Attached)

- It was agreed that a quote to have new shirts be submitted before committing to handle a new issue of a club shirt.

Moved: Bryce Bathe

Seconded: Maritta Harvey

That the Treasurer's Report as tabled be accepted.

CARRIED

Welfare's Officer's Report:

Maritta explained the role of the position and reiterated that Lyn Craig, as the elected individual, be granted the support of the whole committee to assist both members in Mackay and Ulyssians from other branches as she sees fit. It was also noted that all matters that passed by Lyn Craig were to be treated as strictly confidential.

It was decided that the Branch should commence advertising this new role.

- Maritta to prepare Notices Community and have approved by committee prior to posting.
- Lyn to contact Ingrid for support/advice on relevant group sto approach.
- Lyn to personally introduce herself to relevant community Groups including the hospital, ambulance and social workers.

Quartermaster's Report:

Branch Merchandise

- Club Shirts
 - Advise on Mackay Logo and patches was received from NATCOM, the current club shirt logo's are not acceptable as are the 75mm patches. The 100mm patch is acceptable provided the old man is increased in size.
 - Old Man Logo is copyrighted and can only be reproduced in its entirety and must be legible on all regalia.
 - Bernadette is to seek approval of a new Branch patch design from NATCOM before commencing production of replace patches.
 - Mackay Embroidery to correct the Mackay Branch patch with the correct old man logo on the shirts.
 - NATCOM advised that the club must wear the costs on the patches and the corrections on the club shirts.
 - Bernadette to write a Quartermaster Ramblings for the Newsletter.

Moved: Bernadette Botcher

Seconded: Bryce Bathe

That the current stock of 75mm patches be recalled and destroyed as per NATCOM advice. Maritta to Email members.

CARRIED

It was discussed that a change of Club shirt design would be timely, given that some members may feel that it would be simpler to purchase a new shirt rather than sew on replacement patches to existing shirts.

Moved: Bernadette Botcher

Seconded: Bryce Bathe.

That a quote for the costing of a replacement patch be sort, and that a quote for a new shirt be sort and submitted to the Committee for approval prior to determining if the Branch is financially secure to purchase these items up front.

CARRIED

General Business:

Ride Calendar

- Amendments to current ride calendar were made.
- Possibility of a Blanket Run for those less fortunate in winter also a Toy Run at Christmas and invite other clubs. Donations to go community groups such as: Tribe of Juda
- Easter Egg Run, Dave Cooper co-ordinator and assisted by Paul Smith.

Membership Database/email protocol

- Only two members are to hold the addresses of the Branch members. The issue of privacy for all members was discussed and it was decided that Branch email information would only be sent out by, Maritta Harvey (President) and Audra Allan (Secretary).
- It was also decided that the Branch would observe the privacy of all members and would remove a member's name from an email database immediately upon the request of that member.
- It was also decided that only the elected Committee and Supporters contact details would appear on the Branch Website.
- Audy to ask immediate past President (Jim Macdonld) for the Access Membership Database.
- Audy to seek the assistance of Lyn Jones, if required, to establish and maintain the Database.

Newsletter

- Quartermaster Ramblings to include National Merchandise to encourage Branch members to purchase through the Branch Quartermaster due to financial kick-back.
- Rob Moyle to be added as the contact for the web master.
- Bernadette Botcher to supply a photo of Mackay Branch Hat for Newsletter and seek interest from members.

New Web site – Design

- Rob Moyle displayed his new format for the website.
- Up and running approximately 2 to 3 weeks
- Input for web page please email Rob at ri-moyle@bigpond.com
- Sponsors to be added NQAS, Galeas Garage, Team Safe and Clark Rubber.

Fund Raising/Donations

- Donations by members are to be made by choice.
- No dollar amount will be specified with regards to a member donation apart from a “suggestion” of a gold coin with regards to rides etc.

Moved: Audra Allan

Seconded: Marittta Harvey

That the members be asked to submit the names of their preferred charity, to the Branch President, so that the Committee has guidance from the members to ensure that donations are directed towards the majority preferred charity.

CARRIED

Moved: Maritta Harvey

Seconded: Lyn Jones

That members are informed of the costs of activities/merchandise prior to an event /activity and that a facility (ie: Donation Cash Tin) be made available for members to make a donation if desired.

CARRIED

Driver Reviver – Co-ordinator

- Maritta to check with Department of Transport if Branch is able to change the second week in September holidays back to the original first week of school holidays.

Moved: Lyn Jones

Seconded: Audra Allan

That Jim MacDonald co-ordinate the 2009 driver reviver.

CARRIED

Membership Awareness Drive:

- To be held at Canelands shopping centre - Maritta to enquire on dates and advise.
- Posters to Motorcycle Shops on Mackay Branch contacts to be made up and distributed incorporating web site address.

Post Box:

Moved: Maritta Harvey

Seconded: Lyn Jones

That the post office box be changed from the name of Graham Sutton to Ulysses Club - Mackay Branch.

CARRIED

Club Trailer:

Moved: Maritta Harvey

Seconded: Lyn Jones

That the club trailer re-registration and that the name be changed from Angus James MacDonald to Ulysses Club Mackay Branch – the garaged address to be determined.

CARRIED

Other Business:

Audra advised that a date for the next AGM was not set at the previous AGM.

It was decided that the 2010 AGM is to take place on –31st January 2010, at Farview Tavern.

10am start- followed by lunch.

Next Committee Meeting:

5:30pm Start, 13th April 2009 at Team Safe , Endeavour St.

There being no further Business the President declared the meeting closed at:

8:33pm