



Ulysses Club Inc.

Mackay Branch Committee Meeting

9th August, 2009

Meeting opened at 1.00pm

Present:

Maritta Heiler, Bill Lucas, Lyn Jones, Darryl Shaw & Malcolm Swanney, Lyn Craig, John van den Heuvel

Observers: Terry Phillips, Ross Ohl, Jim McDonald, Denise McDonald, Keith Campbell

Apologies

Bryce Bathe, Dennis Nixon

Previous minutes

Moved: Maritta Heiler

Seconded: Lyn Jones

That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted .

CARRIED

Matters arising from the previous meeting

Toy Run: There will be another meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th August 2009. We are waiting for logos for the flyer that will be sent out. Flyer to be emailed for approval then circulated. Distribution is planned for week ending 22/09/2009.

Camping weekend at Laguna Quays: Cancelled due to lack of numbers but a trip was taken there instead. Members who went on the run were enthusiastic about the venue. Maritta Heiler to follow up in summer when the cane cutting has finished.

Membership drive: Pictures will be available – Darryl to organise. Maritta to organise a small photocopier to assist in any new membership applications. Caneland management has requested a copy of the liability insurance. This was provided but the policy is due for renewal just before the drive. Lyn Jones to follow up on renewal with Natcom.

Ride Etiquette: Discussion ensued about the concerns some members had expressed about signing their names on the ride log. It was moved that the list continue to be used due to the branch duty of care and also the provision of emergency contact details if a rider got lost or hurt during a ride.

Moved: Maritta Heiler

Seconded: Malcolm Swanney

CARRIED

Rider training: Took place with 16 participants. Sunday 9th was the last day of the practicals for the course. The course was judged to be moderately successful and could have been better. Consultation has been undertaken to improve the course in the future. The Committee would like to encourage other riders especially novices to participate the next time the course is run. Bryce Bathe has invited Jim McDonald and Paul Smith to assist him to put together a curriculum and talk to Steve Wilkins

First Aid Course: No interest has been forthcoming. It was decided to email all members to ask if there are any qualified First Aiders and to keep these names on record.

Correspondence In

- 2 new membership applications were received
- Natcom minutes were received
- Correspondence for Natcom requesting an update of Branch contact details. The secretary to action.
- Club trailer registration renewal
- Letter from Natcom concerning Branch logos on the AGM banner
- Letter from Natcom re Branch Committee's role in Communicating to Members

Correspondence Out

- Maritta Heiler to Natcom re a national member of Ulysses having problems with a bikers website where Ulysses was mentioned. The member pulled out of the Ulysses club due to this. Natcom approached the owners of the website and had the reference to Ulysses removed.
- Sympathy card was sent to Bernadette Boettcher from the branch and the committee expressing sympathy on the death of her father.
- It was noted that the Members Database is now up to date.

Presidents Report

The president thanked the committee for the dedication it had shown over the last 3 months

That the President's report be accepted

Moved: Maritta Heiler Seconded: Malcolm Swanney CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer Maritta presented the meeting with a print out of the Treasurer's balance sheet and confirmed that the current balance of the funds held in the Branch working account was \$1,856.66 and advised that additional funds had been received but not yet receipted from the Quartermaster. These funds will be presented at the next Branch meeting.

Moved Bill Lucas Seconded : Lyn Jones

That the Treasurers report be accepted and that the additional funds be presented at the next Branch meeting for acceptance.

CARRIED

Welfare Officer's report

The Welfare Officer reported that generally the last 3 months has been great for the members and that putting on a ride on each week has ensured that the shift workers are able to participate. There has been good feedback to Lyn from the members. It was noted that any sickness and/or health problems known to members should be communicated to Lyn Craig to permit her to carry out her function as Welfare Officer.

That the Welfare Officer's report be accepted

Moved: Bill Lucas

Seconded: Malcolm Swanney

CARRIED

Quartermaster's report

The response to the Quarter masters gear shop over the last 3 months has been very good. Lists of stock cost and sell prices for both club and national gear was tendered.

Initial stock of national gear	\$600.
Sold	\$1789
Profit to the club	\$312

The quartermaster noted that as the club was now stocked up on gear the stock holding will be run down.

Moved: Lyn Jones

Seconded: Maritta Heiler

CARRIED

Newsletter update

Jim McDonald was provided with a copy of the latest newsletter on disk for uploading to the website. It was requested that Ride Leaders give a ride report as soon as possible after the ride. The Newsletter editor, Bill Lucas, intimated that he intends to put out a monthly newsletter instead of 3 monthly. Suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter included:

1. New members should have their photos included in the newsletter with a note of welcome.
2. That there be a "For Sale" page on the website and in the newsletter.
3. Upcoming rides and events should be publicised both in the newsletter and on the website.
4. A note stating that any letters sent for inclusion may be edited due to space limitations.

Jim McDonald to send Bill a template for the newsletter.

Motion that the newsletter update be accepted

Moved Bill Lucas

Seconded Lyn Jones

CARRIED

Ride committee update

The Ride Committee chairman noted that date claimers were important so that conflicts did not arise due to other events being scheduled. It was noted that the Ride Committee have some date claimers out to March next year. There was some discussion on the ride calendar.

It was noted that the Ride Committee was only responsible for rides up to the end of the Branch year terminating at the Branch AGM. The Ride Committee is to publicise the run to Albany for next year's national AGM and offer to put potential riders in contact with one another.

Motion that the ride committee update provided by Darryl Shaw be accepted and that the Committee should only project the rides to the end of the Committee's tender in office apart from significant activities such as the National AGM.

Moved Darryl Shaw Seconded Malcolm Swanney CARRIED

Christmas Party

Jim McDonald to get a quote for gifts for Christmas for all attendees and to submit to the committee for approval by the end of August.

Member's Discussion Night - Maritta Heiler to contact the Farview Tavern to check the availability as Souths require a \$200 room hire charge.

The Back to Bowen Weekend was mentioned. The dates are 23,24,25,26 January and it was advised that accommodation was already scarce and that members should book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

General Business

1. Club Trailer

A lengthy discussion ensued on the club trailer. There is much maintenance to be done to the trailer and the cost of registration is an issue. No one has used the trailer since the Seaforth Barbeque breakfast.

Motion: That the trailer be advertised by tender for sale.

Moved: Bill Lucas Seconded: Lyn Jones CARRIED

2. Website

The website is going very well. There has been no contact from Rob who is listed as the official webmaster. Maritta Heiler to contact Rob to discuss the possibility of him continuing to develop the new site with a view to introducing it next year after committee approval.

Moved: Maritta Heiler Seconded: Malcolm Swanney CARRIED

3. Advertising

Maritta Heiler asked that it be approved to run a Mid Week advert publicising upcoming events.

Moved: Bill Lucas

Seconded: Malcolm Swanney CARRIED

1. 4. Badge awards

The Secretary is to administer the 60 & 70 year old badge awards. Natcom to be asked how far in advance of 60th birthdays badges can be ordered. It was suggested that after the members 60th/70th birthday a period of 2 months be allowed to present the badge to the member at a Branch event. If this is not possible then the badge will be mailed out to the member

Moved: Malcolm Swanney Seconded: Maritta Heiler

CARRIED

5. Members Suggestion Process

It was decided that the Member's discussion nights be nominated as "suggestion nights". Written suggestions can be submitted in person at these times otherwise members to be encouraged to email the committee. The request for written submissions is due to the volume of paperwork that the committee has to deal with and the formalisation of the suggestion process.

Moved Lyn Jones Seconded Bill Lucas

CARRIED

6. Disgusting vs. Disgraceful

A member of the Branch brought to the attention of the committee that Ulysses members in the public arena need to be reminded to act appropriately.

The committee ratified this observation.

Other Business

There was no other business

Next Committee meeting

The date of the next committee meeting was set as 9th November at 6.30pm at Team Safe Endeavour Street. The committee thanked Team Safe and Darryl Shaw for their generosity in allowing the use of the Team Safe premises for committee meetings.

CLOSURE

As there was no further business to discuss the President closed the meeting at 3.10pm