

CANBERRA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Minutes of General Meeting held

Thursday 1st March 2007

Members present:

Marie Stavropoulos, Col Hosie, John Weldon, Jim McVicar, Kristine Macauley, Colin Macauley, Brett Hannam, Dave Lollback, Kim Benjamin, Ross Benjamin, Graeme Swinton, Al Fitch, Deb Fitch, David Mylan, Pia Mylan, Janette Swinton, Sheryle Moon, Olaf Moon, Rob Gorman, Michelle Gorman, Ian Parker, Meredith Langdale, Ron Tollenaar, Marie Tollenaar

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

Apologies

Graeme Cottrell, Peter Henshaw, Paul and Terri Brandy, Rob Hamilton, Pam Corrigan, Luke Smorhun

Welcome new members

Sheryle Moon riding a Sporty and Olaf Moon riding a Heritage

Treasurer's report

Graeme advised that there was \$3439.09 in cheque account and \$3145.12 on term deposit. A combined total of \$6584.21

LOH Report

Merideth welcomed new member Sheryle Moon to LOH and informed and invited members of CHOG members to support the Vietnam Veterans Poker run on the 31st of March.

Activities Report

Graeme not present but runs that are coming up :

- 9th of March Hellenic Club Birthday bash for January and February and March .
- Narooma 17th-19th March Run Sheet on board
- Kangaroo Valley Run 25th March Run Sheet on Board AT shop.

PLEASE IF YOU ATTENDING ANY OF THESE RIDES PLEASE HAVE YOUR NAME UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO ROAD CAPTAINS CAN GET NUMBERS FOR CATERING ETC

Safety officer

Luke not present but Short Skill/Slow Riding course coming up and will be subsidized for CHOG for members interested in attending. We will be confirming costs and dates and then booking. **DETAILS TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.**

Editor's Report

Meredith advised she has resigned from the Editors role Marie thanked her for her efforts in the past.

LOOKING FOR NEW EDITOR. LET MARIE KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!!!

Web Master

Website now revised and continuously being updated. More improvements to be made in the future.

Photographer

Flash advised his camera has given up the ghost and is currently being repaired.

Membership Officer

Peter not present but membership all up to date with 190 paid up members. New process has been discussed and will be discussed with Col and Kris for feedback prior to implementing.

Merchandise Officer

Pia advised that merchandise is selling steadily. New batch of CHOG pins in at at cost of \$6 each. A new brochure for HOG jewellery is now available at the shop or by contacting Pia.

Dealership News

Kris advised that the frame is up on the new building and the roof will be going on next week. The plan at this stage is to open the shop in late May 2007. Col and Kris attended Primary Officer Training (POT) in NZ and remarked on its great success.

Director's comments - Results of Special Committee meeting

1. Financials will be published in bi-monthly newsletter.
2. Newsletter will be sent out every 2 months and a flyer every other month.
3. New membership will be streamlined and a CHOG flyer and your HOG membership will be available when new bike is purchased.
4. Monthly meeting minutes will be posted on the website within a week of the previous meeting.

Meeting Opened to Floor

Ross B put forward a motion to change colour of CHOG t/shirts. A vote was held resulting in 11 to 5 for a new colour. Pia will organize to obtain available colours for the new shirts. Members will be advised when these become available and they will be left at Robbo's for members for comments for a short time. **WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS.** The goal is to have the new t/shirts printed and to be available for the National Rally in October. The current colour T-shirts are still available and can be used as the alternate shirt when the new colour is adopted.

Ross B put forward two suggestions for stubby holder designs and it was decided that he will liaise with Kris, Col and JB to finalise the design. This is mainly to ensure that the HOG logo is used according to the rules set by Harley Davidson.

It was agreed that Saturday breakfast will be changed to lunch-time in the colder months and remain as a breakfast during the warmer months. The new arrangements will take place when the new shop

opens in May. **WATCH THE WEB SITE AND NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS**

Cowboy requested \$200 donation for Drought Relief and CHOG/Salvo run from Penrith to Bathurst 17 March and also requested to carry the CHOG flag. Motion passed by all.

A question was asked to please provide an itemized financial report each month in regards to club expenditure. This was raised to let members know what expenses we have and also to see if sometimes we can do things a bit less expensively if applicable. There was discussion in regards to the amount of money that the club has and how much is spent on the members. Marie emphasized that CHOG is a non-profit social club that only uses its funds for the administration of the club and its members. Funds are used mainly for:

Admin

Printing

Paper

Other stationery items

Postage

Web hosting for site

Trailer - maintenance, rego and insurance

Other equipment eg. Club barbecue

Directly for members

Breakfasts every Saturday

Fuel subsidy for the support vehicle for rallies/rides

Drink/meal subsidy for rallies/rides

Drink/meal subsidy for social events

Food, drink and gift subsidy for Christmas party

Food subsidy for AGM

Large subsidy for Advanced Rider Training and other training as agreed by club and sponsoring dealer

Marie outlined some of the activities at Primary Officer Training and her role as instructor in the subjects of Leadership and Chapter/Dealer relationships. Material from the training will be published in newsletters to come and possibly on the website. It was emphasized at POT that the whole purpose of a Harley Chapter is to provide a non-political, fun, safe club for like minded enthusiasts of Harley Davidson. Keep the politics out and Ride and Have Fun is the motto. A chapter only exists by having a sponsoring dealer and that relationship is key to the success of the Chapter.

Marie emphasized how great the support of Robbo's is in general and the generosity of Robbo's in supporting the club both in a financial sense as well as a sponsoring dealer. Robbo's pays for club membership for all new bikes, pays for a third of Approved club rider training, pays for half of breakfasts and contributes financially to the AGM and Christmas party to name a few. They also pay for a third of costs for attendees for POT.

Marie closed the meeting with the emphasis on Ride and Have Fun.

Meeting declared closed at 8.45pm