

**Canberra Harley Owners Group  
Committee Meeting  
4 October 2007, 6pm  
Eastlake Football Club**



**Members present:** Marie Stavropoulos, John Weldon, Michele Gorman, Rob Hamilton, Colin Hosie (Flash), Pam Corrigan, Peter Hateley, David Mylan, Graeme Cottrell, David Lollback (Wobbly); Dion Koch, Col and Kris Macauley

**Apologies:** Ian Parker (Emu), Stuart Calvin, Ron Tollenaar (Rainman), Pia Mylan

Marie welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 6pm.

**Deputy Director's Report** – JB obtained quotes for two different sized garden sheds of \$469 and \$550, plus installation. Col and Kris have kindly offered space to put the shed next to the washing bay at the shop. Dion advised that he had obtained a price of \$2,500 for the purchase of a container which could be stored at Tony Barron's yard free of charge. Marie felt this was an expensive option as the bank account would be cleaned out and leave the Chapter with no funds for the rest of the year. Rob Hamilton mentioned that he can chase up a quote as he might be able to buy the shed cheaper with no charge for the installation. The advantage of this would be that CHOG could have the shed custom made to fit in the designated spot. Rob will advise JB once he has made the inquiry. Rob Gorman will measure the site and advise JB and Rob Hamilton.

JB advised that he hadn't had a chance to speak to the Director of the Snowy Hydro helicopter service.

**Secretary's Report** – Michele advised that a few newsletters had come in from other Chapters and were filed in the folder at the shop for all to read. A flyer had been received for heritage bike races at Eastern Creek. It was decided by the Committee that other bike information would be put up on the notice board at the shop and that Kiwi would advise the membership in the weekly update of such events.

**Treasurer's Report** – Peter Hateley advised that the balance of the account and term deposit at the end of September was \$5,930.88.

Money banked last month \$7.58 (interest)

Cheques made out last month \$610.83 which consisted of:

- 🏍️ \$428.98 Purchase storage cabinet for Chapter equipment/merchandise
- 🏍️ \$121.55 Scavenger hunt supplies
- 🏍️ \$60.30 BBQ costs

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Balance brought forward	6,534.13
Plus money banked in September	<u>+7.58</u>
	6541.71
Less Cheques made out in April	<u>-610.83</u>
Balance at end of April	<b><u>5930.88</u></b>

**Editor's Report** – John Day (Daisy) has resigned due to his move to the Coast. Pam Corrigan offered to take over the job of editor. Marie presented Pam with her patch and welcomed Pam as CHOG's new Editor. Pam reported that she had already finished the next newsletter and was hoping to have it mailed out by 20 October 2007. Pam talked about her ideas for future publications, and thanked everyone for the articles so far. Marie advised and Pam agreed that the newsletters would continue going out to members every 2 months and that an advisory flyer would be sent out every other month. Numbers of 250 newsletters will be printed and around 200 will be posted out. To be included in the newsletter – the BBQ survey and the order form for the new club t-shirts.

**Head Road Captain** – Rob Hamilton advised that he hadn't had a chance to organise the next Road Captain's meeting. Marie requested that Rob organize it for before the Planning Meeting (which is 9 Dec). Road Captains are to bring their suggestions for rides for the next 6 months. Rob is nearly finished the Code of Conduct, and once finished will be displayed on the CHOG website, will go into the next newsletter, and be placed on the Notice Board at Robbos. Rob and Marie will catch up re first aid training and advise a date for Road Captains to attend. Road Captains are asked to make a commitment to attend the training.

**Safety Officer** – Wobbly has made some inquiries about advanced rider training for the Road Captains. HART Honda Australia Rider Training have a road based training program available. Wobbly has attended one and found it to be beneficial and believed it more suited to how HOG ride. It is a one day course starting at Shannon's Insurance office Fyshwick with a couple of hours of theory and then is taken to the streets and surrounding areas with the instructors following and observing the participants and offering instructions and tips etc.

A minimum of 8, maximum of 15 participants for \$90.00 per head. The price was \$180 but Wobbly advised that the amount is subsidised by the MRA and ACT Government. Only the single file approach is taught. February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> are the available dates next year. Further inquiries will be made by Rob Hamilton and Wobbly to ensure that the club is comfortable with the safety aspects of the course. Previously courses had been held at Wakefield Park just for HOG and recognised by HOG for the issue of a patch. Rob H will check to see if this course is also recognised.

**Activities Officer** – Graeme would like to make the Christmas party easier to organise this year and has suggested a spit roast. This would avoid members having to take all the equipment, cook and pack up. Graeme was ringing around to check availability and price. Agreed by Committee members.

Graeme also discussed the Quarterly birthdays being run with the Xmas lights run but it was decided to have the Quarterly birthdays with the Christmas party as it is not advisable to have a run after a dinner which might involve alcohol.

**Dion** advised that he had been looking at using the colours on the Harley-Davidson America website for the new CHOG website. The new website is planned to have two areas – one for members with a login, probably the member's CHOG membership number, with a password. The other is for the general public to advise interested people what HOG and CHOG are all about. Dion is hoping the new website will be up and running early next year.

**Photographer** – Flash bought a new program for his computer to link in with his camera which will enable him to be a little more creative with the photos. Flash will work closely with Pam to ensure photos look great in the newsletter. Flash took photos of the Committee who were attending the meeting. Flash will discuss petty cash with Marie.

**Merchandise Officer**- David advised that the 100 stubby holders ordered would arrive at the Robbos next week. Acme didn't send David a proof before producing the stubby holders so he hoped that the artwork will be correct.

David advised that Acme were sending him a t-shirt to check and once OK'd they will go ahead with the order for 100 t-shirts. David had originally thought that the order would be 200 but only 46 people have responded with sizes so it was decided to reduce the order to 100. The shirts should be available before members leave for the National Rally.

ACME advised David that they are launching a new HOG catalogue at the National Rally. Copies will be obtained for members use. David is to provide Flash with a merchandise price list. Flash will take photos of the merchandise and insert into the newsletter, with prices.

**Director's Report** – Marie advised the Committee that they should send agenda items to the Secretary for discussion at meetings.

Could members please advise Marie of CHOG equipment held at their house asap.

Club renewals have closed and Marie advised that members who have not renewed will be omitted from further club correspondence/activities. For those members who are not due for renewals yet, Marie and Rainman (Ron) will send out a renewal reminder with pro-rata charges until June which is the start of the next renewal period.

The BBQ lunch will continue, from 12.30pm to 1.30pm each week until the results of the survey are determined. The change in time is a bit later to give time for the new members ride to return to the shop. Marie has asked Michele to get another quote from Trish from Café at Robbos for less expensive sausages and as the first quote was a bit high.

Marie advised that she has sent an email to other Chapter Directors inviting them to be a part of a ACT/NSW Directors Forum – lots of interest has been shown, Jolynn Miller will also be involved.

**Sponsor's Report** – Kris mentioned that there has been a hold up with the new memberships usually paid by Robbos with a new bike. This is being rectified this week.

Kris also advised that Robbos does not have access to the CHOG email address list (this is a privacy requirement) so members should not automatically assume that they are on the shop's mailing list. If members are interested in receiving info from Robbos, particularly in regards to Harley merchandise, they need to contact the shop (Skye) with their details. Pam will include this request in the Newsletter. Open Day is on 1 December 2007. Kiwi and Marie will organise the food with HOG merchandise being available for sale on the day. A roster will be sent out shortly.

**Members emails to be included in General Business** – Ross Benjamin sent in an email regarding advertising of CHOG events mentioning that he would like to see the events more widely communicated. Ross also questioned how funds were going to be raised for the charities and had suggestions of a poker run and card game. Col Macauley advised that a poker run would not be held.

Lenny Dapozzo had sent an email inviting members to celebrate his birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October at the Southern Cross Club. It's from 8pm till late in the Centauri Room, nibbles served. RSVP to [lenny@canberratelcoms.com](mailto:lenny@canberratelcoms.com) or [cindy@canberratelcoms.com](mailto:cindy@canberratelcoms.com)

**CHARITIES** Marie asked if people could please send their fundraising ideas/suggestions to Michele Gorman within a week of the meeting. It was suggested that Robert Gorman be made the Charity Officer to help coordinate fundraising. Fundraising will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

**NSW CHAPTER CHALLENGE** Marie announced that we came second in the Chapter challenge, which is a great result. Greater advertising for this fun event will be done next year to encourage more members to attend. The venue was fabulous and a great time was had by those that attended. Flash advised the placings at the Chapter Challenge, which included second place in the ski race and ladies tyre toss (Devil), third place in the mens tyre toss (Crazy), first in the ladies slow race (Pam) and second in the Directors challenge!!!, which was fantastic as there weren't many of us there.

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Complete/</b>
Rob Hamilton to obtain quote for storage of HOG equipment	Rob H	
Chase up who has club equipment	Marie S	
Invite Charity orgs Director's to December meeting	JB/Rob Gorman	
Invite ACT EMCSG CEO to future meeting	Rob G	
Newsletter to be mailed out to members complete with BBQ survey and request for email addresses for Robbos	Pam C	
Road Captains meeting to be organised	Rob H	
Road Captain's First Aid training to be finalised	Rob H	
Advanced Rider training to be quoted and organised	Wobbly/Rob H	
Code of Conduct to be completed	Rob H	
Christmas party quotes for spit roast	Kiwi	
Flash to complete Committee photos	Flash	
T-shirts to be delivered	David M	
Get new quote from Café at Robbos for BBQ supplies	Michele	
Catering and HOG merchandise to be organised for Robbos Open Day on 1 December	Kiwi and Marie S	
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Meeting closed 7.40pm.