



Monthly Mingle Minutes 5 March 2009

Meeting Opened at 7.03 pm

Present - Marie Stavropoulos, Ralph DiBlasio. Graeme "Kiwi" Cottrell, Helen Symons, , Greg Symons, , David Mylan, , Kris Macauley, Col Macauley, John "J.B." Weldon, Russell Martin, Amelia Favretto. Claude Favretto, Dianne Hutchings, Peter Stratford, Brett Hannam.

Apologies -, Tim "Macgyver" Shaw. Pia Mylan, Sally Crosbie, Rob and Lyn Hamilton, Richard Gardner. Justin Anderson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Accepted – J.B.
Seconded - Amelia

All actions required from the February Meeting have been finalised.

Directors Report –

- **Ride of Fire.** Marie has had numerous emails from Boyd Jackson concerning the Fundraiser "Ride of Fire" . The Ride is from Cairns to Victoria, to raise money for the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal. However due to the fact that Queensland has had a flood disaster, 50% of the cash funds collected between Cairns and Mackay will go directly to the Queensland Flood Relief . The Ride is open to Harley Riders only. All H.O.G. members are invited to register to participate in the ride. C.H.O.G. has been asked to escort the ride from Goulburn to Canberra on Monday 9th March. Marie and Hammer will be going to Goulburn on Monday at 1.00pm and are anticipating the escort to begin from there at around 3.00pm. Any members that wish to participate in the escort are welcome. The escort will conclude at Robbo's for a Barbeque with Media and Television coverage.
Marie called for people to help with the barbeque at Robbos's at approximately 4.00pm. C.H.O.G. will pay for the Barbeque, and Robbos will donate half the cost of the Barbeque straight to the fundraiser. The Barbeque will be a gold coin donation.. All proceeds will go directly to the Fundraiser. C.H.O.G. will then escort the Ride to Gundagai on Tuesday morning the 10th of March. The ride will start from Robbo's. Wagga Chapter will meet the Escort at Gundagai and continue onto Wagga then Albury. J.B. will contact the ACT Furies to inform them of the event.
- **Chapter Challenge.** Because C.H.O.G. won the Chapter Challenge in 2008, we will host the event in 2009. The venue for the Challenge will be the same as last year, the Moruya Riverside Caravan Park. The date for the Challenge is the 21 to 23 August 2009. Kiwi asked that anyone interested in being included on the organising committee please email him.
- **Emails.** Marie asked that if contact via email needs to be made to any of the Committee, could members please use the C.H.O.G. g-mail eg secretary@chog.org.au rather than using personal emails. This will ensure that all information is directed to the right person, and continuity of information will be maintained.



Assistant Director's Report

- A Thank you letter has been received from Snowy Southcare Open Day thanking us for our participation. The event raised approximately \$12,500 – a 25 % increase from last years Base Open Day. Discussion was made suggesting a price increase next year to \$5.00 per ride, which could also include a photo. Greg informed the meeting that Pete Henshaw and he had discussed the possibility that the photos may be able to be printed on the day. Greg has finalised the Photo DVD and copy of the DVD will be donated to Southcare. Col asked people to have a look at the Framed Photo received from Southcare that is on display in the café. There was some discussion concerning safety and liability in relation to giving rides on the day. It was pointed out that SouthCare had insurance for the day and that each person's individual insurance applied.
- Kiwi informed the meeting that the Hand-over of the Activities Officers position to Justin was in progress. For his first role Justin is organising the quarterly Birthday Dinner, to be held at the Old Canberra Inn Friday the 27th of March.
- Kiwi passed around a photo from "Live to Ride" Magazine of Dave Mylan and himself at the 2008 National Rally.

Activities Officer's Report

- Justin was not present.

Secretary's Report

- Correspondence was received from –
 - Collector Village Pumpkin Festival asking us to participate in the Festival on Sunday 3rd of May. Kiwi informed the meeting that he has replied to the Festival informing them that we were unable to attend.
 - Liverpool Chapter Newsletters for November 08 and January 09.
 - OzHog Melbourne Newsletters from Sept 08 to February 09.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance \$6290.24
Closing Balance \$ 5712.80

Head Road Captain's Report

Rob Hamilton was not present at the meeting, however Kiwi passed on the rides scheduled for March.

- Meet the Members Ride - Saturday 7th March
- Bungendore Pizza Shop Run Friday 13th March
- LOH run to Mogo – Sunday 22nd March.
- Quarterly Birthday celebration – Friday 27th March.

Marie asked that new and existing Members are reminded that the Canberra Chapter has a **No Alcohol Policy** on official rides.

Ladies of Harley Report

- Nothing to report.

Safety Officer Report

- Nothing to Report..



Web Master' Report

- Tim did not attend the meeting but sent a Report which contained the following:
 - Nil Submissions have been received for the Rider's Round-up page. Would like to see something at least from the Southcare day. Submissions don't have to be a formal report but simply one's experience and/or observations on the day.
 - CHOG now has a "Group" on facebook that members can join (At the suggestion of Jason Perrin). Web link is <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=67929051647>.
 - The Photographer now has access to upload photos direct to the flickr account. This has been introduced to expedite the upload of photos. Photos can still be passed to either the Photographer or to myself.

J.B. and others expressed concern that photos and information from facebook could be spread throughout the Web, and may used by unscrupulous people.

Greg suggested that the photo gallery could be limited to member access only and not accessible to the public domain.

Follow up needs to be had with Tim to discuss this aspect of the Web Site.

Photographer's Report

- After a meeting with Tim, Greg is now able to upload the photos straight onto the Web Site.
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Historian's Report

- Not at the meeting. Nil to report.

Sponsoring Dealer's Report

- Col informed the meeting that there was a Fundraiser for the Bush Fire Appeal being organised by the MRA on the 13th of March. It was suggested that if members wished to participate, they could do so as individuals.
- Kris passed on her L.O.H, (Ladies of Hawaii) Report. There are now some new nicknames in the Chapter - Kris is now known as Tiffany
- Amelia is now known as Dorothy.

General Business

- Marie made the suggestion that we explore the cost of a new Marquee, due to the fact that the current one is looking "old and tired".
- Marie will place an order next week for new Club Tee Shirts.
 - 50 Mens Short Sleeve
 - 30 Womens Short Sleeve
 - 50 Long Sleeve Unisex
- Marie called for Chapter members to think about what acquisitions the Chapter can get to improve facilities for members.
- Amelia asked if we are able hold Raffles to Raise money. This would depend on the size of the raffle. Official approval will be needed for larger raffles. Members are encourage to come up with ideas if they are willing to see it through to the end.

The Next Mingle/Meeting is scheduled for the 2nd of April

The Meeting was closed at 8.02 pm.