



## MINUTES OF MEETING CANBERRA CHAPTER AUSTRALIA

**Thursday 6 December 2007  
at Eastlake Football Club at 7pm**

**Members present:** Marie Stavropoulos, Brett Hannam (Hammer), John Weldon (JB), Michele and Rob Gorman, Col Hosie (Flash), Graeme Cottrell (Kiwi) and Sally Crosbie, Dion Koch, Wobbly, Rob Hamilton, Ian and Dee Greig, Casper, Gary Cowton (Crazy Horse), Ollie Moon, David and Pia Mylan, Ross and Kym Benjamin, Phil Thurbon, John and Gen Ryan, Al and Deb Fitch, Claude Favretto, Peter Hateley, Ron Tollenaar (Rainman)

**Apologies:** Emu, Kim Koch, Pam Corrigan, Tony and Robyn Baron

**Meeting opened:** 7.00pm

**Minutes Accepted** by Dion **Seconded** by Flash

**Action Items from previous meeting:**

Action Items	Person Responsible	Complete/
Rob Hamilton to obtain quote for storage of HOG equipment	Rob Hamilton / JB	To be done
Chase up who has club equipment	Marie S	To be done
Invite Southcare CEO to future meeting	JB/Rob Gorman	Done
Invite ACT EMCSG CEO to future meeting	Rob Gorman	Done
Newsletter to be mailed out to members complete with BBQ survey and request for email addresses for Robbos	Pam C	Done
Code of Conduct to be completed	Rob Hamilton	Done
Flash to take Committee photos	Flash	To be redone, previous ones weren't great
Catering and HOG merchandise to be organised for Robbos Open Day on 1 December	Kiwi to discuss with Trish at Café Robbos & Marie. D Mylan to organise merchandise for sale	Done
Follow up on Central West correspondence not being received	Michele	Michele emailed Chris McLeod, no response, Marie will contact Central West Director
By Laws to be completed by Exec Committee	Marie S	Done
Ride Sheet to go up on Board at Robbos advising members of HART rider training	Wobbly	Done
Pia to advise lady members of LOH ride	Pia	Done
David to follow up on pricing for polo shirt with Acme	David	David to report on pricing of polo shirt at General Mtg on 8/12 DONE
Further work to be done on Charity events	Rob Gorman	To be done

Rob Gorman introduced Yvonne Cuschieri from the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group (ACTEMCSG) being one of the charities that CHOG is supporting. Yvonne was invited to speak to CHOG about how the ACTEMCSG provides financial assistance and support to people in the community suffering from cancer. \$245,000 a year goes towards helping 15,000 people in Canberra alone. They also provide assistance to people in Queanbeyan and Cooma and the money raised in a town stays in the town. Yvonne gave CHOG an example of how many people they are currently helping and where the money is spent. 527 people are currently being helped, \$150,000 per year's worth of food cards are purchased from Woolworths, \$48,000 is spent on purchasing equipment, \$75,000 was recently spent on a machine for bone marrow transplants. The ACT Government have given a grant to help with wages but other than that no other money is contributed from either the ACT or NSW governments. People when donating can choose what their money goes towards ie. families, equipment, appreciation dinner, etc. CHOG will determine what fundraising will be conducted and how the funds will be contributed in the coming months.

**Director** – Marie had concerns about next year's National Rally at Lennox Heads and there not being sufficient accommodation. Marie spoke to Laura Brown at HOG and Laura advised that on-site camping and other accommodation would be part of the rally package. Ballina hotels with the provision of a shuttle bus were also being considered. Dion offered to be the bus driver!!!!

Marie encouraged people to make an effort and dress up their bikes for the annual Toy Run. She also asked that people take presents particularly for the 10-14 year old age group, and food and cash could also be donated. CHOG were asked to wear their club t-shirts and the ride would leave the shop at 9am, depart Old Parliament House at 10am and ride to Garema Place in Civic. CHOG were hoping to win a prize for most bikes, CHOG won the inaugural trophy a few years ago.

It was decided that the quarterly general meetings would again become monthly. The meetings will be from 7.30pm with people gathering for optional dinner/drinks before the meeting. The calendar will be updated to reflect the change. If people have items for discussion they are to be sent to the Secretary by the Tuesday previous to the meeting. It was agreed that to keep meetings as short as possible all items must be presented or they won't be discussed. Deb Fitch thanked the Committee for the decision to change to monthly meetings.

Marie has assisted in organising a NSW/ACT Chapter Directors meeting in January. The meeting will be similar to the Victorian Directors meetings where they discuss such things as running rallies etc. Victorian Chapters take it in turns to run State rallies. Directors attending will be from Canberra, Blacktown, Liverpool, Albury and Sydney and other NSW chapters and Jolynn Miller has been invited to attend from HOG.

There will be no NSW Rally next year due to the National Rally being held in NSW at Lennox Heads.

**Assistant Director** – JB reported that he and Rob Hamilton are still looking into the quote for the shed to store CHOG equipment.

**Secretary** – Michele gave a brief report on the results of the BBQ Survey. She outlined that the general consensus was weekly lunchtime BBQs with the addition of chicken. Most people mentioned that a gold coin donation was a great idea. Trish from Café at Robbos has been marinating the chicken and buying all food for the BBQ. Trish ordering in the food has been a great help to the BBQ volunteers.

**Editor** – Pam was unable to attend the meeting but Michele advised that the deadline to submit items for the next newsletter was Monday 10 December 2007.

**Treasurer** – The balance at the end of November 2007 for the Cheque A/c is \$6,166.75 and for the Term Deposit \$3,211.61. Total Funds on hand \$9,378.36.

Funds received during the month totalled \$3,255.62 made up of \$128.00 CHOG merchandise, \$200.00 membership renewals, \$231.00 re-imburement of AGM drinks (Robbos), \$2,689.00 membership renewals, new memberships and merchandise (Robbos), and \$7.62 interest.

Funds out during the month totalled \$201.55 made up of \$121.55 to Rob Gorman for refund of Scavenger Hunt supplies and \$80.00 to TESSACLARE (Robbos Café) for BBQ costs.

Total funds end October	3,120.30
Plus funds received November	3,255.62
	<u>6,375.92</u>
Less funds out November	201.55
Total funds on hand end November	<u><b>\$9,378.36</b></u>

Approximately \$350 was made at the BBQ during Robbos open day on 1 December and costs are still being finalised from the CHOG Xmas party.

The committee has budgeted \$179.00 to purchase a display cabinet for CHOG trophies and memorabilia (purchase in progress).

The Acme invoices for the new club t-shirts and stubby holders are yet to be paid.

HOG along with Robbos contribute to the costs of the BBQ and the costs will be helped by the gold coin donation. Peter will keep an eye on BBQ costs.

**Safety Officer** – Nothing to report

**Head Road Captain** – Rob reported that he had finished the Code of Conduct for the road captains and that it would be going into the next Newsletter, onto the CHOG website and also up on the Board at the shop. Marie thanked Rob for doing a great job on the Code of Conduct.

The Road Captain's meeting had been held and some great rides were planned for next year. Rob advised that he would finish the Ride calendar after the Planning Day meeting on Sunday.

Rob had been speaking to Motto from Liverpool Chapter regarding their planned ride to Canberra. It was decided the ride would be on the weekend of the Coonabarabran ride and that the ride would now go to Cowra and Wagga as a joint ride with Liverpool and Wagga. More to come.

The HART rider training flyer is up on the Board at the shop – 12 people maximum for 2 sessions being run on 16 and 17 February – names are needed so that a booking can be confirmed. A few members have already done the HART training and they advised that it is great training for either the novice or the experienced riders.

**Activities Officer** – Kiwi thanked everyone who had helped at the BBQ and merchandising stand at Robbos Open Day. Kiwi also thanked everyone for their contribution to the Christmas Party at Black Mountain Peninsula, in particular Sally, David and Pia Mylan and Flash – 58 people attended. Kiwi also thanked Wobbly and Michelle for donating the great prawns on the day too.

Upcoming activities are the Victorian Rally, Registrations are due by 12 December. The Christmas Lights run is on Wednesday 19 December with dinner booked for 30 people at Zefferellis Dickson for 6.30pm. The ride will leave on dark. No BBQ for the Toy Run day. Definitely a BBQ for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Café will be open also.

**Quartermaster** – Dion advised that he had not heard from anyone regarding items stored at their homes.

Dion advised that the work on the new CHOG website was progressing well and emphasised that it is going to be THE BEST Chapter website. As previously advised each member will have their own login (using their HOG membership number) and that there will be a members only area. Such items as member profiles, photos, the Chapter Charter, Road Captain's rules will all be included on the website. Four gig of space has been donated and the timing for completion will be around mid 2008.

Dion also advised that he had spoken to Dave at the Stay Upright course and had organised for a ladies only course to be held for ladies from CHOG. A minimum of 6 ladies would be required. Dion will coordinate with Pia. 4-5 weeks notice for a booking is required and the cost is \$227 for a 2 day course, which is the usual fee for anyone wanting to get their bike license.

**Membership Officer** – Rainman has purchased a computer and he and Marie have downloaded the membership data base onto the new computer. Currently there are 241 members. Rainman advised that now that he has the membership database all paperwork and memberships will be kept up to date.

**Ladies of Harley** – Pia advised that the LOH run is organised for 15 December to Moonrock Café. Marie is the Road Captain for this ride. The run sheet is on the board at Robbos.

**Photographer** – Flash advised that he has completed two photo albums and they are on display at the shop. Flash has added post-it notes to a few photos and is asking members for ideas for captions for the photos. 5-6 albums will be put out at a time.

**Merchandise Officer** – David asked that members who had pre-ordered their club t-shirts please pay and pick them up from Robbos. The t-shirts are a large overhead for CHOG. Stubby holders are for sale for \$7-50.

David advised that there hadn't been enough interest in a CHOG polo shirt. He advised that ACME have plain black HOG polo shirts for sale for \$45 and a minimum of 12 have to be ordered. David advised that he will coordinate all merchandise orders before Kris signs off on the order. All orders must be paid for up front.

A HOG catalogue is now available on the CHOG website and there are also a few hard copies at Robbos. David will now order names tags, these must also be paid for up front.

**Sponsoring Dealer** – Kris and Col had just returned from the Australian and New Zealand dealers meeting in Sydney. Kris advised that Harley were keen for dealerships to hold a "Garage Party" where lady riders attend bike information sessions. More to come re dates etc.

Sam Macauley has set up a website called Rider Kick Start and the information on the website is invaluable. Marie suggested that Pam (Editor) speak to Sam about putting an item about the website in the newsletter.

Whilst in Sydney Kris and Col did a tour of the new Harley office in Lane Cove and also a tour of the new Trivett dealership near Mascot. It was suggested that a ride be organised to Trivett for all members to see.

Kris thanked everyone for their work at their shop on their Open Day. Hammer thanked Rob for organising and running the test rides.

**Historian** – no report.

**General Business**

Ollie thanked everyone who went on the Snowy Ride and said what a great ride it was. He also thanked everyone for the escort for his daughter's formal – around 15 CHOG members turned up and 19 CHOG members escorted Tony Baron's daughter – a great turn out for both formals.

Ollie also asked for expressions of interest in purchasing a stainless steel rivet for the Harley Museum in Milwaukee. The rivets have been advertised in HOG Tales. Marie asked Ollie to send Michele details in order to get a response from the Membership. The order would have to be placed by 31 December. The costs were believed to be \$200 for a small rivet and \$1,500 for a larger one.

Marie advised she would ask Jolynn if there were any plans for a "Chapter Walk". Ollie advised that he and Dion were happy to contribute a major part of the cost towards the rivet.

Ollie moved that CHOG sponsor a rivet for \$200. 28 members agreed, 2 were against the purchase. Marie advised that CHOG would donate \$500 or half the cost towards the larger rivet. Prices will have to be confirmed and Marie and Ollie will go ahead with the purchase.

Rob Gorman advised that Wayne Evans from Southcare was unable to attend the meeting. Wayne had sent Rob an email outlining how Southcare operate, which Rob read out to the meeting. It was agreed that we support Southcare on their Open Day, Rob will chase up Wayne as to when their open day is.

Flash asked Rob to chase up the photos from the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group appreciation dinner.

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Rob Hamilton to obtain quote for storage of HOG equipment	Rob Hamilton / JB	
Chase up who has club equipment	Marie S	
Flash to take Committee photos	Flash	
Follow up on Central West correspondence not being received	Marie will follow up with Central West Director	
Update calendar to reflect monthly general meetings	Marie	
Contact Jolynn re question of Chapter Walk at Harley Museum in Milwaukee	Marie	
Purchase of Harley rivet for Harley Museum in Milwaukee	Marie	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.