

Jackaroo 4WD Club of Australia (Victorian Branch) Incorporated Incorporation Number A0015419V

Meeting held at:--
North Balwyn RSL and Bowling Club.
Centre Way, North Balwyn. Victoria.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 21st March 2012.

Minutes recorded by :- -John Smith

Meeting Opened at:- 9.00pm

Apologies :-

Graeme Thornton, Philip Johnstone, Greg & Noelene Moore, Helen Tompkins, Alan Dash.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting :-

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th March 2011 as published in the March 2012 Newsletter, be accepted.

Proposed by Jan Martin, Seconded by John Dudley. Motion accepted.

Business arising from Minutes:-

No business arising from last year's minutes.

REPORTS:-

President :- Peter Sanders

The number of club members continued at a slightly low level this year which would be more worrying if it were not for the very healthy trips calendar we enjoy with two trips being run in most months. Part of the reason for that health is because a sub-committee has been formed to take responsibility for the coordination of planning and scheduling of club trips. The need for more trips leaders and trip ideas remain, however. The establishment of the perpetual 'Absent Friends' trip to be held in October each year and of a memorial page on the club website were triggered by the tragic passing away of two more of our valued members.

The club has gathered a few very welcome new members this year whose first contact with the club was by way of our web site. That website has attracted many compliments as to its quality although new information has not been reaching the site as well as it could. We still do not have the Public Relations person recommended in the 'Below Critical Mass' report who could perhaps see to that as part of his/her duties.

Our relationship with the Tolmie community continues at it's excellent level with twelve of our members responding to a call for volunteers to paint the heritage Uniting Church building this year. The local ladies saw to feeding of said volunteers until they could hardly walk! The club's regular trip to maintain the Redcastle cemetery was planned for last weekend 17/18th March but did not go ahead due to inclement weather.

A venue for the 2013 Easter Tri-State meeting has been chosen and - not without some trouble and angst - a signed booking agreement obtained and fee paid. A sub-committee has been established and people assigned to some of the many relevant jobs.

Vice President :- Ian Blainey

Ian spoke of the variety of guest speakers the club had invited during the year and while some meeting attendances varied the general interest in continuing with guest speakers remains strong.

Driver Training Report For 2011

Ian spoke of driver training sessions held over the calendar year 2011 during which we had 6 members attend courses.

These courses are equivalent to the 4WD Victoria Proficiency course and successful attendees receive a certificate from 4WD Victoria.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
June 2011	1
August 2011	2
November 2011	3

The courses are run in conjunction with the Land Rover Owners Club. The theory is of about 3 1/2 hours duration and the full day Practical section is usually conducted at the Werribee Training Ground.

Ian reported that it is becoming more difficult to provide these courses as 2 of our accredited instructors have not been able to continue to provide their expertise.

The club needs to develop new instructors if we are to continue to provide this valuable service to our members.

Secretary :- John Smith

After 3 years as Secretary John announced that it is his intention to do more long term travelling around Australia before he falls off the perch entirely. Outback touring has been his dream since retiring and he is therefore not seeking re-election this year as he feels that he can't give the role the time it needs and fulfill his travel plans as well.

John spoke of the role of club Secretary which covers a little more than recording & distributing the minutes of meetings, the position also becomes a sort of communication centre as it were, receiving & sorting out the variety of incoming information either via the post office (mainly bills & junk mail) or as has been happening over recent years been via e-mail, a lot of which originates from 4WDVictoria, forwarding this on to members allows an almost instant re-distribution of information for their consideration.

John advised that our membership numbers have remained fairly constant throughout the year and we currently have 67 members compared to 64 reported this time last year.

On a sad note, during May last year we experienced the passing of 2 of our valued members, Rocky Tomkins and Craig Findlay, the memory of both members will remain with us for a long time.

Among the many trips run by the club over the past 12 months may John congratulated those who attended the community effort at Tolmie in January this year, it was a big tick for the club PR wise and well worth the effort put in by those who were able to assist.

He was however saddened to read in the last magazine that the crippled dog (Flynn or Flint) who roamed about the area had been killed by a car the day after we left the community with their newly

painted church. He was a good natured dog and as late as the morning of our departure for home he left his mark on the back wall of John's tent.

John said that has been a great experience being a member of the committee over the past 3 years and he offered the incoming group his best wishes for the future.

Treasurer :- Graeme Mitchell

Income for the year ending February 29 2012 was \$7,765.03 made up of:-

Membership fees	\$5,768.20
Magazine advertising	\$300.00
Events	\$250.00
Clothing sales	\$262.00
Bank Interest	\$69.83
Fundraising	\$475.00
Donation	\$100.00
Driver Training	\$540.00

Expenditure of \$8262.65 was received from:-

Magazine (Printing & postage)	\$2,678.60
Insurance & Assoc fees	\$2,916.00
Hall hire	\$968.00
Satellite phone costs	\$300.00
Events	\$325.25
Administration costs	\$556.00
Driver training	\$405.00
Library	\$21.65
Bank fees	\$55.15
Clothing	\$0.00
Club equipment	\$37.00

Loss for the year- \$497.62

Bank balance as per statement No. 107 is \$ 8453.79

Trip Coordinator :- John Dudley

John said he takes great pleasure in presenting the trip coordinators annual report for 2012.

Two years ago the way trips were organised was changed thus:-.

A small group of club members were asked to meet two or three times a year and create a calendar of events for the following six months. This new process proved to be very successful.

Out of 28 trips over the last 12 months, 8 were cancelled or postponed, the reasons for these were varied, a few because of lack of interest, but most were due to such things as illness (of trip leaders) or weather or track conditions.

The most popular trips seem to be the more social trips such as the Botanic Gardens, Tolmie Lamb Shanks and the Macedon Mystery Tour, which probably says a lot about the club's demographics.

The average number of vehicles participating per trip was 5, John believes this reflects the fact that there is plenty of choice rather than a lack of interest.

As trips are the reason that the club exists it is important that the club tries to get the mix of trips that members want to attend, the easiest way to achieve this is from feedback from members.

John thanked the club for giving him the opportunity to act as trip coordinator for the past year and thanked those who assisted him with planning the trip calendar and especially those who acted as trip leaders.

At this point Peter Sanders vacated the chair and Past President David Dobson presided over the meeting declaring that all positions are vacant and called for nominations from the floor.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

President-- Peter Sanders

Nominated by Peter Sanders Seconded by Ian Blainey

Vice President-- Ian Blainey

Nominated by Chris Rogers Seconded by Peter Sanders

Secretary-- No nominations received

Treasurer-- John Dudley

Nominated by Ian Blainey Seconded by David Dobson

Editor-- Harry Richards

Nominated by Ian Blainey Seconded by Margaret Ritchie

Membership Officer-- Chris Rogers

Nominated by Paul Trowse Seconded by Mark Eames

Librarian-- Adrian Morris

Nominated by Jan Martin Seconded by Michael Martin

Trip Coordinator-- Michael Martin

Nominated by Margaret Ritchie Seconded by Ian Blainey

Property Officer --Mark Eames

Nominated by Harry Richards Seconded by Peter Sanders

Public Officer—It is believed that this position is to be incorporated into the Secretaries position by Government legislation.

Committee Member-- Philip Johnstone

Nominated by John Smith , Seconded by David Dobson

Committee Member-- Paul Trowse

Nominated by Ian Blainey Seconded by John Smith

Committee Member-- Rod Tamblyn

Nominated by Harry Richards Seconded by John Dudley

Committee Member-- Barry McElhenney

Nomination to be confirmed as Barry is away at this date.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Sanders thanked the outgoing Secretary and Treasurer for their work on past committees and also thanked Stuart Trevena for attending to our refreshment needs at each meeting.

ANNUAL FEES:-

Paul Trowse moved that annual member fees should remain as at present and be increased only as needs arise. This motion was seconded by Ian Blainey

Chris Rogers moved an amendment to this motion that our fees be linked to annual CPI adjustments, rounded up to the nearest dollar to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet ever increasing expenditures. No seconder is recorded for this motion.

Some current expenses (eg Affiliation, Insurance, hall hire etc) are linked to CPI variations.

Chris said we could accept that the present fees remain for the next 12 months but from the 2013-2014 financial year, fees should be adjusted annually, linked to CPI, adding that any fees variation be determined by the committee before implementing.

In debating these matters Paul maintained that we are a "non profit" organization and fees should be increased only as the need arises.

Graeme Mitchell advised that we are meeting expenses to date but costs are on the increase.

Graeme also noted that the different annual reporting dates creates difficulties balancing income & expenditures (Club year closes end March, while 30th June is the business financial year end.)

David Dobson said that it makes sense not to make a profit but we should keep our heads above water.

Rick Farlow was concerned that large jumps in annual fees might have a detrimental effect on maintaining membership numbers.

Chris Rogers reworded his amendment to read that the present fee structure remain unchanged for financial year 2012 -2013 after which fees are to be linked to the annual CPI adjustment, rounded up to the nearest dollar. The Committee at all times are to use discretion whether to apply an increase or not. The amendment was seconded by John Smith and passed.

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm