

Road Racing Association of Townsville.

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 4th April 2012.

Venue.	Drag Club rooms – 17 Yarrowee Street Currajong.
Date.	4th April 2012
Present.	Tim Hewitt, Karla Hewitt , Gary Ellem, Christine Barton Paul Deguara, Shane Griggs, David Crosbi ,Pat Hewitt, Mick Kane, Michael Watts, Ian Barton, Shane Dee , Sammi Mercieca, Mick Mercieca, Joshua Mercieca ,Sally Firth, Greg Jetnikoff , Gavin Knight .
Visitors.	Nil
Meeting opens.	7.11 pm.
Apologies.	Warren Smith, Nadine & Scott Roots, Jeanette Clifford.
Minutes from previous meeting .	Tabled.
Motion moved they be accepted:	Mick Watts.
Seconded:	Paul Deguara.
Carried:	Unanimously.
Motion to accept new members:	Paul Deguara.
Seconded:	Mick Mercieca.
Carried:	Unaminously.
Correspondence out.	Nil
Correspondence In.	
Invoice \$880.00 One meeting licences.	
Invoice \$389.50 House of Champions.	
Invoice \$48.75 practice levy.	
MQ election pack, containing Constitutional Changes and a nomination for life membership (Derek Rumble).	
All invoices approved for payment. Cheques issued.	
All correspondence read and available.	
Treasurer .	Treasurer’s report tabled and available for perusal.

Business arising from previous meeting.

1. Nil

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Committee and members congratulate Warren Smith on gaining Level 3 accreditation as Scrutineer.
2. Committee thanks all those that attended the midweek Race Secretary's seminar. RRAT had the most attendees of any North Qld club, chairman points out that these numbers also help us in our accumulation of points towards club of the year.
3. Chairman asks members to consider the position of assistant scorer to learn the AMB timing system and as a backup to our only scorer. Goes on to point out our need for more clerks and stewards.
4. Hotrodders have asked RRAT if we would like to consider placing a display cabinet in the club rooms to showcase perpetual trophies and memorabilia. Gavin Knight has offered to look into the finding of something suitable.
5. Chairman notes the Final instructions for Round 1 of the Interclub are up on the web for download.
6. Flag marshals for the August TT meeting, chairman asks if any members have taken any action in helping the secretary in securing a dedicated group of flag marshals as asked at the last meeting. No action yet. Chairman points out we need these people preferably as one group, training will be provided, a donation will be made to their club or a charity of their choice, log books will be issued.
7. Chairman informs members we have lost John Blight, employment opportunities have forced him to move to South Australia. Tim Hewitt received a TXT from John informing him he had arrived after 3004 km and has made the next ride day at Mallala on the 25th of this month. John has provided TMCCRR and RRAT with over ten years of service as Out Pit Marshal, and helped many a new or experienced clerk and steward with the smooth running of a meeting. In recognition of this service a discussion was held , with the following outcome:

Motion moved by Shane Dee : The annual Junior/Senior Race now become known as the
JOHN BLIGHT CHALLENGE.

Seconded : Mick Watts.

Carried : Unanimously.

8. MQ ballots take place, sealed in provided envelope.
9. Secretary hands out flyer on the 2013 proposed classes. Chairman adjourns meeting for fifteen minutes for members to read said document.

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10. Questions from the floor regarding the proposed 2013 class changes.
 - a. **Question:** How will timing split occur? Chairman explains we now have 2 years of historical timing records on the AMB system and envisages in conjunction with class representatives will make a timing committee.
 - b. **Question:** Will the time gained with fewer classes to run, be used to increase the current number of laps per race? Chairman explains if the new classes are adopted and once the new timetable is trialed and found workable, that is something that could be raised at a future meeting with the then current committee.
 - c. **Question :** Will the tabled document be up on the web? Yes.
 - d. Chairman closes the discussion after no further questions and announces the closing date for any alternative written submissions will be the 4th July 2012 where the committee will consider all options.
11. Chairman invites question from the floor on any other business.
 - a. Mick Mercieca asks how the progress of DECCMAG is proceeding; chairman invites Damien of the Hotrodders to give a brief discussion on the progress to date, informs members on our current land options, ideas on fund raising currently under consideration, informs there will be another show of force Cruze on the 22nd April and asks we all make an effort to attend, he then invites all members and guests to the next DECCAMAG meeting to be held at the Club Rooms 17 Yarrowie St Garbut on the 11th April 2012.
 - b. Chairman Thanks Damien.
 - c. Sammie Mercieca ask the committee to approach MQ and members to conduct a midweek generic seminar? Chairman informs there will need to be 10 registrations before we can approach MQ. Secretary undertakes to inform other Townsville affiliated clubs to see if we can reach these numbers.
 - d. No further questions

MEETING CLOSED 8.30

Next Meeting 2nd May 2012.

