

Road Racing Association of Townsville.

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 7th March 2012.

Venue.	Drag Club rooms – 17 Yarrowee Street Currajong.
Date.	7th March 2012
Present.	Tim Hewitt, Karla Hewitt , Gary Ellem, Nadine Roots, Scott Roots Paul Deguara, Shane Griggs, Jeanette Clifford, Shane Griggs Pat Hewitt, Mick Kane, Jaydan Watts, Michael Watts, Ian Barton, Kieran Dan, Alby L. Sye, Sammi Merieca, Mick Merieca. David new Guy, Greg Jetnikoff.
Visitors.	Nil
Meeting opens.	7.10 pm.
Apologies.	Warren Smith, Pat Heyman.
Minutes from previous meeting .	Tabled.
Motion moved they be accepted:	Scott Roots.
Seconded:	Alby.I. Sye.
Carried:	Unanimously.
Motion to accept new members:	Nadine Roots.
Seconded:	Mick Kane.
Carried:	Unaminously.
Correspondence out.	Nil
Correspondence In.	
Affiliation pack and MQ annual report.	
2012 Track licence.	
Letter from Trials club of Victoria with an invite to the World trials championship.	
MQ with letter of reprimand for wrong officials at Townsville 200.	
Invoice \$1568.49 QSA for the 9/04/2011 meeting.	
Invoice \$469.00 MQ rider levy for Townsville 200.	
Invoice \$1053.57 QAS for the 5/11/2011 meeting.	
Invoice \$28.00 MQ riders levy for 26/11 practice.	
Invoice \$93.00 Australia Post.	

Invoice \$400.00 MQ Rec licences.

Photo provided by MQ with recipients of end of year awards, RRAT runner up club of the year.

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. \$950.21 spent from petty cash for Steel poles, shock absorber material, bolts, suitable netting, fixing materials, cement, paint and the hire of equipment to complete the works necessary for track improvements to satisfy conditions for the 2012 licence. RRAT would like to thank Richard Ewer, Alby. L. Sye and Nu-Weld for their time in helping to complete the above.
2. Purchase of new club phone with a recharge from petty cash.
3. President outlines where RRAT is currently at regards preparations for this year's TT event, to include Queensland Historic's to P5, North Queensland Championships, and Round 1 of the P3 historic side car championship, with indications from competitors from as far afield as South Australia will be attending.
4. He notes we will need a dedicated bunch of flag marshals for this event and asks members that are affiliated with other clubs if they will endeavor to approach these clubs for assistance and report back to the secretary.
5. President goes on to ask members in helping the secretary with any worthwhile additional sponsorship opportunities.
6. In regard to the above meeting, it has become apparent that RRAT and North Queensland has a lack of level 2 officials and level 3 officials, again we ask the members to take the steps to gain accreditation.
7. Both Tim Hewitt and Max Diplock will be attending out of town meetings to gain this experience, with a view to gaining Level 3 in time for the TT event in August.

8. Further to the above meeting Jim Scaybrook from OLD BIKE MAGAZINE published an article on the event in the latest edition. Resulting in a flood of enquiries about the meeting.
9. With the start of the season upon us it has become apparent with some old officials stepping down we (RRAT) currently have one (1) only; level 2 race secretary, the work load this person has to carry for 2012 is unacceptable.
10. There will be a race secretary seminar in Townsville on the 27th & 28th March, run over the two nights for a few hours only, your current officials ask you attend this to help with the workload now required to bring you a day of racing.
11. RRAT along with FNQRR currently has a rule change proposition lodged with MA to allow the use of two people to fill this role with both being able to race on the day in the hope this will encourage more members to take on this role.
12. Greg Jetnikoff proposed that RRAT include the commutelite class into the RRAT 2012 race classes, the class currently has four (4) bikes which fulfills the requirements. Rational for this class: A cheap form of racing with few modifications allowed under the rules, modern machinery allows fewer break downs, allowing a younger competitor to enjoy. Rules for this class are available from the BRA website, which in fact is the identity RRAT currently uses to administer the superlite rules. The chair is passed to Greg to state his case and takes questions from the floor. President states we will discuss RRAT classes in general as the last item of the meeting.
13. Meeting adjourned at 7.52. Due to noise levels from rain.
14. Meeting reconvenes 8.01
15. A motion is moved to allow this class by-: Greg Jetnikoff, Seconded-: Sammi Mercieca. Carried unanimously.
16. A junior Corporate bike is still available, secretary asks you to help finding a junior rider for the 2012 season and beyond.
17. MQ council nominations put to the floor. Noise levels reduce the discussion on this.
18. We have donated \$150.00 to DECCAMAG toward the administration costs of this weekends show of strength cruze through the city of Townsville.

19. Gary Ellem and Warren Smith (per GE) advise RRAT members early they will not be re-standing for their positions on the RRAT committee come the AGM and ask members to consider taking on these roles, training and help will be provided between now and the election to help smooth the transition.
20. President informs the floor the RRAT committee in 2012 will undertake a study of the current classes run by RRAT. With the inclusion of the S7 and 8 for 2012 we now have 16 classes; Superlite-: Pro and Am, Motolite, Commuterlite, Formula R/R, F3, Gp125, 250's, Women Unlimited, Junior Corp challenge, Motard S7 Div1 and Div 2, S8, S9, Senior Motard and Historic.
21. President notes; Most of these classes for the last few seasons have been unable to fill the minimum requirements of four (4) bikes to field a class. The work load this situation also imposes on our Race secretary, Competition secretary and Scorer is unacceptable. The committee will look at restructuring these classes in 2012 with an implementation date of 2013. This will be carried out at a committee level, to be later tabled for discussion at a general meeting. We invite **written** submissions only from members to be considered and must be typed to include your name, current classes you race, membership status, official status if any and posted to: Submissions C/-Secretary PO Box 287 Hyde Park Townsville 4812 .
22. The parameters of this undertaking will include:
 - A. All current bikes now running in classes will be catered for.
 - B. Provision of all bikes to remain eligible for a second class. The committee is very aware of the ebb and flow of these classes and will looking closely at all options.
 - C. The sustainability of classes into the future with an emphasis on closer alignment to prescribed classes as per the GCR . **Sixteen (16) classes for a club of our size is unsustainable.**
 - D. The committee has many tools at our disposal under the RRAT and MQ structure that will allow us to carry this out with minimum pain to the members.

Meeting Closed:- 20.22

Next meeting:- April 4th 2012.