



MINUTES : RRAT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2013

Members Present As per Attendance Book

Meeting Opens 7.20pm

Apologies Jannette Clifford, Gerry Bassett

Pat Heyman apologies for no minutes being available from the September meeting as Jannette Clifford is away at the present time. They will be posted on the web when they become available.

New Members Accepted Max Youman – seconded Ian Barton

Correspondence In Invoice for hire of transponders – given to Treasurer

Correspondence Out Letter to Restored Motorcycle Club thanking them for their huge contribution to the TT.

Treasurer's Report Linda is still looking into the RRAT books – work in progress but reports that all appears to be in good shape at this time. A full Treasurer's report will be available at next meeting.

New Business

1. Trailer

After discussion, it was agreed that a trailer for a recovery means would not be the best option. A van would be the most suitable form of transport for safety reasons – carrying passengers etc. It was decided that we need to buy something decent, registered and roadworthy, and would be prepared to spend up to \$5000. It was suggested that we could get RRAT advertising on the side, also advertising our next club event.

2. Doctor at the track

This agenda item was brought up as an idea and seems to have caused a lot of talk. It was discussed that there is a doctor in the Townsville area who is a keen motor enthusiast and wants to be involved in motorsports in some way. It was decided to write a letter to him introducing the club and inviting him to our 3hr event as a guest.

This topic brought about much discussion on the forum, but Pat again reiterates, that if members want to have a voice in their club and the direction it takes, the only place to do it is at the meetings – forum doesn't count. If members are so passionate about THEIR club, they should turn up to meetings and find out what is going on, so as not to hear news second or third hand. Agenda items are put up for discussion at the meetings.

3. JCC engines – Sachs

An idea was put forward that at the end of this year, all engines will be returned to the club and for 2014 race year, all juniors will draw from a hat an engine number. This was brought up to stop the talk that some bikes were better than others, cheating etc.

Some members weren't happy with this, stating that they had just spent money on new parts for the bikes only to hand them over to someone else. Members agreed. It was also suggested that all engines could be measured or even new engines be purchased by RRAT, approx cost around \$600/engine. These are options that will be further looked into and at this stage, still up for discussion.

4. TVL 200 Supp Regs

These have been approved by MQ and will be put up on the web when Jannette returns.

5. Facebook

Facebook will be added to the web page for 2014. A new web page is under construction with links to Facebook and Twitter. FB will only be a notification page, hopefully to get out the information to the younger members who do not utilize the web/forum. The forum will still continue however as the age demographics vary in our club, we need to cater for all. If members have ideas for new formats etc, all suggestions are welcomed. Looking to streamline and make the web more user friendly. Any ideas could be emailed to the admin@rrat email address.

6. BBQ at practice and come and try days

All members thought this was a good fund raising idea, but want it to stay simple. Just a sausage sizzle on the BBQ.

7. JCC Representative

Position still not filled. If anybody would like to take on the position, they should contact Pat Heyman who will let them know what the position involves.

8. 2014 Calendar

A 2014 calendar has been made but still awaiting final approval by the Karting club. There is only one practice pencilled in so far, but Pat can approach the club at any time and enquire when the track is free and make a booking closer to the date. If practices are scheduled in the hotter part of the year, the practice would begin in the late afternoon and continue into the night. Everyone agreed that a come and try day is important to get new riders interested.

Work is needed on the motard track before the Interclub. Pat H and Grant S to look into what work needs to be done for repairs.

Max Diplock suggested that we write a letter to the Vintage MCC inviting them to come and have a ride at a practice day with the idea we entice some over to road racing. When a firm date for a practice is known, a letter will be written to the club inviting them to participate.

Mark Youman suggested a reward system for members who officiate at the meetings. Club members voted unanimously to reward them with a free nomination for their next race meet. We don't have many officials, let alone ones that will give up their time and race meets to officiate, so we need to offer some reward to the ones who do.

Members were encouraged to email to admin@rrat.com.au agenda items they would like brought up at the next meeting. They will then be posted on the web/forum for all to read and know what is going to be discussed at the next meeting. If anybody has any queries, they should turn up to the meetings to see what is decided/discussed.

Meeting closed 8.30pm