



MINUTES : RRAT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2013

Members Present Pat Heyman, Christine Barton, Grant Stever, Linda Lester, Maxine Youman, Mark Youman, Jeanette Clifford, Shane Dee, Max Diplock, Barry Graham, Julia Stever, Gary Ellem, Alby Lee Sye, Michael Watts, Ian Barton, Jayden Watts, Sarah Eves, Riley Barton, Jacinta Stever, Alex Stever

Meeting Opens 7.10pm

Motion to accept Minutes Maxine Youman
Mick Watts Seconded

Correspondence in Invoice from MQ & Bank statement from BOQ

Correspondence Out 2014 Draft Calendar to MQ for Zone Meeting (Pat will be attending this meeting in Cairns this weekend)

Treasurer's Report

Linda Lester put forward the Treasurer's Report to the meeting. RRAT is in a financially sound position. Accepted Shane Dee Seconded Max Diplock

St John's Ambulance/QAS

This idea was originally generated in September. All necessary paperwork, public liability etc. was sent to MQ for their approval. Lindsay Grainger, General Manager gave his approval for RRAT to trial St John's Ambulance – the same service as FNQ use at their meets. The reason why we looked into this service initially was definitely a financial one, with St John's being approximately half the price as QAS.

Once again, a motion was put to the floor to trial this service in the New Year (as minutes of the Sept meeting were unavailable) and it was unanimously voted on again to trial in 2014. Supplementary regulations will reflect the first aid service being used for the meet.

Work Required on Container and Surrounding Area

There is work required on our container. A big thank you to Mick Watts who cleaned and tidied the container during the Interclub round. Pat suggested that we should have a working bee for this to be carried out in the New Year. Shane Dee asked regarding the sign on the container however further discussions need to be held with the Kart Club who wanted the container moved in the first place. Pat assures that it will be used again.

Purchase of Van and Modifications

RRAT have purchased a Fort Transit Van from Ace Wreckers for the cost of \$3000 including a RWC. Pat will be picking up this week and getting it registered. Tim Hewitt has kindly offered to make the necessary modifications so as to allow bikes to be carried in the back. Pat is to talk to a signage company to organize RRAT advertising on the van as well as Ace Wreckers, who allowed us to purchase for a much discounted price, with the proviso we put one of their signs on the van as well.

One Event Memberships

It was voted to allow One Event Memberships to allow riders to race at closed to club events for the price of \$15.00 per person per event, regardless junior or senior. This membership only lasts for the day's racing. It is also hoped that riders from Mareeba or Proserpine might travel to a RRAT club day if they did not have to commit to a full annual membership, for which they might only use once. Many clubs are now allowing one day memberships to entice riders to their events.

?? Affiliation with WMS/FNQ/RRAT

Not discussed

Advertising of race meets/practices at bike shop

It was decided that a flyer will be put up at the bike shops (with their permission) advertising RRATs next event, whether it be practice or racing, with all the necessary details and a RRAT contact name and number for any queries (a fresh flyer for every time) Hopefully we can entice some new interest in the sport as well as rekindle some of the old. Maxine Youman will make up the flyers with Gary Ellem volunteering to take to the shops to be displayed.

Awards/Xmas Breakup

The new date for the breakup is now the 15th December at 1pm (one day later). Unfortunately the Rodder's club was already booked for the Saturday, so date had to be changed. A flyer will be made up and distributed advising everyone of the party.

Life Membership

Gary Ellem tabled the motion for Tim Hewitt to be given RRAT Life Membership. This was voted upon by the members and will be presented at the Awards night.

No Smoking and Enclosed shoes to be worn in the Pit Area

All members are reminded that the above rules apply in the pit areas and everyone should adhere to these rules. RRAT needs to be seen as doing the right thing. These rules are in place for your safety as well as others. Also a helmet must be worn when riding in the pits or car park. A reminder too, that the kids are not to be driving/moving vehicles around at the venue at any time.

Just to clear up any concerns - as a round of the club championship was cancelled this year, Pat contacted MQ for clarity on the rules. MQ advised that the choice whether to re-run or abandon the cancelled round is entirely up to the discretion of the club.

The big screen for the 3hr needs to be in working order for the up and coming meeting in December. It is going to be tested prior to the day and if that particular screen is not suitable/ in working order, something else will be used in its place.

Next year, we will try to advertise our events in other ways as well as the norm. Maxine Youman has looked into what is required to advertise on Community Connect as well as other media forms just to get the word out. In the past, a small ad (a couple of lines) in the newspaper on the day of the meet would be used; however enquiries will be made as to the cost of this. There are free community billboards available and it would be beneficial to the club if we could use them.

Max Diplock brought up the question of Sound Measuring Equipment. Gary advised that both he and Tim own such equipment and would make available to the club if the need arose.

Pat thanks everyone for attending. A great turn-up. Meeting Closed 8.30pm.