***MINUTES : RRAT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING ***

***TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2014***

*Members Present*  Pat Heyman, Christine Barton, Grant Stever, Linda Lester,

Tim Hewitt, Karla Hewitt, Ian Barton, Max Diplock

*Apologies* Maxine Youman, Julia Stever, Alby Lee-Sye

*Meeting Opens* 7.10pm

*Motion to accept Minutes* Accepted Ian Barton Seconded Grant Stever

*Correspondence in* -

1. Letter from Tim Hewitt re TT
2. ASK Supermoto Rounds cancelled - Proserpine to run Championships

Correspondence Out

1. Letter to MQ re Lindsay Grainger
2. Letter to Tim re TT
3. Letter to Karting Club re work to be done for track certification

***Agenda Items***

Roster

A roster could be helpful with the selling of drinks. People are more inclined to help if just asked. Karla Hewitt was asked her opinion. It was thought moving the drinks closer to the pits was a good idea, as has been done before. It was felt that in this spot, you are less isolated and closer to the pits, riders and spectators. The only extra setting up for this would require the erection of a pop up tent and a power lead for a light later in the day (as per TT). Pat Heyman volunteered himself to man the drinks for our next meeting, however, it is hoped members will all take a turn to help out. As everyone is aware, Pat fulfils numerous other duties before and after the racing, so any assistance will be appreciated.

Discount Nominations

The Executive Committee has decided that nominations will be reduced to $70 for seniors and $35 for juniors for any riders that live greater than 200klms from our track. To receive this discount, you must ***pre-nominate***. No other discount will apply. The supplementary regulations will not be changed to reflect this discount, however it will be honoured on the day.

This has been introduced so as to entice more riders from the other clubs to our meetings. We will do it as a trial and will monitor numbers after each meeting. This discount will only apply to Closed to Club Events ie. GNRR Series and Club Championship Meeting.

Nominations

A discussion was held with regard to the price of our nominations. Are we too expensive? As it stands, we need to cover first aid costs, rental of the facilities etc. It was decided, that at this stage, nomination fees need to remain at the current price. If all riders pre-nominate, they would still stand to receive a $20 discount.

Eftpos Machine

Linda Lester is still gathering up information regarding the best option for the club and will present at the next meeting.

RRAT Constitution

As per February meeting. Re the changes to Life membership –

Current wording -

(5.5) To be eligible for Life membership, the member must have continuously remained a financial member of the Association for 10 years.

 Consider changing to:

(5.5) Any member may nominate a member for Life Membership. The Executive Committee must consider the nomination at the next meeting of that Committee, and if in favour, recommend that the Life Membership be granted. This recommendation must then be tabled at a General Meeting of the Association and put to ballot.

While we are implementing this change, the wording regarding One Day Memberships also needs to be considered. Linda is looking into this as well.

Raffle

We are going to run a raffle on race days. $2 a ticket or $5 for three. A free nomination to be raffled was discussed, however it was later decided that a gift card/voucher would be more suitable. Spectators would be more likely to buy tickets for something they could use. Not everyone at racing is a rider.

Treasurer’s Report

Linda gave her report, advising that the last two practice meetings RRAT have held, all make a decent profit to cover expenses.

TT Meeting

This is a big meeting for the RRAT so we need to start organizing and preparing. Grant Stever is to head up the Sub-Committee. Tim Hewitt also volunteered to be on this committee. If any other members would like to volunteer their time, please contact Grant.

Sach Bikes

We still have a few spare Sach bikes for juniors. They do need some work to get them back to race ready. These bikes are not hard to work on and members at the meeting expressed that they were happy to put in some time to get them back on the track, hence get more juniors racing at the club. If new parts were required for any of the bikes, the club would be responsible for this expense.

So far we have nine junior riders for 2014. We are looking at holding another Kick Start midyear. Thank you to Tania Millard who ran the Kick Start and also to Mark Youman who assisted. Mark is looking at becoming an accredited coach, which will be very beneficial to our area.

Pat Heyman thanks the Stever Family for returning the Sach bike in such a good condition, race ready for the next junior to commence his or her Junior Corporate Challenge.

Proposed Work for Track Certification

Pat explains the work required by MQ to get the track re-certified which involves a catch-trap. This work has been given the go ahead by the Karting Club. John Pitman has been asked to give a quote for this work. It is not a big job. It was discussed that while this work is being carried out, perhaps the motard track should be redressed. Work that needs to be performed on this track was discussed and it is hoped that this also can be completed before our next race day.

Pat will be on vacation for most of the month of April, so if members have any queries or concerns, could they please address these to either Christine or Grant per telephone or email [admin@rrat.com.au](mailto:admin@rrat.com.au)

The committee advises that a demonstration permit will be sent to MQ to include the side-cars to run on our race days.

Signage for RRAT at the Go Kart Club grounds was discussed. Unfortunately the big sign that we had on the container was moved. A sign that was in the sight of all bypassing traffic would be an excellent idea, with perhaps a chalk board area that allows the date of race to be included and changed each time. A letter will need to be written to the Karting club asking their permission to erect such signage.

Pat thanks everyone for attending. Meeting closes at 8.30pm.

Next RRAT Monthly Meeting Tuesday, 15th April at 7.10pm.