

MINUTES

Triumph Motorcycle Register of Australia Annual General Meeting

Bathurst, Saturday 14 September 2019

Meeting opened 4.35 pm, the President welcoming members including Toby and Kerry and also Nigel after absences of several years, and offering thoughts for Sophie, who had hoped to attend but was prevented due to health issues, and Vance, also struggling at the moment.

Committee members in attendance:

Peter Gallagher (President), Trevor Fowler (Secretary), Lorraine Litster (Registrar and Events Director), Bernie Clark (Membership Director), Attilio Sciannimanica (Assistant Treasurer).

Apologies:

Sophie Robinson, Vance Tomlinson, Bob Russell, Rex Lovelock, Steve Arthur (BSA International Rally, UK), Tony Eklom (riding to Perth).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted. Peter Wishart advised that in the 2018 minutes he and Shirley should have been listed as apologies and not his brother Ian and Shirley.

President's Report:

Peter Gallagher addressed the meeting, stressing the importance of friendship and the benefits of belonging to a club. A good example in this respect had been set by Peter's father. Peter had been a HOG member but met Dennis, which led to membership of TMRA. For his first event he photocopied Triumph badges and stuck them on the tank of his Harley! Peter referred to passed members Rick Lord, Jimmy Anderson, Vince Hayes, Evan Kemp, Greg McFawn, Roy Bull and recently Debbie Peters. He also mentioned the illness struggles being faced by Vance and Sophie. Peter finished on the note that we should treasure what we have as a group of mates out to ride and have fun

Treasurer's Report:

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary reported that at the end of the 2018-19 financial year there was \$10,402.03 in the TMRA account, a loss of \$2,443.27 over the year. The financial report has been audited. A significant reason for the loss was the sale of subsidised regalia to members (hats, shirts, windcheaters).

The Secretary advised members that the true balance as at the end of 2018-19 was approximately \$8,700, due to three significant 2018-19 expenses being paid in the 2019-20 financial year, they being \$696 for Daylesford Southern Triples Rally reconnaissance expenses, paid to Lorraine for costs incurred, and our two 2018 donation cheques to the Heart Foundation and NeuRA brain injury research.

Taking into account expenses for rally patches and trophies and income from membership and rally fees, the balance at the time of the AGM is approximately \$9,295. This figure is relevant to discussions on donations.

Events Officer's Report:

Lorraine listed some of the year's events, including Kurri Kurri and Bega, and mentioned that for the Bathurst rally she tried to provide different rides each year. Southern Triples will be held in Daylesford again next year, on the second weekend in March, Daylesford having been selected in the first place because it is half way between Sydney and Adelaide and also can attract Victorian triples riders. She expressed her thanks to the committee for reimbursing her reconnoitring expenses for this first Daylesford rally. Lorraine is planning another TMRA pub weekend, perhaps with a return to Binalong.

Machine Registrar's Report

Lorraine advised that the club had six assistant registrars, with a couple in Canberra. She said an issue for NSW clubs was that the 60-day concessional registration scheme means riders can ride any time and don't necessarily attend club rides. Rick requested that assistant registrars be provided with club stamps; the meeting agreed and Lorraine will provide those.

Toby indicated that under the NSW scheme there were three courses of action available after the club confirms that a vehicle is eligible for concessional registration: the club can sign off the vehicle as roadworthy; a pink slip can be obtained by the owner; or the owner can 'self-assess'. He indicated Roads and Maritime Services has suggested to clubs that owners get pink slips and the club confirms that the vehicle is eligible and the owner is a club member. In NSW, it is the responsibility of clubs to advise RMS if they suspect vehicles are not correctly registered under the scheme.

Membership Director's Report:

Bernie advised the AGM that club membership was now 66, the most recent new member being Tony Eklom from Morayfield in Queensland. There was discussion about whether assistant registrars should have a list of current financial members to assist them in carrying out their duties but it was decided that on the odd occasion registrars needed to check information they could contact Bernie. Peter Shoemark offered the view that this information could be provided via an online spreadsheet.

Regional Representatives' Reports:

Toby: Shoalhaven region quiet and is losing members through natural attrition, down to around five. He will try to get some events organised to encourage new members.

Col: Northern Rivers has four members, with 11 bikes. They have a casual arrangement and usually have a couple of rides a month.

Red: Sydney have had between five and 15 riders through the year, with 10 on the ride to Kiama. Red is standing down as regional rep for the area, with Rick taking over.

Brian W: No other riders in his area so he often rides with the Taree club.

Danny: No other active riders in his area.

Jim: Reminded the club of the Ric Lord ride coming up in Kurri Kurri and stressed the need to book early because of the Robbie Williams concert in the area on the same weekend.

Election of Office Holders

The following office holders were elected unopposed:

President, Peter Gallagher	Vice President, Brian Eldred	Secretary, Trevor Fowler
Treasurer, Bob Russell	Events Officer, Lorraine Litster	Machine Registrar, Lorraine Litster
Membership Director, Bernie Clark		Web Manager, Peter Shoemark

Committee appointed positions: Web Manager (Peter Shoemark), Assistant Treasurer (Attilio Sciannimanica), Regional Representatives (Toby Bateman, Rick Moss, Bob Russell, Peter Wishart, Danny Ryan, Brian Weelands, Ian Wood and Col McAndrew).

General Business:

Regalia

The Secretary indicated that the club had sold many items of regalia to members over the past 12 months, and that because prices had been subsidised that had contributed to a loss of income for the club. However, regalia items (hats, shirts, windcheaters, badges) had been very popular with members and contributed to a good club identity. More orders can be taken and delivered at Kurri Kurri.

Annual rally venue

The meeting expressed satisfaction with the Panorama Hotel-Motel as the rally venue and indicated support for rebooking for 2019. After discussion on clashes with other events, particularly the CEMCC event at Engadine, the meeting settled on the weekend of 18-20 September for the 2020 rally. [Note: the downstairs dining area has also been booked for the Friday night next year if we want to use it. TF]

Donations to charitable causes

After discussion the meeting agreed to continue \$500 donations to (1) Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA), formerly the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute, that investigates not only motor neurone disease but brain injury suffered through motorcycle crashes, and (2) the Heart Foundation for heart disease research. Both these causes are relevant to TMRA following the experiences of former members.

Ten- and 20-year members

The President presented Lorraine with her 20-year member certificate and patch, and Jim Peters and Danny Ryan with their 10-year certificates. Life members Brian Eldred and Attilio Sciannimanica, absent last year, were also presented with their 20-year patches.

Other Business:

The President asked whether anyone was interested in attending a show and swap meet held by the Australian branch of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America next year. He attended this year's event in Bulli recently. No interest was shown at the moment, it being suggested that maybe they were more interested in older bikes than those most TMRA members had. It was agreed that the President could put details of the event on the website closer to the time of the meet.

Col McAndrew thanked the club for its ongoing support of the Aussie Triples rally by sponsoring a trophy. Fifty-five triples attended the event, held on the third weekend in August.

It was suggested, and agreed, that the club send flowers to Sophie to let her know we are thinking of her. The Secretary also has a 2019 20th TMRA rally badge for her.

Meeting closed at 5.55 pm

Major Awards 2019:

Rob Mottley clubman	Lorraine Litster, for her ongoing work as Events Officer, Machine Registrar and Rally Director, particularly in respect of the initial Daylesford Southern Triples Rally.
King of the Rally	Nigel Meurant, 1973 T140 Bonneville
President's Award	Danny Ryan, 1963 Thunderbird