

MINUTES

Triumph Motorcycle Register of Australia Annual General Meeting

Via Zoom, Saturday 19 September 2020

Meeting opened 4.08 pm

Welcome by President

Peter Gallagher noted the passing of his father and members Vance Tomlinson and Sophie Robinson. He apologised for the cancellation of the annual rally due to Covid restrictions and the resultant inability of the Panorama Motel to handle our large group. Peter said it was good that regional rides had resumed, and expressed the hope that 2021 would be a better year for the club.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (distributed with the 2020 agenda)

Minutes of the 2019 AGM agreed to.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Russell's report showed an end-of-year balance \$7,738 a reduction of \$2,663 over the year due predominantly to our continued donations to NeuRA and the Heart Foundation (see General Business), and the sale of subsidised regalia, undertaken as part of TMRA's efforts to increase benefits to members. Note that the non-payment of membership fees for the upcoming year will have a further impact on funds during 2020-21.

Membership Director's Report

Bernie Clark indicated that membership totalled 67 (including 12 currently non-financial members), with five new members joining in the past 12 months—Andrew Rowan (Wellington Point, Brisbane), Chris Haywood (Cooranbong NSW), Vic Olivieri (Goonellabah NSW), Stan Topp (Albany Creek, Brisbane) and Paul Withers (Castlereagh NSW).

Events Officer's Report

Lorraine Litster advised that she had established that Beechworth, in north-eastern Victoria, would be a suitable location for our next Southern Triples Rally. After discussion on the most appropriate area or state to hold the rally, the meeting decided that Lorraine should make a tentative booking with the venue she had investigated in Beechworth. Lorraine also advised she was thinking of holding another NSW Central West weekend in Canowindra.

Regional Representatives' Reports

Toby Bateman (Shoalhaven) indicated in his written report that most events had been cancelled due to Covid. He also advised that he had contacted the NSW Premier's Office about the legality of riding motorcycles during Covid restrictions and had been informed that motorcycling was considered as exercise and therefore was legal. Toby also reiterated his request for club stamps to be issued to assistant registrars, and Lorraine Litster undertook to complete this task. In particular, Toby thanked Brian Eldred, on the occasion of his retirement from the committee, for his work since the inception of TMRA. (The committee has also received other messages of thanks to Brian.)

Election of Office Holders

Positions were filled as follows:

President – Peter Gallagher **Vice-President** – Dennis Ainsworth **Secretary**—Trevor Fowler
Treasurer – Bob Russell **Events Officer** – Lorraine Litster **Machine Registrar** – Lorraine Litster
Membership Director – Bernie Clark **Assistant Treasurer**—Attilio Sciannimanica

Committee-appointed positions: Regional Representatives (Toby Bateman, Rick Moss, Bob Russell, Peter Wishart, Danny Ryan, Brian Weelands, Ian Wood and Col McAndrew); Regalia Officer (Trevor Fowler); Member Mediation Officer (Col McAndrew).

General Business

Regalia (shirts, hats etc)

No stock at present but anything can be ordered; see website for prices and contact Trevor.

Annual Rally venue

Return to Panorama Motel, Bathurst, for 2021 AGM and rally if possible. Lorraine to book dates 17-19 September 2021

Donations to charitable causes

The meeting agreed that there were sufficient funds to continue with \$500 annual contributions both to NeuRA for motorcycle injury research and to the Heart Foundation. Both of these causes are of interest to the TMRA because of the experiences of former members.

Aussie Triples

Col and Nancy McAndrew asked that the Aussie Triples Rally, usually held in Evans Head every August, become an established event listed on the TMRA calendar. TMRA already supports the rally and the meeting agreed to this request.

***Trumpy Times* newsletter**

Toby Bateman offered to resurrect his *Trumpy Times* newsletter. The meeting appreciated this offer and the committee will discuss the initiative with Toby, including how members can support his efforts.

Ten-year & 20-year members (certificates and badges to be distributed by post, official recognition to be given at next annual rally)

20 years—Dennis Ainsworth, Greg Swords (Red)

10 years—Col McAndrew, Cheryl Christiansen, Mick Holz, Jeff Skillen, Barry Garner, Bernie Clark

Meeting closure

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

Trevor Fowler
Secretary
25 September 2020