

# HRC Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was run remotely using Zoom on 16 March 2022

Present: Mike Batten, Rob Mifsud, Ian Packard, Arthur Evans, Winton Brocklebank, (Malcolm Sinfield)

Apologies: Peter Reed, Dave Johnson, Barry Ferguson, Christine Bethwaite,  
The Meeting opened at 2:10pm

## Item 1            2022 Tour of the North Report            (AE & RM)

The club would like to thank Arthur and helpers for running an excellent event.

**Arthur's Report:** Pleased with the number of entries (24). 1 nonstarter and 3 withdrawals. Crews did their own thing and used WhatsApp to communicate with Arthur. There were several complaints at the roughness of roads. However, when first surveyed in 2021 the roads were a lot smoother. The event was good shakedown for the 2022 Perth Sydney Marathon.

There was positive feedback from Ian Richards who didn't run but was sent a copy of the Road Book. He liked the way it was set out and the inclusion of rally history.

**Rob:** Great event, beautiful roads, Kindee Bridge was special. No negative feedback from other Crews. The timing with a 50km/h average worked well.

**Reconciliation of Income and Expenses:** Profit of \$90. The extra survey in January following the 2021 postponement added around \$700.

**Discussion:** David Massey withdrew but donated his Entry Fee. The Committee is satisfied with a breakeven, we do not need a profit. Future budgets should work on 20 cars and limit the field to a maximum of 30.

## Item 2            Tour of the North Lessons Learnt            (All)

**Discuss the positive aspects of the event & any ideas for improvements:**

**Arthur:** Keep it simple, using WhatsApp was very good for communications, giving Crews flexibility worked well. Arthur suggests the club runs a 3-day event at least every 2 years.

**Winton:** Suggested improvements with Crew Road Cards and communication to assist the Sweep to keep track of the field. The Sweep should have access to the Crew's WhatsApp page.

## Item 3            Options for Future Events            (All)

**Input requested for the following.**

**Potential organisers, preferred dates and should we run Social Tours and/or Navigation Assemblies (NA):**

**Rob:** HRC members prefer unsealed roads and events run under a Club Social Permit not an NA.

**Arthur:** Is willing to run a 2-day Social Tour this year. Mike suggests 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August. 3 Crews were names who liked the TotN format and would come back.

Peter Parry from Victoria has voiced an interest in running an NA for the HRC. It would have a lot of unsealed roads, be an NA and run around Cootamundra. It would be run as an NSW not Victorian event.

**Malcolm:** Would like to run an NA using a lot of unsealed roads in 2023, in the region around Goulburn/Yass. Mike said this was OK as with CRC members entering, we should be able to attract a healthy and profitable field.

**Winton:** Will not run a 1958 Ampol Trail Rerun in 2022.

**Discussion:** Entries in the 2022 TotN were down due to Covid. The Black Stump when run as a TRE had problems getting council permission, especially from Cabonne Shire. That will not be an issue with a future Social Tour or NA.

#### **Item 4            2022 Membership Update and Changes to the Constitution**

**Report from Ian:** The current membership is 61. All had renewed by the end of February. Ian will send out the updated Membership List soon.

New membership applicants should be asked why they want to join the club. This was agreed on and will make it consistent with the club's Facebook page.

Also reviewed was the "MSO Responsibilities and Operation Proc", from Dave's email on Saturday 12-March. Ian agreed with this.

**Mike:** In consultation with Dave Johnson the Constitution is still to be modified.

#### **Item 5            Club Finances**

**Report from Rob:** P & L for Tour of the North: \$90 profit.

NSW Grassroots Sport Fund possible payment application agreed. Hope to get a refund of \$712.

HRC Bank Account now \$9,149. This is an acceptable figure.

#### **Item 6            AGM**

The plan is to hold the AGM in early July 2022.

Current Committee Members indicated if they are willing to continue in their current positions. Most present said yes. Mike has now had 3 years as President and suggested that it is time that someone else could take over.

#### **Item 7            Website**

**Mike:** Assistance from ShowellTech is becoming very expensive.

Malcolm suggested we approach Michael Ward when help is required.

#### **Item 8            General Business**

**Arthur:** Requested feedback on the TotN evening functions. They were well received; the meals were good and reasonably priced.

Thanks to **Winton** who organised these functions. He suggested we need to engage with new members at these functions. 😊

**Many thanks to Dave Johnson** for his kind thoughts to Arthur in his 1<sup>st</sup> March email.

However, Arthur says he will not be available to "have a heavy involvement in all future events of this nature". He is willing to help but not run all events.

**Peter Reed:** Was thanked for his contribution with the TotN, he did the Secretarial work. It was made difficult as he had to chase up information/documentation from many newcomers.

**Arthur:** Requested feedback for reimbursing expenses for officials in future events.

**It was agreed:**

The organiser should have fuel and accommodation reimbursed for the survey,

The number of officials should be minimised,

Some officials opt not to claim expenses, this option can be suggested,

Officials have their meals covered when there is an organised event function,

Officials on the event should be reimbursed for fuel BUT not accommodation.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

**Mike Batten, HRC President, 20 March 2022**