**HRC Committee Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting was run remotely using Zoom on 6 September 2023**

Present: Mike Batten, Dave Johnson, Allan Denney, Graham Thompson

Apologies: Ian Packard, Rob Mifsud, Peter Reed, Winton Brocklebank,

The Meeting opened at 3:10pm

Dave discussed the role of the Committee especially in relation to the 2 attached documents:

* Report to the Committee on the Tours Group.
* Agenda Item. Tour of the Snowy.
* Tour to the Sunshine State (deferred)

General:

* Arthur Evans after running 2 excellent Tours in 2022 has stood down, also so has Malcolm Sinfield.
* The Bathurst Tour (BAT) was step forward in setting various duties with Mike Batten Road Director, Dave Johnson Tour manager and Ann Mulholland Communications Officer.
* The next event will require an Event Secretary to spread the load even more.
* The Road Director should have an assistant.
* WhatsApp was very successful for communications during the BAT.
* Tours will be set to include two options – fully sealed and partly unsealed.
* Our route charted Tours with no map reading navigation are very popular, especially with the women.
* We must avoid rough roads and navigation.
* Plan on standardising the format of Road books.
* Need to look at the amount of evening entertainment. In the BAT we have feedback that the talks were too long.
* There were a couple of other items that have been taken on board for the next event

Role of the Committee:

* Committee to make the primary decisions on if to have an event, where to start and finish, generally to approve the area proposed to be used, duration of event, date of the event , appointing the Tour Organiser and in conjunction with the Promotions Team agree on a name for the event.

Vote on Report to the Committee on the Tours Group:

* Accept this as an Interim Report and agree to follow the recommendation.
* Accepted unanimously.
* Accepted unanimously the Role of the Committee as above

General discussion on Agenda Item. Tour of the Snowy:

* We have more freedom of dates now the GSRT scheduled for March 2024 has been postponed.
* Dave is to run the event as Tour Organiser and will probably appoint Steve Blair as Road Director which would enable Steve to get more experience so as be of use in that area in the future.
* There is the option for a longer event, 5 not 3 days. Five days could use a better selection of roads.
* The 5-day option would run from a Tuesday to a Saturday inclusive.
* Tumut is proposed as the finish. This should help attract Victorians.
* Graham Thompson suggested having 2 Start Points. Goulburn for NSW and Albury for VIC. It was agreed that this was an option for an event when we had established our presence as a leader in running Tours.
* The 2022 HRC Tours Survey was revisited (copies of which were to be sent to Alan and Graham), and one result was a preference for longer (more than 5 day) events.
* The entry cost was discussed with $450 for 5 days ($90 per day) and $105 per day for shorter number of days was suggested.
* Dave would like to re-introduce presenting Riedel wine glasses to participants again as we did when we were running the Black Stump events. He will re-visit the costs that used to run at less than $10 each previously.
* Ian Richards will assist with the route in Victoria if the two days are added as Lakes Entrance is the probable extra night that would be selected.
* Allan Denney volunteered to assist.
* Xanthea Boardman has commented that Cooma has not much accommodation available.
* Graham Thompson volunteered to find out accommodation availability for the proposed overnight stops.
* It was agreed we should avoid clashing with other events:
  + The CRC calendar was considered to be the one we should be most concerned with complimenting. (Mike to liaise)
  + Allan to find dates for NSW Championship events.
  + ARC not considered an issue.
  + AMSAG calendar still not available

General discussion on Tour to the Sunshine State:

* Ian Richards is well advanced in planning this Tour.
* The name is still open for discussion is the best that Ian and Dave can come up with, with Winton wishing to comment further on that issue.
* The Committee agreed Winton (as a proposed assistant to Ian) should have input into the Committee’s deliberations into the aspects earlier discussed under “Role of the Committee” for this event.

Other General Business:

* Require a HRC Facebook Page co-ordinator – any volunteers?
* Our small club requires more general helpers – any volunteers?
* Graham Thompson expressed an interest in taking on the Membership Services Officer role and offered to approach Ian Packard on the subject. Ian was agreeable to the proposal and will transfer his responsibilities at the end of October. Many thanks to Ian for his efforts in this role over the last 8 years.

The meeting closed at 4:50pm

***Mike Batten, HRC President, 8 September 2023***