

Meeting: VRA Annual General Meeting (35th anniversary, hooray!)

Date: 17th May 2012

Present: Kate Gavens, Tom Lothian (minutes), Greg Robinson (chair), Tina Smith, Vic Sedunary, Peter Brooks, Neil Phillips, Rob Edmonds, Don Baker, Grant Jeffrey, Andrew Walker, Brett Sparks, Robin Gardner, Andrew Hunter, Phil Giddings, Martina Honey, Ron Fredericks, Cath Weir, Jon Sutcliffe, Andrew Baker, Karen Pate, Denise Pike, Peter Grover, Stephen Honey, Rob Mason, Randall Young

Agenda:

1. Welcome

Open 7:35pm

2. Apologies

Bev Trease, Merv Trease, Peter Chen, Ainslie Cummins, Andy Hardy

3. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM were circulated

Motion: That the minutes of the 2011 AGM be accepted

Forwarded: Don Baker

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

The motion was carried unanimously

4. Business arising from the 2011 Annual General Meeting

No business was arising,

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

6. Reports (attached)

1. Presidents Report (Including volunteer report and membership report)– Greg Robinson

- a. Annual report. Includes finances and activities of the committee as well as statistics on membership and event participation. Feedback was encouraged.

2011 was a very successful year. Non-eventful in a good way. Increase in membership, turned a surplus and all events went ahead. Focus has been on professionalism and reducing reliance on volunteer numbers. The committee feels that progress had been made on both fronts. This is a good sign in terms of the long term sustainability of the VRA.

Thanks to the committee Don in particular, Tom as Secretary and Phil Giddings for a huge amount of work. Grant for working with event coordinators and also stepping into so many ad hoc supportive roles. Andy Hardy is stepping down after 5 years which is greatly appreciated. Many many thanks to Karen Pate for wrangling and supporting volunteers. Martina, Cath, Kate and Andrew for all the support they provide.

Strategic direction was improving map quality which was the case. The website is looking great (thanks Brooksy). More social networking through email, facebook and similar tools still need to be expanded on. Flag the potential need for future sponsorship as a marketing strategy.

\$11,000 surplus which is largely attributed to increased membership and event attendance. 5 events in surplus and 4 in loss which is perhaps a problem at this stage.

We have discharged our responsibilities to the government for receipt of grant monies which we still rely on quite heavily to

Many thanks for the year it's been a good time.

Comment from Ron Fredericks: congratulations. The crowd went wild.

2. Treasurer's Report – Don Baker

The loss for the 24 hour increased this year as the bus subsidy was allocated directly to the event rather than taken out of general revenue. Auditor has signed off on the books making mainly cosmetic changes.

3. Competition Manager's Report – Grant Jeffrey

Motion: Move that the reports be accepted.

Forwarded: Phil Giddings

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

The motion was unanimously carried

4. Competition Managers Report:

Exceptional year. No prolonged searches. No first aid issues. Higher map quality. All events run. Well done to all. Well done to the committee and volunteers for running events to such a high standard.

5. Volunteers

Volunteers have been great at stepping up at the 11th hour but there is an unfair reliance on the same people event after event.

Motion: Thanks to the volunteer coordinator

Forwarded: Greg Robinson

Seconded: Tom Lothian

Motion carried by spontaneous clapping of hands by all

6. Membership

Great job in having such high numbers given that we ran less events than we have in the past.

7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2012-2013

The committee stood down for elections. Elections were run by Peter Chen. Peter reiterated Greg's thanks and extended thanks to all those who help in the multitude of small roles.

Motion that reports be accepted:

Forwarded: Neil Phillips

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

Unanimously carried.

1. President

Nomination: Greg Robinson (accepted)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Don Baker

Voted in unopposed

2. Vice President

Nomination: Ron Fredericks (accepted)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Don Baker

Voted in unopposed

3. Secretary

Nomination: Kate Gavens(accepted)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Greg Robinson

Nomination: Tom Lothian (not accepted)

Forwarded: Don Baker

Kate voted in unopposed

4. Treasurer

Nomination: Don Baker (accepted)

Forwarded: Ron Fredericks

Seconded: Grant Jeffrey

Voted in unopposed

5. Competition Manager

Nomination: Grant Jeffrey (accepted)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

Voted in unopposed

6. Committee Members (4)

Nomination: Evan Gavens

Evan was not able to accept as he was not in attendance as he is 3 days old. Congratulations to Scott Gavens and Rebecca Shaw

Nomination: Phil Giddings (accepted)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

Nomination: Andrew Baker (accepted)

Forwarded: Greg Robinson

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

Nomination: Brett Sparks (accepted)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Don Baker

Nomination: Tom Lothian (accepted)

Forwarded: Kate Gavens

Seconded: Ron Fredericks

All committee members accepted

7. Coopted Members (3+)

Nomination: Vic Sedunary (accepted)

Forwarded: Tina Smith

Seconded: Andrew Baker

Nomination: Roy Jackson (accepted even though he wasn't there)

Forwarded: Tom Lothian

Seconded: Don Baker

8. General Business

1. Proposed changes to the Membership structure. Full detail is included in the attachment "Proposed Changes to Membership and Newsletters".

Motion: that the changes to the membership structure as outlined in Proposed Changes to Membership and Newsletters are accepted.

Question from Rob Edmonds: is it simpler to deduct the remaining membership balance?

Response from Brooksy: MASS could handle this system without stress.

Comment from Randall Young: Have started with the VRA relatively recently. Member of another automotive club who have non-active members. Concerned that will lose the income stream of non-active members. Also feel we are losing the opportunity to rebate on membership as a way to incentivise volunteering.

Comment from Rob Edmonds: support the issue of "social members", good to maintain the contact.

Comment from Andrew Walker: I have been a family and social member for many years.

Comment from Don Baker: Legally we must have a membership fee but this will be an accounting adjustment but this will not impact the competitors experience.

Email input:

Hi Greg

The latest VRA magazine has just arrived in my letter box. I sat down with a cup of coffee to read it. I like the hard copy. Can't be bothered doing reading of magazines on the computer.

I've got a 'bad' knee. Can't do foot rogaines any more. But I do like the Cyclogaines. So at present I only have the possibility of two events per year. If I can't get to one of them, then it might be more than 12 months between events for me.

At present I make an effort to keep up my membership payments.

I don't believe your explanation of the new system covers situations such as mine. I want to remain to be a member. I don't want to have to "enter an event" just to do that – there mightn't be a possible event! And I want to keep receiving the hard copy newsletter.

Could there be a 'newsletter' fee for those who wish to receive the hard copy? Then at least we'll get a monthly reminder of what events are coming up, and keep up with the latest news and articles. And we can then enter events that suit. And on event entry we're covered by member insurance.

Thanks for all the work that you and your committee do.

Regards

Kathy Liley

Motion amended to "The committee be authorised to introduce an approach to remove membership fees and increase event fees". (for 26, against 1)

Forwarded: Don Baker Seconded: Greg Robinson

2. Neil Phillips: Status on the 2014 AusChamps?

Greg: Identification of key personnel and location to be sorted by the end of this year. First meeting in July. Inviting all comments.

Neil: World Champs in August. So we'll probably May.

9. Close 8:45pm

Post meeting shenanigans: Greg and Karen are getting married in June near the Ilse of Skye followed by 5 days in Paris. The committee and the VRA provided a gift to say thanks.