



Minutes of Meeting

National DSMRA Annual General Meeting

26th February 2011

Black Gold Cabins - Wallerawang NSW

Meeting Opened 8:15pm

Minutes taken by Marcus Cahill

Declare Meeting Open

Chairperson and Club President declared open at 8:15pm the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Dual Sport Motorcycle Riders Association Incorporated for the Club's 2010 Reporting Year. The meeting was held on Saturday 26 February in the function rooms of Black Gold Cabins, 121 Main Street, Wallerawang NSW.

Record Members Present and Eligible to Vote (39 in Total)

Peter Daley	Peter Wenderoth	Tim Clarke	Anthony Freeman	Nigel Blower
Danny Hansen	Wayne McNaughton	Glen McNaughton		Bill Pengilli
Geoff Oates	Graham Guy	Arthur Feltham	Dave Bromley	Dan Hawkins
Belinda Guy	Rob Lindsay	Bob Madell	Scott Gales	Chris Byrne
Ken Chappell	Joel Chappell	Bruce Hunt	Andrew Jackson	Gabriel Garin
Tim Jorgensen	Greg Wheeler	Greg Wyeth	Rolf Goldberger	Mal Sleet
Tim Chadwick-Cocks	Marcus Cahill	Stefan Brieschenk	Steve Donkers	Ash Rutledge
Dave Comiskey	Paul Dyett	Paul Zanello	Ian Jones	Dave Donnelly

Apologies

Warren Jack

No members from Queensland, Victoria, South Australia & Western Australia attended.

Minutes of Previous AGM (2009)

No Minutes of Previous AGM were presented or made available, therefore no amendments to, adoption of, or matters arising from previous minutes were proposed or submitted.

(1) Raffle Giveaway

All persons present at meeting received one ticket each for the raffle giveaway prizes which consisted of 11 motocross helmets. Winners drawn at random from raffle ticket container.

Winners:	1)Tim Cox	2)Dave Bromley	3)Glen McNaughton
	4)Marcus Cahill	5)Bruce Hunt	6)Stefan Brieschenk
	7)Arthur Feltham	8)Gabriel Garin	9)Ian Jones
	10)Nigel Blowett	11)Daniel Hawkins	

(2) National DSMRA Jersey

Chairperson displayed riding jersey designed by the Townsville Branch of the DSMRA. Members discussed colour options and sizes. Members endorsed design of jersey with possible option to modify some colours and wider range of sizes. Proposed cost of jersey's will be \$60.00 -\$65.00. Orders shall be via website.

(3) Presidents Report

Peter Daley provided an overview of 2009/2010 as National President and the meeting's agenda.

- Membership Status - 938 active members
- 1400 members in previous year
- National Husky bike promotion extended till June 2011. Insufficient entries at original closing date. Entrants to this years (2011) Kowen Forest ride in the ACT will be eligible to win the Husky 510 bike as well as the Suzuki DRZ400 on offer.
- Last years Kowen Ride attracted 325 entrants plus approx. 30 helpers.
- Website
- Membership Co-ordinator

- Insurance
- Area Status Reports (Townsville and South Australia only)
- Promotion of the DSMRA
- General and Other Business

Questions and comments from the floor including the President:

Why is membership shrinking ?

- No newsletter (whether in print or PDF form) Would have lost 20% of members as a result.
- Didn't get a reminder to renew: membership renewals not transferred from card system to web.
- Queensland generating more new members: proactive membership
- A lot of people come in to learn the rides, then leave as riding groups become large.

Should we be politically active or get someone (lobbyist) on our behalf ?

- Club has no choice – must be political
- Could affiliate with Motorcycling Australia (MA), if we could claim MA membership, we become part of a larger group, politicians listen.
- Splintered groups are weaker.
- MA is more about racing, shouldn't we affiliate with a 4WD group which are recreational.
- MA represents all motorcyclists, including recreational riders.
- *Could we talk to ADB magazine about their editorial concerns (March 2011 edition) regarding recreational riding throughout Australia, especially NSW.*
(Volunteer to do it – Peter Wenderoth) if possible, bring all stakeholders to the table.
- Hand count majority for Steve Donkers to talk to MA.
- A Motorcycling Council of NSW publication has us as a member of a drafting committee in NSW (Clinton Jurd ?) DSMRA executive only learned of this a few weeks ago.
- We need people to go to these meetings.
- We don't need to affiliate with MA as our name is out there.
- Rec Rego is coming to NSW (Wayne McNaughton).
- Members who seek to represent the DSMRA to government departments/agencies need to discuss with the National DSMRA first. (Clinton should let the National know what he's doing AGREED BY MAJORITY).

- Idea put forward to affiliate with National 4WD Association to gain numbers as Recreational users of the bush (Larger numbers than MA)

(4) Membership Co-ordinator

- Steve Kraus (Rex) is the new national membership co-ordinator. Ricky Harris resigned in November 2010.
- Membership cards, first batch being printed, renewal letters being printed.
- *Do people support 5 year memberships ? YES*
- *Can members enter bike competitions each year under a 5 year membership ? NO*
- 5 year membership option at discounted rate supported by majority at meeting.
- The option to add an extra year of membership to go in the draw for a competition is still available.

(5) Website

- Website getting better
- More functionality is being added and problems that get identified are getting fixed.

(6) Insurance

- Indemnity insurance covers volunteer at DSMRA preparing for rides, does not cover riders, that's what indemnity form is for.
- Will produce document on website to explain. To be legally cleared
- If a financial DSMRA member is disabled, would Executive committee at their discretion contribute a benefit ? VERY UNLIKELY.
- A rider died 4 years ago of a heart attack. Policy doesn't cover that situation.
- Members should get their own ambulance and accident cover.
- Lead and sweep riders are covered.
- Good Samaritan Act, do research on it. Victorian Act a bit different.
- If providing First Aid to an injured person/rider and that aid is deficient/damaging, then generally covered by Good Samaritan Act. (Wayne McNoughton)
- Lead riders need to provide a clear statement to riders of the difficulty to be encountered.

- *Should we get a solicitors advice ?* MAJORITY VOTED YES

(7) Area Status Reports

- Townsville QLD Branch 11 years old.
 - 12 organised rides per year, average of 45 riders per ride.
 - 150 active members, have access to area's other (non members ?) riders cannot access.
 - Concerns - gazetted stock routes, adventure riders
 - They want \$5000 per new branch to start up new branches with National funding.
 - *Is this too much ? Should the National provide \$1000 ?*
 - They currently have an application for funding from the National.
 - *Why doesn't the National provide hardware (radio's etc) ?*
 - Years ago, around 2000-2005 the National used to loan money to new branches. Then when that branch increased its membership, that branch repaid the National.
 - Proposal to loan monies with no interest. Supported by a majority show of hands.
 - Loan limit amounts for this purpose. \$2000.00 Supported by a majority show of hands.
 - \$3000.00 limit rejected.
 - DSMRA used to have a National Equipment Register (Wayne McNoughton)
 - *Should it be re-installed ?* It's National property (Wayne McNoughton)
 - Please research ownership of DSMRA equipment.
 - Should buy in bulk nationally and rent to branches, too complicated /onerous for volunteers.
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- DSMRA South Australia Lots of adventure rides.
 - Challenge is to keep attracting new members.
 - Land access issue's (like most of the country)
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- No reports from other area's presented/abled.

(8) Vice Presidents Report

The VP has been assisting group of interested parties in negotiation with State Forests re access to the Forest for the Apex Batemans Bay Charity Ride. Work in progress, and more meetings to follow. Parties involved include DSMRA, KTM Trail Tours, Batemans Bay Apex, South Coast Trailbike Tours and Batemans Bay Tourism.

The VP and most committee members have not been included in the decision making and running of the DSMRA. Unfortunately, their opinions have not been sought when decisions affecting the club have been made.

(9) Treasurer's Report *(presented by Treasurer)*

• <u>Balance Sheet</u>	Financial Year ending June 2010	
• Total Cash on Hand	\$72,296.10	(\$67,000 as of 26/2/2011)
• Total Assets	\$88,467.65	
• Total Liabilities	\$310.00	
• Total Equity	\$88,157.65	
• <u>Profit & Loss</u>	Financial Year ending June 2010	
• Total Income	\$18,073.37	(Mainly Membership Fee's)
• Total Cost of Sales	\$167.36	(Postage & PayPal Fee's)
• Gross Profit	\$17,906.01	
• Total Expenses	\$16,010.91	(items greater than \$1,000.00)
		Advertising \$3,000.00
		Bank Charges \$1,025.77
		Insurance \$5,936.27
		Printing \$2,621.38
• Operating Profit	\$1,895.10	
• Total Other Income	\$1,982.05	(Interest income)
• Total Other Expenses	\$1.79	(Interest expense)
• Net Profit	\$3,875.36	

Financial Summary: Total income down 56.4% from previous year, but figures skewed as a result of late transfer of Kowen Forest ride fee's after the close of the 2010 financial year.

Total Equity increased by 4.6%

Annual Budget: No budget presented or discussed.

Questions: Is the current cash balance in a 5 year plan to invest in property in each state?
NO. Majority of funds (\$50,000) is preserved for a fighting fund.

Membership Fee's: Treasurer proposed an increase to membership fee's to offset other fee's incurred. PayPal charges 2.4% for each membership processed and the Australian Tax Office's 10% Gst grab.

Current membership fee's have been in place since August 2007.

Proposed increase's Single from \$50.00 to \$60.00

Family from \$70.00 to \$80.00

Any membership fee increase (or otherwise) are deliberated and decided upon by the executive committee.

Comments regarding membership fee increase:

DSMRA is a non-profit organisation

Are we losing money ?

Will be trading water

Will decrease membership

Want more members to increase funds

The executive will note views and make a decision.

Comment: People want to know what they get for their money.

The executive consists of Peter Daley, Steve Donkers, Peter Wenderoth and the vacant Secretary position.

(10) Secretary's Report (2009 – 2010)

None – position still vacant

(11) Promotion of DSMRA

- Do we want to gain/appoint a marketing agent ? 1)NO 2) No return on investment.
- How many members do we want ? Wouldn't want 1000 in Sydney. Don't want more than 15 riders per ride, otherwise too slow.
- Propose full-time paid person to promote DSMRA (proposed budget \$20,000.00)
Rob Cox will investigate rcox@macgeo.com.au
- How many new member from Kowen Forest ride ? 150 plus
- Could we run a similar event in NSW ? Yes, someone needs to stand up to do it. Further exploration of this will be undertaken.
- State Forest are difficult at the best of times when organising a large ride.
- Need to go to bike manufacturer's and offer discounted membership. (PW comment post meeting: Perhaps bike dealers would be a better option)
Need to have a trigger so that we get the purchase details (PW comment post meeting: Privacy Act will most likely prohibit that)
- It helps to send emails to riders on Thursday/Friday night for rides on that weekend.
Weekly general emails (automated) for all members. Put to a vote-supported by majority.

(12) Other Business/Questions

- Have we spoken to insurance companies about rider insurance ?
Yes, very expensive. People can organise their own personal accident insurance.
- MA (Motorcycling Australia) - will there be any extra cost for DSMRA members ?
Not free, affiliation fee, registration requirements.
But can take advantage of MA insurance.
Ride conditions for lead riders are/were unacceptable (Ash Rutledge)

(13) Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

The Chairperson declared the Club's Executive and Committee positions vacant as per Rule 14 of the Constitution.

No Returning Officer required as the Club's constitution make no allowance for this procedure.

- **Election of Club President** Peter Daley was elected unopposed
- **Election of Club Vice President** Tim Clarke was elected unopposed
- **Election of Club Treasurer** Peter Wenderoth was elected unopposed

- **Election of Club Secretary** Iesha Stewart (post AGM meeting 15 Mar 2011)
- Election of Committee Members All members elected unopposed

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- Publicity Officer Position to be filled by paid professional
- Public Officer Steve Donkers (NSW Associations Act)

Meeting closed at 10:40 pm

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Review of minutes: Tim Clarke, Rob Lindsey, Steve Donkers.