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Minutes of Monthly General Meeting, Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Meeting opened at 8.05 pm after early sandwiches.

Members in the room and Online: 25 in the room, 12 on Zoom.

Meeting Chaired: Len Kerwood, President, Committee – Glynis Gibbons: Secretary/Vice President, Tony Press: Minute Secretary. Robert Humphreys: Editor, Russell Dickson: Membership Secretary, John Shiells: Property Officer,

Apologies: Paul Goethel: Treasurer, Ron Crellin: Social Secretary. Janne and Fiona Humphreys, Rex Crouch, Graeme Burbidge.

Sick Call: John Heagney, Graeme Burbidge, John Fatouris,

Minutes of the Last Meeting 1st February (posted on the noticeboard in the room and on the Club Website) Moved Acceptance: Rob Humphreys, Seconded: John Shiells, Carried.

Reports:

Historic Winton: Len reported ticket sales are growing, all is fairly positive and he has applied for the usual grant. The next subcommittee meeting will be Wednesday 8th March, 7.30 at the Clubrooms.

Secretary: Glynis advised the online Club Magazines have been forwarded to Tony for distribution. . The Bay City Chrysler Club Show and Shine Sunday 12th March. Motorsport Australia has a new Technical Appendix on safety harnesses. The Federation tour is 29th August. Hot Cross Bun Run 7th April. New contact details for AOMC. Club Trailer insurance to be renewed. A Media Release for the Rob Roy Revival run by MGCC and VHRR with 75 invited cars competing.

Editor: Robert thanked all contributors- the March issue was well received. April issue closing date is 19^{th} March, not as listed. The Historic Winton van will load 24^{th} May. Next AOMC meeting Monday 6^{th} March, they need a volunteer apprentice for the engine number records. Spares open next Saturday – would all purchasers bring an order list to ease confusion at the counter every time.

Membership Secretary: Russell advised all memberships should have been paid by 1st March- after this date latecomers will have to pay a new member fee. We have 374 members in total with some lost on the way. Thank you to all members who paid on time. One member who had a Club permit car hasn't paid membership which means this car does not have a valid permit and should not be driven,

Treasurers Report: Rob Humpreys presented the Treasurers Report- Cash Maximiser \$88,148.59, General Account \$25,567.09, Historic Winton \$124.717.16, National Rally Account \$4,000.00, Spares Garage

\$102,512.78, Westpac \$2,040.52, Term Deposit \$250,000.00 giving a total of \$592,948.05 plus the National Rally Account. A copy of the financial report is attached to the minutes. Moved Acceptance of the report: Noel Wilcox, Seconded: Bruce Walker, Carried.

Property Officer: John had nothing to report.

Spares Report: Brian Gibbons advised he is carrying out another stock check assisted by David Easton prior to placing an new overseas order with 'Austin 7 Components' (Brian Williams advised they are a preferred supplier) for spares. Brian Gibbons will then review the stock position for locally sourced items,

Federation Meeting: Alan Barnes attended the 11^{th} February meeting at Little River and presented a report to Len. Of particular interest is the new Federation website <u>HOME | My Site (federation.asn.au)</u> (copy attached to the minutes).

Coming Events: The Saturday Spares BBQ will not be on unless we have volunteer chef- advise Len if you can help. Events- Kalorama, Philip Island Classic, HAS 15th March, Tooling Up at 7 Heaven will cover Welding techniques 27th April, Rob Roy Revival,, Eddington Sprints, B40 Rally, Progressive Lunch, URRRS with Len. See the Light Shaft for details of all events.

Past Events: Faye Stevens and Glynis went to the British and European Car Show at Caribbean Gardens. Three Austin 7s among 1000 others

General Business: John McMillan noted the 80 page Targa Tasmania report has been released – there will be no run this year. Merv Boldner read the report on the Austin 7 from the August 2022 'The Automobile' magazine. Len had a lively discussion with the club members on Zoom.

Buys and Sells: No buys or sells.

Meeting Closed: at 9:10 pm

Supper sandwiches available- tuck in.