



TR Register Australia Inc. ABN 95675396315

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Committee Meeting

Venue: Via Zoom from committee members homes

Date: Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Meeting Opened: 7.40 p.m.

In Attendance: John McCormack, Ian Cuss, Tony Xerri, David Ferguson, David Pearce, Colin Baldock, Tony Knowlson, Steve Bradford, Andrew Pitchford and Bob Watters.

Apologies: Ross McLeod, Chris Olson and Mal Munro

The President opened the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Correction: Nil

Moved: Bob Watters **Seconded:** John McCormack - carried unanimously

Business Arising:

Dealt with in General Business.

Reports

President (John McCormack)

This meeting is my last as President and I would just like to say a few words on my 5 years in the role and my view of a major challenge for the future Committee.

Firstly, it has been a most rewarding and fulfilling time. Committee members over the years have been very committed to improving the members experiences and have put in great efforts. Strong friendships have been established with many Committee and other club members that would not have happened if I hadn't been in this role.

In particular other members of the Executive I have worked closely with over some years; Bob Watters, David Ferguson, Tony Xerri I respect greatly and consider good friends. I have much stronger friendships with all of you because we are doing what we do.

I mourn past Committee members Mark Stuckey and Rob Bradford who I worked with closely and also became good mates with. RIP Mark and Rob!

The Committee has changed considerably over the past five years. The Committee when I took on the role was perceived by a few members as being very Sydney centric. I never believed this impacted on Committee decision making and it was a reflection of the history of the club and its NSW foundation. But I did see the

opportunity to broaden the Committee geographically, demographically and enhance available skills sets by taking advantage of technological advancements like Zoom. These Committee changes will continue as the club needs to be dynamic.

The club VP Ian Cuss and I talked at length just this week about bringing younger members onto the Committee where we can. This latter move is going to be increasingly important as I believe the next 5 to 10 years is going to be critical for the classic car movement and for our club.

As President I have been exposed to many members and the wider classics world. In the past a great number of our members could do their own maintenance and help others out. This is changing. I have been helping many new Sydney members with their cars. Many of them do not have maintenance know how, even down to how to grease the nipples on the moving joints.

In parallel, the service centres/workshops capable of working on our cars are disappearing. Our remaining Triumph specialist in Sydney will retire in the next couple of years, specialists in Victoria are retiring and modern mechanics are not trained on carburettors, distributors, setting tappets and a myriad other skills. It is impossible now for some members in remoter areas to find a workshop to work competently on TRs and in five years I believe it will be exceedingly hard anywhere. As a club we need to prepare for these changes and I believe this will be a major undertaking for the future Committee.

I have nominated to be a Committee member in the new Committee and hope to contribute as best I can to the future of our club.

Report to be accepted - Moved: John McCormack **Seconded:** David Ferguson – carried unanimously

Secretary (Bob Watters)

Correspondence In: Emails from AOMC and HMA. TSOA Victoria magazine.

Correspondence Out: Letter to Darryle Dobe

Report to be accepted - Moved: Bob Watters **Seconded:** David Ferguson - carried unanimously

Vice President (Ian Cuss)

Ian thanked the President and Secretary for their good work over the past 5 years. The Committee has worked well over the past year and will continue this standard into the next 12 months to keep the club relevant to the changes that are facing classic car clubs worldwide.

Ian has spoken to 2 younger members about nominating for the Committee to experience the workings with a view to taking a more active role in the future.

Report to be accepted - Moved: Ian Cuss **Seconded:** Steve Bradford – carried unanimously

Treasurer (Tony Xerri)

The Treasurer had circulated his report prior to the meeting.
.He reported that new parts sales were very slow in March.

The bank balance stands at \$60,636 with the term deposit balance of \$45,000.

Payments through the website using Stripe (online payment system) incurred a 1.9% surcharge.

Tony circulated information from the Tax Office regarding Not For Profit Organisations (such as the club) having to submit a return which will be reviewed for any tax liability. Details are still not clear how this will work however the club will have to submit a return.

Tony advised the meeting that he will stay in the role to work through the new tax requirements but will retire from the Treasurer position at the AGM in 2025.

Report to be accepted - Moved: Tony Xerri **Seconded:** Ian Cuss- carried unanimously

Membership (Andrew Pitchford)

Andrew reported 2 new members and 3 lapsed members rejoining since the last meeting. Membership is 327.

Andrew is not receiving information regarding membership payments through the new system. Tony will send Andrew a bank statement each month to identify any payments. Andrew to liaise with Ross to find a solution to the problem.

Report to be accepted - Moved: Andrew Pitchford **Seconded:** Tony Knowlson - carried unanimously

General Business:

Website

As Ross was unable to attend the meeting it was decided that all questions about the website be forwarded to the Secretary who will collate them before forwarding them to Ross.

Parts – New and Used

The President advised that he will commence the review of the parts sales system shortly. This review will be conducted with the assistance of Allan Bare and Mal Munro with input from other committee members with relevant expertise.

Annual General Meeting

The Secretary advised that all relevant information was sent to members within the time frame in the constitution.

All positions are declared vacant at the AGM and nominations need to be received from all committee members who intend to continue in their roles.

As previously advised the President, Vice President and the Secretary positions will become vacant at the AGM.

Younger Members

Both the President and Vice President have contacted younger members urging them to nominate for a position on the Committee. It is vital for the future of the club that younger members become involved. This situation will become increasingly critical over the next few years.

2024 Concours

Peter McEwan reported that all plans are on track for the event and that 37 rooms have been booked at the nominated hotel.

There have been issues with the online registration with some members requesting a hard copy registration form to use.

The Secretary will ask Peter to look at the option of having a St Johns Ambulance Officer present at the Concours display.

2025 Concours

Colin presented a comprehensive overview of the 2025 event and advised that the organising team will be visiting the location this week to further fine tune the arrangements.

Name Badges

Andrew provided examples of new style name badges. The Committee approved the design and Andrew will proceed with having the badges made for members who need a new badge. New members will have a badge provided at no cost while members who request a new badge will be charged.

Club Member of the Year Award

The current shield has only space for a few more years for the winner's name plaques on the shield. Russell Holliday provided 2 options to increase the capacity for more name plaques on the existing shield. The Committee approved Russell to proceed with the revamp of the existing shield which will increase the timeline to 2047.

Concours Judging

Peter Standen will be the Head Judge at the Canberra Concours and David Ferguson will be input the scoring.

Peter, Ian Cuss and Steve Bradford will review the current judging criteria and make whatever changes are deemed necessary.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Bob Watters

Secretary

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