

DECEMBER MEETING – UPPER HUNTER BRANCH OF THE ULYSSES CLUB.

HELD AT THE ALBION HOTEL SINGLETON ON SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009.

MEETING OPENED, at 6.04pm, Chaired by Garry Knight.

ATTENDANCE. As per the attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES. Neil and Janet Jacobs, Mick and Beth Mantel, Brian Davison, Michael and Ray lie Barrett.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS. There were no new members present, however Garry greeted all present including Chris Godard and Mick Yule from lower Hunter Branches and some members who have not attended a meeting for some time, and commented upon the Tindale's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

MINUTES. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Moved Tony Hernando seconded Graeme Lothringer that the minutes as read be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING. There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE IN.

1. Letter from NatCom requesting Branch Financial Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> December as soon as possible in the new year.
2. QM stock list and order forms.
3. Natcom minutes from the committee meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> September at Pacific Paradise Qld.
4. President Jim Simpsons letter of resignation which was read to all present.

The Secretary moved that the correspondence received including Jim Simpsons letter of resignation be accepted, seconded Tony Hernando. All joined in wishing Jim and Colleen Simpson well in their move to Queensland.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT. There was no correspondence out for December.

TREASURERS REPORT. The Treasurer advised that our opening balance for November was \$2,304.26, plus credits of \$63.00, less debits of \$641.00 leaving a closing balance of \$1,726.26. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Moved Tony Hernando seconded John Williams that the Treasurers report be accepted.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT. Garry Knight advised that;

1. Sylvia had fallen on entering the Albion Hotel.
2. Sandra and Dave Hopley were present, following Sandra's recent illness. Both were welcomed back.

NEWSLETTER. Wayne Smith indicated that there were no issues with the Newsletter.

RIDE CALENDAR. Keith Smith advised that the draft of the 2010 ride calendar had been emailed to members for comment and suggestions. He outlined the proposed rides, and all were requested to

suggest destinations for future rides. As a separate issue, Donna, Jill and Chris were planning a Queensland tour starting 9<sup>th</sup> May and lasting three weeks. There was no set programme, it was a look and see trip with side rides to places of interest. They hoped to get as far north as Rockhampton. Anyone interested in joining the ride should contact Donna.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Lyn Cherry raised the fact that a number of members will be away over the March – April period and that it may be wise to postpone the Branch AGM. After some discussion Jim Simpson moved that the AGM be held at the May meeting, seconded Donna McIntyre. Nomination forms to be emailed out with December minutes.
2. Chris Godard gave an update on the 2011 AGM. Planning is going well so far, there will be plenty of camping area between the paceway and Perth Rd. A large hard standing area is available near Energy Australia Stadium for trade displays. Most jobs had now been allocated and most areas are covered. The Upper Hunter Branch has been proactive in volunteering. There is still a need for major sponsors.

There being no further business, the Chairman Garry Knight wished all present a merry Xmas and presented the management of the Albion Hotel with a certificate of appreciation for their support over the past year. He also thanked the outgoing President and his wife for their efforts and leadership over the past four years. Jim Simpson responded. Mick Yule then thanked Jim and the Branch for their support in joint upper and lower hunter activities over the past years. Donna McIntyre then said that as a member since 1997, she had found Jim to be the most interesting president and that she would miss him, his spoons and his song and dance routines.

There being no further items the meeting closed at 6.47pm.

Garry Knight

Chairperson

Bill Tindale

Secretary