

MAY MEETING – UPPER HUNTER BRANCH OF ULYSSES CLUB.

ALBION HOTEL SINGLETON. 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2009.

MEETING OPENED. 6.05pm.

ATTENDANCE. As per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES. Keith Smith, Ian Cochrane, Kerry Solman, Tony Hernando, George Robinson, Garry Knight, Gerry Winter, Joan Tindale, Donna McIntyre, Trevor Harrison, David Moffitt.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS. Brad Barnett welcomed Mark Vidler to the branch.

MINUTES. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Moved Brad Barnett, Seconded John Williams that the minutes as read be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING. The President reminded members present of the need to book accommodation at the Lookout Motor Inn (02 66572511) for our Xmas Party on 14/15 Nov. A show of hands indicated that a number had already booked.

CORRESPONDENCE IN. A \$10 donation has been received from Ken Cameron and Mick Mantle. We also received a copy of an old Bike Australia Magazine for archive, and subscription flyers for a new magazine. There has also been an email from Glenn Innes Branch re their Meet and Greet to be conducted in conjunction with the Glenn Innes Land of the Beardies Festival on 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Also a letter from Riders Rest accommodation on the Bruxner Highway, explaining what they have to offer.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT. Return sent to NATCOM confirming executive appointments for 2009.

TREASURERS REPORT. Max Cherrie read out the Treasurers Report. It showed that we had an opening balance of \$2,580.89, plus credits of \$298.50, less debits of \$106.00, leaving a closing balance of 2,773.39. (Copy enclosed) Moved Brian Davison, Seconded Garry Grant that the treasurer's report be accepted.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT. In the absence of the Welfare Officer, the President reported that Maurice Kramer and Mick Mantle with partners had departed on an extended caravan trip.

NEWSLETTER. Wayne Smith thanked contributors to the newsletter, and appealed for more contributions including photographs. A ride report on the Gilgandra trip has now been received.

RIDE CALENDAR. Keith Smith was absent but the updated ride calendar has been issued. At June meeting we will require confirmation of numbers attending the August 15/16 ride to Molong so that Sue can book seats for the Saturday night play. Those attending should also book accommodation ASAP as Molong only has one motel.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Lyn Cherrie asked if we could amend the ride calendar to ensure that long rides over two or more days included a day ride for members who cannot get away but still enjoy a ride out to meet those returning. Brad Barnett asked if it was possible to have a system of member to member contacts to arrange mutual rides. It was agreed that this was possible but difficult to

coordinate through the branch. It was agreed that short rides will continue to be included in the Ride Calendar when long rides are scheduled.

The President requested that numbers for the Xmas in July following the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting be confirmed at or by the June Meeting. This will be a USA theme night as it will coincide with American Independence Day and be a farewell to the Route 66 Group. Bear Davison moved that the Branch subsidise member's attendance, which was seconded by Barbara Williams. This was agreed. It was then moved by Lyn Cherrie that the executive round out the meal cost to members and that the Branch subsidise the difference at up to \$5.00 per head for those members and partners who have made voluntary contributions to Branch funds. This amendment was put to the vote and carried. Wayne Smith suggested that at the June Meeting we decide what charity we will contribute to this financial year. This was agreed.

CLOSE. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Jim Simpson.

PRESIDENT

Bill Tindal

SECRETARY