

NOVEMBER MEETING – UPPER HUNTER BRANCH OF THE ULYSSES CLUB.

HELD AT THE ALBION HOTEL SINGLETON ON SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2009.

MEETING OPENED, at 6.05pm.

ATTENDANCE. As per the attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES. Mark Cook, Kevin George, Keith Smith, John Williams, Maurice Kramer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS. There were no new members present, but we welcomed Kenn Lewis of 'Nedswear' from Redlands branch.

MINUTES. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Moved Brian Davis, seconded Tony Hernando that the minutes as read be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING. Donna McIntyre advised that we had one room remaining at the Motel at Dorrigo, and that this room would be cancelled with effect Tuesday 3rd November. Any further members wishing to attend should get in quickly.

CORRESPONDENCE IN.

1. A members details form from Drew Blain of Wybong Road Muswellbrook, with a \$10 donation.
2. Acknowledgement from Natcom of our donation of 500 dollars.
3. Natcom minutes from the committee meeting held 15th August 2009 at Mt Gambier SA.
4. Email from Kenn Lewis requesting permission to attend tonight's meeting.
5. Email from Keith Smith regarding ride calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT. The only correspondence out was our covering letter to Natcom with our \$500 donation.

TREASURERS REPORT. The Treasurer advised that our opening balance for October was \$2,766.76. We received \$38.50 in gold coin donations from rides and spent \$500 in giving our donation to the UCARF, leaving a closing balance of \$2,304.26. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Moved George Robinson seconded Mick Mantle that the Treasurers report be accepted.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT. Garry Knight advised that;

1. Freefall had an 'off' at Bermagui resulting in a fractured kneecap and minor injuries to his son. Freefall will be in a leg brace for 6 weeks but his son is fully recovered.
2. Neil Jacobs bumped the rear of a car at Wagga Wagga, causing cosmetic damage to his bike but no injuries.
3. Tony Hernando's mother in law passed away and our sympathy is extended to his family.
4. Sandra Hopley has suffered a stroke, is out of hospital but is facing a long recovery period at home. Dave has some moneys from the Inverell ride to give to the Treasurer.
5. Garry Knights own Grandmother had passed away following a fall.

NEWSLETTER. Wayne Smith advised that he is getting plenty of copy from ride reports, but needs some comments from the president for the next newsletter.

RIDE CALENDAR. In the absence of Keith Smith,

1. Our President reminded those present that there was a breakfast ride on Sunday 1st November.
2. Departure times for Sids & Kids ride on Sunday 8th November were MM 7.45am and SM 8.30am. Registration at Newcastle foreshore will be from 8.30am till 10am and cost \$10.
3. Anyone who can assist with registration should advise Tony Hernando and arrange to meet him early on his way down for 8am setup.
4. Support for Sids&Kids had been reasonable and a number of thank you letters need to be sent out.
5. Members were reminded that the Newcastle Toy Run would be on the weekend 5th 6th November.
6. Donna thanked those members who had supported the Muswellbrook MS Poker Run on Saturday 31st October. 9 bikes from the Branch participated.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. The topic of donations was discussed, with a view to giving an additional donation other than to UCARF and Sids&Kids. George Robinson expressed his objection to making any donation to assist an individual as that would leave the Branch open to multiple donation requests. Suggested recipients were the Cancer Council or Ronald McDonald House at Newcastle. Moved Max Cherrie seconded Donna McIntyre that the branch donate \$500 to Ronald McDonald House Newcastle. Motion was carried on a show of hands.
2. The topic of an informal get together at our last meeting for the year was discussed. Moved Donna McIntyre seconded George Robinson that the branch fund finger food at the Saturday 5th December meeting, as a Xmas gathering to include those that could not make the Dorriggo weekend and to farewell Jim and Colleen Simpson. Those present agreed that the Committee should supervise such expenditure for the 5th December meeting.
3. It was moved by Kerry Solman, seconded by Graeme Lothringer that the Branch purchase a hard drive to supplement Wayne Smiths home computer and enable him to store newsletter copy and photos. Motion was carried on voices of those present.
4. Lyn Cherrie spoke of the need for volunteers for check in at 2011 AGM. She has forms available for members to complete if assisting.
5. Garry Knight advised that a Show and Shine would be held at the Singleton on 28th and 29th November at Singleton Showground. Judging will be on Saturday with classes for best Jap, best English, best American, best paint, best displayed and top bike. Contact is Steve, 65722512.
6. Bruce Black advised that it is possible to road transport bikes from the East Coast to Perth or return for as little as \$923.00 each way. This may be an alternative to riding one or both ways. A website is available at www.motorbiketransport.com.au, or 1300 Bike Move. Also Bike Logistics at 0383390572 offer national motor bike transport services and have a website contactable through Google, as does Nationwide Towing and Transport (134 TOW).

MEETING CLOSED. There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Jim Simpson

President

Bill Tindale

Secretary