

SEPTEMBER MEETING – UPPER HUNTER BRANCH OF THE ULYSSES CLUB

HELD ALBION HOTEL ON SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009.

MEETING OPENED. 6.06pm.

ATTENDANCE. As per the attendance sheet.

APPOLOGIES. Ian Cochrane, Trevor Harris, Keith Smith, Donna McIntyre, Bear Davison, Wayne Smith, Joan Tindale.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS. Garry Knight welcomed Dave and Sandra Hopley and Bruce and Denise Black as new members. He also welcomed Mike Abberfield, and his wife Colleen, of Newcastle and Lower Hunter Branch who was in attendance to give us an update on the 2011 AGM.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Moved John Williams, Seconded Garry Knight that the minutes as read be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING. Sids for kids to be covered in General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE IN. 1. Barry Thomas database update. 2. Natcom minutes June 2009. 3. Letter from John Davies 2010 AGM volunteer director. 4. Volunteer forms for 2010 AGM. 5. \$10.00 branch membership/newsletter donation from Jeff Flynn. 6. Email from Tony Hernando regarding Sids for Kids ride 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT. Nil.

TREASURERS REPORT. The treasurer gave his report, copy attached to original minutes, stating that:

Balance B’Fwd (Bank Statement) \$2676,76.

Plus Credits \$62.00.

Less Debits \$0.00

Closing Balance \$2,738.76. Moved Barbara Williams Seconded Max Cherrie that the Treasurers report be accepted.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT. Garry Knight advised that Mark Bergman’s father had passed away and that his funeral had been held in Narrabri this past week. All joined in expressing their condolences to Mark. He further advised that Ross and Carol Morgan’s 2 year old granddaughter ‘Mattia’, had been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in April, and that this was covered in the Singleton Argus on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Branch extended the sympathy to Ross and Carol and offered any assistance that may be needed.

NEWSLETTER. Due to the absence of Wayne Smith there was no News Letter report.

RIDE CALENDAR. Due to the absence of Keith Smith there was no Ride Calendar update. However the President reminded members that there was a day ride to Mungo Brush on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of September, and that the Hunter Memorial Ride would be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, leaving MM at 0715 and SM at 0800 to be ready to depart Hexham McDonalds at 0930 for Maitland Park for

a gathering. Afterwards members would be free to ride on to other venues. He also asked members participating in the Inverell Ride to advise Keith Smith by email of their intention to do so.

GENERAL BUSINESS. 1. Joan Tindale has received an email from Rob Bauer, (Bra Man) advising that Australia now holds the Guinness Book of Records title for the world's longest chain of bra, 163 km. The Branch had assisted in collecting bras for this event. 2. A request has been received from Elizabeth Gates home for a display of bikes. It was agreed that this would be undertaken on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. 3. Kerry Solman requested that all members give some thought to where some of our funds should be distributed, to reduce the Branch financial holdings. We have contributed to Arthritis Research Foundation, Sids for Kids, and may wish to make a contribution to a local cancer fund. This will be discussed at future meetings.

AGM 2011. Mike Abberfield briefed all present on the March 21 -27<sup>th</sup> 2011 AGM. Upper Hunter Branch has been allocated the arrival registration to man and manage. Registration will be in the Newcastle Basketball Centre. A new system is being introduced at Albany in 2010, and we are encouraged to check it out at 2010 AGM. Lyn Cherrie and Janet Jacobs will be attending to become familiar with the system. Any others attending and who can volunteer time should submit their volunteer forms through Lyn so we all end up assisting in registration to become familiar with the system. Mike also expressed the need for a summary of skills from local members so that the best use can be made of member's talents. The Newcastle Branch have appointed two co-ordinators and an Events Director and a Director of Resources. It is expected that at least 4,000 members will attend. There was some discussion of standards of meals, but this is controlled by Natcom. The route for the Grand Parade is still under consideration with local authorities. Any assistance in identifying possible sponsors will be appreciated. Local Government and tourist bodies have been involved with planning and assistance.

CLOSE. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Jim Simpson

President

Bill Tindale

Secretary