

**ALBURY WODONGA MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
INC.**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 26th 2024 at 7.30pm (before the general meeting)

VENUE: "The Venue" on McFarland Road – 5 McFarland Road, Wodonga

1. ATTENDANCE: 53 Financial Members attended:

Dave Merbach, Ann Merbach, Clint Van De Stadt, Sandy Van De Stadt, Michael Sarroff, Joanne Sarroff, Ray Matheson, Mark Clifford, Peter Dwyer, John McInnes, Mark Orton, Neil Hillas, Geoff Press, Glenn Withers, Tony Ryan, Warrick Briton, Ray Waring, Neil Sedgewick, Malcolm Godde, Peter Trescowthick, Chris Salmon, Terrence Collins, Mick Johnston, Karl Strange, Phil Stuckey, Ian Read, Don Stewart, Kevin Corneliuson, John Kirkby, Stuart Moore, Chris Ferguson, Mark Embury, Rex Beard, Max Colbourn, Manny Polidano, Troy Shipard, Chris Jones, Andrew Vries, Pete Mayne, Elsie Romey, Dick Bates, David Lockley, Allan Purcell, David Lutton, Chris Brosolo, Kelly Coutts-Smith, John Kontista, David Barson, Russell Cole, Ken Mullavey, Colin Lashbrook, Howard Smith, Pat Povolny.

APOLOGIES: 9 Apologies :

Graeme Male, Evelyn Male, Les Yeaman, Mike Yerbury, Kevin Star, Doug Flack, Ross Edwards, Sharon Kontista, William Frew, Adam Greenwood.

VISITORS: 1. Jo Kearney

2. CONFIRMATION OF 2023 AGM MINUTES : Circulated by email and read out by Clinton Van De Stadt. **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Moved by- John Kirkby. Seconded – Neil Hillas. ALL IN FAVOUR CARRIED.

3. REPORTS TO MEMBERS for 2023 years activities of AWMEC

a. Presidents Report – see attachments

b. Treasurer's Report - See attachments

c. Membership Officers Report: - Members 1/1/23 – 31/12/23 224 Current Financial Members

Acceptance of Reports: Moved by – John Kirkby Seconded – Joanne Sarroff.

ALL IN FAVOUR CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF FEES – The Committee proposes that the Annual Membership Fee remains at \$40 and the Joining Fee remains at \$40 .

Proposed by Management Committee Seconded by Phil Stuckey. ALL IN FAVOUR. CARRIED.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE, OFFICE BEARERS & SUB COMMITTEES

a. COMMITTEE (the current Committee will stand down & all positions declared vacant)

Executive Committee

Neil Hillas addressed the members to nominate :

i. President

- Phil Stuckey nominated **Michael Sarroff** 2nd David Lutton
Michael Sarroff accepted the position.

ii. Vice President

Mark Clifford nominated **Adam Greenwood**. 2nd Clinton Van De Stadt. Adam Greenwood accepted Via Proxy held by Clinton Van de Stadt

Peter Dwyer nominated Neill Hillas 2nd John Kirkby - Neill Hillas declined the nomination

Adam Greenwood accepted the position via proxy held by Clinton Van de Stadt

iii. Secretary

Phil Stuckey nominated **Clinton Van de Stadt** 2nd Glen Whitters
Clinton Van de Stadt Accepted the position.

iv. Treasurer –

Clinton van de Stadt nominated **Glenn Withers** 2nd Mark Clifford
Glenn Withers accepted the position

v. Membership Officer

Neil Hillas nominated **Chris Brosolo** 2nd Tony Ryan.
Chris Brosolo accepted the position.

Ordinary Members - Additional Office Bearer Committee Positions

vi. Club Web Manager & Editor

Neil Hillas nominated **Michael Sarroff** 2nd John Kirkby
Michael Sarroff - accepted the position

vii. Bike Register & RMS / Vic Roads Liaison Officer

Phil Stuckey nominated **Paul Bullock** 2nd Kelly Coutts-Smith
Paul Bullock accepted the position Via proxy held by Michael Sarrof

viii. Welfare & Fellowship Officer

Elsie Romey nominated **Mike Yerbury** 2nd Dick Bates
Mike Yerbury accepted via proxy held by Phil Stuckey

ix. Meeting Activities Coordinator –

Dick Bates Nominated **Kelly Coutts-Smith** 2nd Clint Van de Stadt
Kelly Coutts-Smith accepted the position

x. Club Constitution & Rules Officer –

Phil Stuckey nominated **David Lutton** 2nd Neil Hillas
David Lutton accepted the position

b. MACHINE EXAMINERS

i. NSW Machine examiners: (minimum 2 positions preferably 3)

Tony Ryan, Mark Lennon, Stewie McLean. All in favour – Carried.

ii. Vic Roads Permits Officer: (1 position as stipulated by Vic roads) plus one additional examiner - Doug Flack -Examiner , additional examiner Stewie McLean

All in favour – Carried.

c. SUB COMMITTEES

i. Ride Committee –

1. Chair - STILL VACANT.

2. Members: (at least 3) - John Kontista, John McInnes, Tony Ryan, Glenn Kimpton, Maurice Dunston Neil Hillas, Stewie McLean.

All in favour – Carried.

ii. Rally & Events Committee –

1. Chair - Phil Stuckey Nominated Neill Hillas , Neil Hillas accepted.

2. Members – Don Stewart, John Kontista, Sharon Kontista, John McInnes, Joanne Sarroff, Rex Beard.

All in favour – Carried.

iii. Fundraising & Regalia Committee –

1. Chair - KELLY COUTTS-SMITH

2. Members – Mark Lennon, Ray Matheson, Sandy Van De Stadt.

All in favour – Carried.

iv. Networking with External Clubs & Groups

Committee - 1. Chair - John Kontista.

2. Members – Elsie Romey, Rex Beard.

All in favour – Carried.

CLOSE OF AGM: Meeting Close 8.30pm.- **Attachments : Presidents Report, Treasurers report.**

Annual President's Review

Dear AWMEC Members,

This past year has been truly outstanding for our club. It's a testament to the incredible spirit of camaraderie and support that runs deep within our ranks. Each and every one of you, by showing your passion for motorcycles and willingness to help one another, has laid the foundation for our clubs' success.

Looking Back on a Banger of a Year:

Here's a taste of some of the amazing things we accomplished together:

- We roared into victory at the annual **Butterball Rally**. After a survey from the success of the 2023 Butterball we have had 89% of our members indicating they will attend the next 2024 Butterball Rally. So this year's Rally will be big!
- Our commitment to giving back to the community continued strong with a significant donation to **AWAR**, a local organization making a real difference for animal welfare.
- We fostered unforgettable experiences with 4 epic motorcycle overnight weekend getaways, stretching our wheels and strengthening our community bonds.
- And to keep the engines humming all year round, we organized a staggering **44 ride events**, providing countless opportunities to explore the open road together.

Communication Boost:

This year also saw a significant boost in club communication thanks to the introduction of a dedicated mobile phone. SMS notices have been a hit with members, keeping everyone informed and engaged. We've witnessed a clear increase in attendance at events and activities as a direct result of this improved communication.

And not to forget that our club website is kept up-to-date with all the club's events, refreshing news and resourceful club documents.

A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers:

I'd also like to extend a special thanks to our dedicated management committee. Their tireless efforts, big or small, have all been instrumental in pushing our club forward. We are very fortunate as a club to have a cohesive & committed Management Committee who get the job done,

I am pleased to report that all of the current Management Committee have indicated preparedness to accept re nomination for their positions which bodes well for the club's immediate future. Remember, every volunteer, regardless of the amount of time they contribute, deserves our deepest gratitude.

I would like to thank our Machine Examiners, Committee, Subcommittees & other members who have assisted with club activities in the past year. It is worth repeating that without members stepping up to contribute to the Club through these roles, our Club would not be able to operate.

Looking Ahead with Excitement:

Looking ahead, we have some exciting projects and initiatives planned for the coming year. I can't wait to embark on this journey with all of you and to continue to foster the amazing support system we've built.

Here's to another year of roaring engines, shared experiences, and unwavering support for our beloved club!

In Solidarity,

Michael Sarroff

President