

# Moto Guzzi Club of Victoria Inc

## Minutes of December 2018 General Meeting

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Venue: Brandon Hotel, Station Street, Carlton

Brian Mckinnon opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and asked everyone present to move in as the background noise was considerable. Being close to Christmas the pub was full of chatty diners.

New member: Chris Boyer and Angie were welcomed, as was Chris Alford who joined recently.

Apologies: Ash Walker (present via Skype) and Trish Rankin.

### 1. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous general meeting, as published on the website, were confirmed as being correct.

Moved: Wayne da Silva

Seconded: Glendon Dunn

Vote: Agreed unanimously

### 2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer supplied the following financial report:

#### **Treasurers December Report - 2018**

##### **MGCoV Presented - December 5th General Meeting 2018**

*Current financial status:*

*as at 30/11/18*

<b><u>Incoming</u></b>	Membership	350
	Regalia	1092.07
	Sponsorship	1988
	Interest	22.00
	<b>Total Incoming</b>	<b>\$3,452.07</b>

<b><u>Outgoing</u></b>	Rides and Events	369.3
	Club expenses	77.93
	Spag	240
	<b>Total Outgoing</b>	<b>\$687.23</b>
<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>	Investment A/C	31,127.90
	Cash A/C	5,288.55
	<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$36,416.45</b>

Moved: Mick Cahill

Seconded: Andy Matthews

Vote: Report Accepted Unanimously

3. Correspondence Report:

Incoming: - Various club magazines.

Outgoing – nothing recorded.

4. Social Secretary:

Mark reported that the club Christmas party, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Warrandyte, was very successful. More than 50 people attended.

5. Run Captain:

Coming Rides/events: 1. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Club run to Mt Baw Baw for lunch  
Departs BP Montrose (please fuel up beforehand).

2. Thursday/Friday 27 & 28 December – Overnight run to Omeo.

6. Memberships:

- As at the 5<sup>th</sup> December our club membership stands at 250 members.
- 6 new members have joined since the last meeting, including Chris Boyer and Angie, and Chris Alford.

7. Merchandise:

Calendar – the club calendar is about to go to the printers. The intention is to post the magazine, which is now ready, and the calendar together shortly.

## 8. Webmaster:

- The new website is nearly ready.
- It will be membership-driven, in that to be able to interact with the website's features, members will have to log in.
- To assist with the preparation for events, e.g. catering, we are going to make use of the website to ask members to register their interest.
- Andy has suggested that two separate 'Rides & Events' lists be maintained on the new site: one will be Guzzi only, and the other to list all the rest. This suggestion was greeted warmly by those at the meeting.

## 9. Sponsorship:

Advertising and Sponsorship report for general meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Prepared by Edwin on 4/12/18

- We have been able to secure all but one of our 2018 sponsors once again for 2019. There are no additions. Peter Stevens at the time of writing are a maybe...we shall see.
- Obviously, the Leinster has been discontinued.
- I have not approached the Brandon Hotel as yet. I will approach them for 2020 if they continue to be the Clubs meeting point of choice.
- We have eight sponsors secured for 2019 as follows: Craig Taylor Realty, Guzzi Spares Australia, Headworks, Pablo's, Rob McHugh, Shannon's, Stein Dinse and TLM Netherlands.  
With Peter Stevens Pending.
- TLM advise they will provide us with a new graphic. It will arrive too late for the calendar, however the web page and the mag can be updated when we receive the thing.
- They have all been invoiced. Terms are thirty days. So far, we have received payment from Craig Taylor, Guzzi Spares, Pablo's and Rob McHugh for a quarter page @\$400 each, and TLM Netherlands a full page @ \$800. Total received is \$2,400 so far, with \$1,200 pending from three other sponsors and Peter Stevens unknown at this point.
- Andy Matthews, our webmaster, is working on getting all our sponsors on our new website page in full colour as they will be seen in the mag and on the calendar together with a hyperlink. Thanks Andy.
- Stein Dinse ad on calendar for 2019 will have contact details added (not there in 2018) Brian has attended to this. Thanks Brian.
- The committee has agreed that there is absolutely no expectation for our sponsors to give our members discounts. I shall be alerting this to our members through G & S somehow at some stage.

- I have requested all references in the mag to discounts offered to members by sponsors be removed. Mackers has agreed to remove them.

## 10. General Business:

### 10.1 Report on recent Committee Meeting:

Brian Mckinnon offered the following information regarding topics of discussion at the Committee Meeting held after the Christmas party on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

- Artwork – It was proposed that the club allocate another \$1000 to seek out fresh artwork. When we contacted the young female artist in the Czech Republic last time the whole process was very rushed. This time we have the luxury of searching more widely and being more precise about what we require. The club owns the copyright for the artwork we purchased previously as well as that of any future purchases. Merchandise items are not the only use proposed for any designs the club purchases. For example, the new marquees already have large images printed on them.

A large amount of the Guzzi-related merchandise available around the world utilises fairly standard variations on limited themes. Perhaps in the future this club's good quality, original and well-designed merchandise could be sold internationally?

MOTION: That the club agrees to spend \$1000 on new artwork with the Prague artist.

Proposed: Brian Mckinnon

Seconded: Paul Baker

Vote: Agreed unanimously

- Spag Roundup – It's been suggested that the Friday night spit roast could be catered for by a local group. Ferg has already contacted the Scouts who are considering whether or not they are interested.

It's been decided that another tent is needed for the cooking area at the Spag. Another 6 x 3m marquee will allow the 'kitchen' to be delineated, thereby discouraging through traffic.

MOTION: That a 6 x 3m marquee be purchased for use at the Spag.

Proposed: Brian Mckinnon

Seconded: John Ferguson

Vote: Agreed unanimously

Using the new capabilities of the new website, a pre-registration option for the Spag is being considered. A discount could be included to encourage early registration. This measure is being investigated as a result of this year's numbers and weather. A review has revealed that, had the weather in Melbourne been fine on the Saturday, we would probably have run out of spag sauce.

- Service Day – The committee has decided to reduce the number of service days to one a year. This is due in part to the poor attendance of the second day this year. Spring versus Autumn timing was discussed. The feeling of the meeting was that the club should retain 2 service days each year.
- Mandello 2021 – The club is looking into shipping our bikes to Europe and riding to Mandello del Lario, in some ways similar to the trip in 2016. It has been recognised that the planning must start now and, therefore, a sub-committee is to be formed. Anyone interested in joining the sub-committee is asked to contact the Secretary ([secretary@motoguzzivictoria.club](mailto:secretary@motoguzzivictoria.club)).

There was some discussion around bringing vehicles back into Australia. Apparently the requirements regarding cleanliness have become even more strict in recent years. Mick commented that your bike has to be allowed to re-enter Australia otherwise it would be exporting.

It was also strongly suggested that the whole exercise must be conducted in such a way so that no one gets burned this time round and that the experience becomes a positive thing for the club and the individual members involved.

- 2021 – This is also the 40<sup>th</sup> year of MGCoV. It has been suggested that this might be a good year to have a combined 'National' rally involving the NSW and Qld clubs. It could be held earlier in the year and would run instead of the Spag.

The meeting was closed at 9:01pm.