

# Moto Guzzi Club of Victoria Inc

## Minutes of January 2019 General Meeting

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

Venue: Terminus Hotel, Queens Parade, North Fitzroy

Ash Walker opened the meeting at 8:54pm. He extended best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas / New Year period and welcomed everyone to the first meeting for 2019.

New member/s: There weren't any new members present but Doug and Wendy were specially welcomed as they are able to join in club events only occasionally. Wally Cox, the maker of the wonderful firepits raffled at the Spag rally, was also enthusiastically welcomed. Andy Matthews introduced his guest, originally from Ireland.

Apologies: John Ferguson and Trish Rankin.

### 1. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous general meeting, as published on the website, were confirmed as being correct. Andy Matthews advised that he hadn't received a copy of the minutes, nor any other club emails, and asked that his details be added to the committee email list.

Moved: Andy Matthews

Seconded: Anthony Terzo

Vote: Agreed unanimously

### 2. Treasurer's Report:

A Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting. Ash advised that there was currently approximately \$36,000 in the club's accounts.

### 3. Memberships:

In Ferg's absence there were no membership or Red Plate scheme updates.

#### 4. Run Captain:

Coming Rides/events: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January- Club run to the Wye River pub for lunch  
Departs BP Rockbank at 9:30am sharp

Review of recent rides: 1. Approximately 20 people took part in the ride to Mt Baw Baw.  
Amazingly the weather stayed dry.

2. Overnight run to Omeo was attended, on average, by about 9-10 people. Some participants undertook some stages of the ride and not others.

#### 5. Social Secretary:

Mark introduced a change to the Hat Party in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February the Hat Party will be held at the Yarraville Trugo club. The event commences at 11:00am with instructions and a game, followed by a BBQ lunch.

#### 6. Merchandise:

Brian advised that the back orders of Spag tees were filled and posted just before Xmas.

#### 7. Webmaster:

- The request for 2 calendars on the website (1 Guzzi only; 1 everything else) would entail extra costs. It was decided instead to highlight the Guzzi entries and to include the events our club usually takes part in but doesn't organise, e.g., Boggy Creek pub run.
- The purpose of the website was also discussed. Is it to entertain our members as well as inform them? Should it be a bit quirky?
- Following some back and forth about the website being available only to members Andy Matthews resigned as the Webmaster.

#### 8. Sponsorship:

Edwin was unavailable to report in full on the sponsorship situation. However, Ash and Brian were able to advise that, while Peter Stevens have yet to commit, their advertisement has been included in the calendar.

## 9. General Business:

9.1 Service Days: This subject was revisited as people at the previous meeting had expressed an interest in retaining 2 service days a year. A lot of ideas were thrown around including making the 2<sup>nd</sup> service day a training exercise e.g. carbies; maybe the reason for lower attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> day in 2018 was due to quite a few people being in Europe at the time; the cost involved with Kustom Kommune (about \$700/day); the possibility of holding service days at Peter Stevens; possibly running videos; perhaps doing the catering ourselves and the fact that these days are fantastic social events. Anthony suggested the club try to engage with Peter Stevens more closely. It was then revealed that there are already 2 service days listed on the 2019 calendar.

MOTION: That the club run 2 service days in 2019.

Proposed: Anthony Terzo

Seconded: Marc Robinson

Vote: Agreed unanimously

Discussion continued on the wider issue of promoting the Moto Guzzi marque. Mick commented that promotion of the brand is in our club rules and that this aim is easier to achieve with the Victorian distributor on our side. Questions were raised about the club's need for sponsors in general. It was suggested that there is member-value in being able to refer our members to our (good) sponsors.

9.2 The Brandon: The meeting was asked whether the Brandon was turning out to be a suitable venue? It has been difficult to run meetings in the dining area and the Publican has been rude to several people. Ash advised that we could use the upstairs room at the Terminus at no cost. It was noted that the bike parking at the Terminus was great. It was agreed by the meeting attendees to hold the next Sip at the Rose and continue to explore the options available.

9.3 Rider Training: Anthony advised that the information he had gathered was ready for evaluation. The training organisations contacted included HART, StayUpright, and RideTek. The meeting indicated strongly that Broadford was the preferred venue. A midweek ride day would cost approximately \$300/person, with about a 25% loading for a weekend. How the club might contribute towards the cost was discussed, e.g. a club membership qualifying period. Anthony agreed to send all the details to Ash for further

investigation by the committee. Andy Matthews suggested that the rider training companies could be asked to present to the club.

9.4 Mandello 2021: It was agreed that the first point in the preparation towards Mandello 2021 is to gauge the level of member interest. It was agreed to publish in the magazine and on the website. Mick Cahill will put together a simple survey using the Survey Monkey program.

9.5 National Rally 2021: Ash advised that his discussions with the NSW Guzzi club have indicated their interest in the idea of a national rally at the beginning of the year. It could be located as centrally as possible between Qld, NSW, Vic and SA.

The suggestion that there would be no Spag Rally in 2021 brought about a vocal, negative response from the meeting attendees. Several members suggested that a back-to-basics rally, or Retro Spag Rally, could be organised by those not away in Europe, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victorian Moto Guzzi club.

9.6 NZ Tour: It was confirmed that the NZ tour being run in 2019 by Teo Lamers, Neil and Mark will not be going ahead.

The meeting was closed at 10:06pm.