

## Minutes for MRA WA (Inc) Meeting

27 August 2007

**Venue:** Belmont Sports and Recreation Club, corner Abernethy Road and Keane Street, Cloverdale

**Chaired by:** Dave Wright

**Minutes by:** Karen Patterson/Kay Leftwich

### **Open Meeting:**

- Meeting was opened at 7.45pm

### **Apologies:**

- Bev, Marilyn, Jenna, Karina, Penny, Kay & Karris (arrived 8:15pm)

### **New Members/Guests:**

- Craig (250cc Hyosung), 2 visitors from Southern River Riders.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- Not available

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- Not available

## REPORTS

### **Secretary's Report**

- Not available

Routine correspondence was dealt with by the secretary. These included:

- Membership renewals – news forms have been developed to include email address, occupation and affiliate club membership. These are available in the magazine or on the web.
- Anniversary Bash ticket purchases
- Magazines from other Motorcycle clubs
- Hazard reports – forms are available on the website or in the magazine. Please send to Dave Wright who will forward for reporting which makes legal issues possible; and
- General correspondence

Items of note included:

- New MRA WA Intro Cards – these were rolled out at the Perth Motorcycle and Scooter show in showbags and are available from the secretary.

### **President's Report:**

- Anniversary Dinner a success
  - Great band played.
  - 75 attended and given anniversary patch.
  - Patches still available at \$5ea.
- MAD Ride – will be discussed in Rides and Rallies
- Dave sent an email to DPI requesting a meeting with Alana McTeirnan. The email is yet to be answered.

Items to be discussed at meeting include:

- Wire rope barriers. A request will be made that the proposed installation of 60km of wire rope barriers on the Perth-Bunbury Hwy be held off until research has been completed (ie from the \$40000 allocation made)

- Rider training issues
- Lack of info available for new bike learners
- Power to weight ratios
- Scooters/50cc's not on car licence
- Discussions were held with regard to Rider Training.
  - Simon asked a series of questions with regard to rider training.
  - Ev questioned what Dave meant by Graduated Rider training
    - Licence must be held for greater than 2 years before rider graduates to full licence
  - Currently a fragmented system.
  - Members can request a fax from Dave Wright if they want more information.
  - The South Australian system was discussed
  - Motorcycle Rider Schools were discussed
    - Bec discussed her system of training ie riders graduating onto road skills after some instruction first.
    - Simon advised he had seen an L plater at a set of lights who stalled their bike and the instructor was not aware for 100-200m.
- The new MRA Information Brochure should be available at the MAD ride. This will be a 6 page brochure and will include 4 pages of safety info for novices.
- Dan Sullivan, opposition Politician who rides, asked Alana McTeirnan about the Wire Rope Barrier issue in parliament and she responded that a review is being conducted federally. She (Alana) states that there has been 1 death due to speed but we don't think speed should be the issue. \$40,000 has been allocated in 2007/08 to look into the matter of WRB's. Dave will discuss this matter with Dan Sullivan.
- The next Affiliates club meeting is to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. Memberships for affiliates are now due.

#### **Vice President's Report:**

- Nothing to report

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

This section is not published on the Internet. Contact MRAWA Treasurer Mal Sinclair, ph: 0400 178 786, email: [treasurer@mrawa.org](mailto:treasurer@mrawa.org) for details.

#### **Editor's Report:**

- Editor unavailable

#### **Rides and Events Report:**

- MAD Ride – 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
  - Mel discussed. The ride is from Shenton Park to Scarborough with all money raised donated to Shenton Park Spinal Injury research. The raffle this year is a Ducati Motorcycle (Casey Stoner replica) and extras worth \$49,000 in total. The bike has been signed by Casey Stoner.
  - PSB require volunteers for marshalling and to carry VIP's required see MRA WA Website for contact details of organizers.
  - MRA will also have a stand and need volunteers to man it on the day. Contact Kay ([dragonrider@inet.net.au](mailto:dragonrider@inet.net.au) or 0439 968 795) if you can assist.
- Good ride to Moora – about 20 bikes
- Next ride – 9<sup>th</sup> September to Quindanning Inne for Lunch.
- Memorial Ride – 7<sup>th</sup> October: Departs Gingers Roadhouse 10am heading to Toodyay. Steady ride – all riders welcome. Father Brian will attend and a plaque will be erected.

- Northam M/C Festival – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Awareness Ride.
- Memorial ride for Johnny Mac from Perth Ulysses who passed away on weekend. Details TBA.

See [www.mrawa.org](http://www.mrawa.org) for further details.

### **Road Safety/Political Report:**

- Covered in Presidents report

### **CB250/Stock Report:**

- 250cc was on display at Perth Bike and Scooter show. Usually a good response for use of the bike following this show.
- Stock is a bit low.
- 25 year patches and stubby holders are available.
- Competition to be held for a t-shirt/logo design.

### **Membership Report:**

- 149 financial members
- 102 due for renewal. Mail out to be done including asking why they are not renewing if they choose not too.
- 28 new members from show
- Facilities to pay online being investigated.
- Membership cards are now to be laminated.

### **Roadwise Report:**

- Mal advised that Armadale Roadwise very keen to help out any way they can. They will be assisting at the Awareness Ride.
- Mel Culley is on Gosnells Roadwise committee.
- Bec received a 10 page document to complete to be able to go onto Wanneroo Roadwise. Document completed and returned to Wanneroo.

### **AMC Report:**

- No correspondence from AMC received since AGM.
- President and Deputy President attended national conference.
- Dave advised that the AMC will be sending out a request to all politicians who are standing for election to determine what there position is on motorcycle safety.
- AMC have been offered the services of a professional letter writer to prepare correspondence to parliament however internal politics is preventing this offer from being taken up. Approximately 4 hours of the conference was spent discussing this matter.
- The issue of self-cancelling indicators was discussed. What are people's feelings on putting forward this as a part of some new design rules? Members present were happy with sending correspondence to Canberra in support of this.

### **Media Officers Report:**

- Plans/Update for Media advertising safety campaign for 2008
  - Bec investigated the possibility of putting together a short safety message eg Please look twice, Share the Road and running it on the back of buses. Unfortunately the budget allocation of \$1500-2000 will actually not get anything of significance so alternatives are being investigated.

- As an alternative we will send the information to all the local councils and ask them to run the campaign in their local area.
- A list of all the projects that everyone is working on will be put together so that everyone knows what is being done and provide the opportunity for people to assist and/or lend their expertise.

**General Business:**

- Mel raised the issue of frame repairs (eg welds on frames). He had a call from contact in Melbourne advising that in Victoria a law has now been passed that where there is any damage to a motorcycle frame (eg dent, break) the bike is to be condemned. Motorcycle repairers have all been informed that they are not to carry out any frame repairs. This is due to the fact that no consensus could be reached on guidelines governing such repairs.
- Bec will send a letter to the Office of Road Safety, Roadwise and Police department expressing disappointment in the lack of attendance at the Perth Motorcycle and Scooter Show.
- The issue of a lack of motorcycle clothing standards was discussed. Bec and another member present advised that licensing centres now have the right to refuse to let a learner sit there practical motorcycle test unless they are wearing enclosed shoes, full length pants and long sleeve shirt
- No progress has been made on the power to weight ratio issue here in WA. Included in this package is some sort of licensing requirements for scooters (ie can't just ride a scooter on a car licence). Dave will be discussing this issue with Alana McTeirnan.

**Buy Sell or Swap:**

- Adverts in The Edge and on the website are now to be run for 2 months only. If member still wishes to run the advert then must contact Editor.

**Mug of the Month:**

- Nominations:
  - Lynne for riding the 250 back from the bike show with "L" plates up.
  - Glenn for asking where the 2007 Awareness rides badges were.
- Winner
  - Glenn

**Raffle Prize Draw:**

Winners - Bec , Mal, Nancy

**Meeting closed:** 9pm