

Minutes for MRA WA (Inc) General Meeting

29 October 2007

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

Chaired by: Dave Wright

Minutes by: Karris Evans

Open Meeting: 7:41pm

Apologies:

Rebecca, Gina, Kay

New Members/Guests:

Jeff Thomas

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Not available

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Not available

REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

Not available, however Dave mentioned the Public Liability insurance (\$10,000,000) has been renewed at a price of \$580 down from \$1600.

President's Report:

- Dave, Karris & Mal had a meeting with DPI, Office of Road Safety and Main Roads in regard to Wire Rope Barriers and \$40,000 funding.
 - Office of Road Safety will be doing computer research and will form a focus group to discuss the results, which the MRA will be a part of.
 - WRB on new Bunbury Hwy have been put on hold until the research has been completed.
 - Dave passed on the MRA information & Safety Brochures plus the various safety brochures from other states. DPI will be arranging brochures for WA.
 - Spoke about the parking bays in Perth. Dave informed attendees that there were only 162 bays in the city. Ministers representative had no idea that there so few and they were pay & display. Minister is looking into the situation.
 - MRAWA Rider Training was discussed.
 - Minutes from the meeting are available on the MRAWA website.
- Last Wednesday, 24th Oct, a rider in NZ was completely severed at the waist on a wire rope barrier. Police have confirmed that he was not speeding.
- Accident Reports for 03/04 & 04/05 have been delivered. Dave will report at next meeting when he has had a chance to review them.
- Road Safety Discussion paper questionnaire link is available from the MRAWA website.

Vice President's Report:

Not available.

Treasurer's Report:

Contact Mal for details.

Editor's Report:

Not available.

Dave requested new articles for the next issue.

Rides and Events Report:

- New Norcia Ride – 20 bikes and lots of flies!!!
- Northam MC Festival – quiet Saturday due to weather, busy Sunday. Few new members.
- Awareness Ride – 11th November. Armadale: Mal & Simon, Whitfords: Dave. Hoping for police assistance on freeway. Karris and George in Rockingham. Lyn and Rodger to help setting up merchandise. Raffle prizes confirmed as: 2 x \$200 cash prizes, \$150 K-Mart voucher from Armadale Roadwise. Tickets 6 for \$5. Need raffle ticket sellers to help at start. People asked to download flyer and hand out to bike shops.
- Iron Butt ride – 16th & 17th November
- Ambo Officers ride in association with Alcoa. The ambulance officer in Dwellingup, who has been campaigning road safety issues in Dwellingup and surrounds, approached Alcoa, who have given her a grant for some Road Safety posters etc. There will be a ride to promote this. Meeting Armadale 25th November, 9.30am for 10am departure riding to Dwellingup via North Bannister. An email will be sent out nearer to the date.

Road Safety/Political Report:

- Roadwise Armadale will be helping with the Awareness Ride. Very quiet on the Roadwise front.
- Wanneroo are still debating Rebecca's application.
- Karina contacted Stirling who are happy to have her on board. First meeting 4th November.
- Mel still awaiting minutes from Gosnells.
- Dave did a check on Horrie Miller Drive following Ghost's death. No apparent problems with signage or lighting on road. Tragic accident.

CB250/Stock Report:

- 250cc not receiving much use. Lyn will ride to Rockingham for Awareness Ride to promote.
- Awareness Ride badges are ready for picking up next week.

Membership Report:

Pre Northam MC Festival: 178 members of which 37 are new members, 6 affiliate clubs.

AMC Report:

Dave reported that the Federal politician survey is ongoing. There is talk of a national strategy for motorcycles.

Media Officers Report:

- Had contact from police re letter regarding Bike Show. They are going to forward letter to appropriate people.
- Started drafting/writing letter to councils. Sent to committee for feedback. Nothing of significance will keep working on it.
- Contacted papers as per Daves suggestion, Armadale, Whitfords and Rockingham, suggesting they cover the Awareness Ride. Have offered to pillion reporters. No return contact as yet (only sent Friday)
- Sent out 30 & 40 second promo to 12 radio stations (AM and FM) and have asked that it be broadcast with their community events.
- As a result of the info I was sending around re: Awareness Ride I had contact from Derby radio station 6DBY regarding some issues they have with the growing numbers of scooters they have in Derby. They wanted to interview me on radio and I suggested to them that I get some information together first. I have contacted Derby police and asked for their issues etc regarding scooters in town. No response yet.

General Business:

- The MRA would like to start doing a once a month sausage sizzle at Causeway. Hopefully starting soon. Roadwise are keen to assist.
- At the Northam MC Festival the makers of 'Guardian Angel' second stop light gave Dave one their units to try out. Dave showed members the unit. Works by replacing the tail light bulb with a special halogen globe so that when you press the brake the light illuminates and when you hold the brake on for 5 seconds it flashes. Also has a manual hazard light switch. Easy to attach to helmet. They cost \$150 and info is available on MRA website.
- Simon asked about motorcycle licensing issues. Dave advised that it was still going back and forth between departments. The report has been accepted but not implemented in WA. When implemented scooters will not be able to ride on a car licence. The MRA will keep pursuing this issue.

Buy Sell or Swap:

None

Mug of the Month:

None

Raffle Prize Draw:

No raffle this month.

Meeting closed: 8:20pm