



Western Desert Racers ~ Minutes of General Meeting

Meeting held on: 18th September 2007
Meeting held at: Hyde Park Hotel

Members Present:

Dave Rorhlach, Harleigh Uren, Steve Armour, Russell Cullen, Dieter VM Dorf, Daniel Rogers, Dave Fong, Greg Dunn, Beau Robinson, Jon French, Ian French, Adam Flanagan, Jeremy Beck, Brenda Annear, Naomi Goddard, Brad Cooper, Bruce Russell, Ashley Smith, Graham Reeves, Ben Reeves

Visitors:

Tanya Watchman, Elise Walters, Ashley, Peter, Colin Doney, Nolleen Doney, Warren

Apologies:

Scott Rogers, Jo Bailey, Andy French, Mick French, Darian Smith, Gerry Bateman, Mark Kinsman

Meeting opened at 7.45pm by Adam Flanagan.

No previous minutes.

New Business:

1. **Volunteers-** Concern was expressed over the lack of volunteers for the September long weekend in Hyden.
Shop, Bar, SOS, other officials. Still required.
Andy French volunteered for - Scrutineering (voiced through Ian French)
Harleigh Uren Volunteered- Pit Marshall
Pinjarra Engineering volunteered several people for- Odd jobs

Extensive discussion was held into encouraging other club members to help in order to alleviate the pressure on the committee. Jeremy Beck suggested that a job board be displayed at the bar in Hyden.

2. Hyden

Race overview- Dieter advised that there would be no live football grand final played at Hyden. He went on to say that there would be a more relaxed race timetable to make it easier to get there. The new timetable made means it is possible to leave Perth on Saturday morning to try and encourage more competitors. The later start would involve the running of 2 sections on Sunday.

Discussion was held into the considerably low number of entries received to date.

Track marking is due to start the Wednesday before the race and continue on to Friday. More helpers are needed for track marking.

3. Harvey 2007/2008-

Jeremy Beck explained that the club is having issues with the Harvey shire in regards to obtaining a lease for the motor sport reserve our Harvey track is on. The current ranger has placed more obstacles in the way of the lease.

A brief discussion was held on the cost of shifting cattle from the motor sport reserve during a recent event held by another club. Jeremy went on to say that noise levels are now the shires main concern and that professional noise testing was required. He explained that the noise testing would be a cost that would have to be split three ways with the other involved clubs.

Jeremy also advised that although the Western Desert Racers, the South West Touring Car Club and the Jeep club were still pushing for a lease for the 2008 season that some hopes are dwelling. South West Touring Car Club has begun discussions into other sites. Without a lease for 2008 a new venue for the short course will probably be required. He went on to add that the committee expected around 25 entries for Harvey 24th November based on interest thus far. Help is needed through more volunteers to ensure the smooth running of Harvey.

Nolleen Doney offered to help where possible.

Brad Cooper offered help in regards to approaching the Harvey shire saying that his father, Alan Cooper, can help to drive issues. He is willing to fight for the race and defend the club.

Further discussion was held into the need to push for local support and to promote WDR and the event.

No further expansions or improvements can be made at the site until a lease is further planned. Costs involved in leasing may make in financially unviable to continue the Harvey short course. Jeremy therefore pushed for club members to attend what may be the last Harvey short course.

4. State Off Road Panel Meeting- 20th September 2007

Issues to be discussed;

Two or perhaps three Harvey Short Course events per year. Should this be a summer series or run with in the long course calendar? Discussion was held into weather conditions over the various proposed dates and their possible impact on entry numbers.

It was voted unanimously to push for the two long course events to be held in Hyden for 2008 with the first being the Australian championship round and the second being the Sept long weekend.

5. Presentation Dinner-

Adam gave an update on the 2007 Presentation dinner details and advised that invites were to be sent out shortly. He thanked Naomi Goddard for stepping up and organizing the venue.

6. Dan- AORC Calendar 2008 (not confirmed)

Daniel Rogers advised that the proposed AORC calendar for 2008 would consist of 6 rounds, Hyden at Easter then Donald, The Pines and Mildura. He advised that there were some issues that need to be sorted before Finke and Goondiwindi could be considered as definite.

He explained a new concept designed to encourage more involvement in the national rounds. A sub series within the regular AORC where people, outside of a top ten finish in the previous year, could nominate 3 rounds as a mini series.

7. Memberships

Adam Flanagan explained that all club memberships now expire in December each year. This was to alleviate some of the committees time during the year and to make it easier for club members to remember when their renewal is due.

The next meeting is to be the Annual General Meeting.

AGM: To be held at the Hyde Park Hotel Tuesday 28th November

Items for Discussion: Increase member numbers, Incentives, Social side of club (number plates)

4WD club to do SOS points- Dave Fong and Russell Cullen to contact some other 4WD clubs

Congratulations were passed to all WDR Safari competitors.

Meeting closed 9.40pm.