



Western Desert Racers

WA's Premier Off Road Racing Club

PO Box 429 Welshpool WA 6986

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held 27-11-07 at the Hyde Park Hotel

Members Present

Adam Flanagan, Jeremy Beck, Beau Robinson, Brian Robinson, Mick French, Gerry Bateman, Graeme Reeves, John House, Benjamin Reeves, Steve Westle, Bruce Russell, Dave Fong, Russell Cullen, Daniel Rogers, Mark Cramer, Ken Madeley, Ian French & Andy French

Visitors

Tanya Watchman, Rick Parnell

Apologies

Dieter Von Mollendorf, Joanne Bailey, Scott Rogers, Stuart Graham, Brenda Annear & Naomi Goddard

Meeting Opened at 7.50pm by Adam Flanagan

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous general meeting 18-9-07 were read and accepted

Minutes of previous AGM were not available

Business arising from previous minutes

Daniel Rogers reported that the 2008 AORC calendar has been approved as discussed. The state panel has set the dates for the WAORC as Hyden National at easter, Yeallering at Anzac weekend, Brookton June long weekend, Mogumber in August and Hyden Humps September long weekend. Two short courses have been scheduled FEB 9 and 20 NOV.

Dave Fong asked about the AORC sub series and Daniel Rogers reported that it may not be until 2009 but was still being discussed.

Reports

Hyden

Ian French reported that SEP 07 was a good event with the club trialling some new ideas for the national round included a modified pit set up and a redesigned track. 2008 Easter was

on target with sup regs done. Ian is talking to eventscorp for some support. Pinjarra Engineering and ARB are both back as major sponsors.

Harvey

Jeremy Beck reported that entry numbers were still lower than he had expected but overall the club had a successful event. Noise testing was conducted at the event and results should be available later in the year. Jeremy also appealed for more volunteers and better budgeting and accountability for all events.

Presidents Report

Adam Flanagan reported that it had been a hard year for the undermanned committee. This is just a flow on from the trend with all small business in WA with human resources being the major problem. He sees the club as a small business. The club succeeded in running professional events and looked forward to the club once again setting the benchmark in the national event in 2008. The clubs Website had begun to be a flow of information for members and other racers and he asked that everyone use and promote it as much as possible.

The clubs financial position was in reasonable shape given the higher running costs with inflation. There are still Hyden 2007 DVD available. Adam praise all officials and volunteers and appealed for more assistance in the future. Memberships were up 25% in 2007. Adam thanked all outgoing committee members.

Treasurers Report

Adam reported that Brenda was had given apologies for the meeting but an approximate overview was \$7000 in bank, \$8000 in outstanding debtors, Net turnover of \$110000 for the year with an operating surplus of \$7000

General Business

Elections

Adam Flanagan handed the chair over to Tanya Watchman (visitor) to conduct annual elections.

Members present or proxy – 18 plus 6 proxy out of 72 members

Nominations were called for positions and elections were held for

President - Daniel Rogers

Daniel took over chair of the meeting and thanked the outgoing committee and called for nominations for further positions. Elections were held

Executive positions

Secretary – Gerry Bateman

Treasurer –

Technical coordinator – Andy French

Race Coordinator – Adam Flanagan

Liaison Officer – Jeremy Beck

Non-executive positions

Social Coordinator – Naomi Goddard

Website Coordinator – Steve Westle

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**Harvey Coordinator – Jeremy Beck
Hyden Coordinator – Ian French
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Other general business

Tanya suggested that we improve communication to club members through computerized sms messaging

Ian French suggested that we offer an incentive program for club members to and financial incentives and endorsements from sponsors.

TV add – Ian French is working on a TV add for the Ministry of Sport and Recreation on behalf of the club. The add is about “legends” in sport in regards to volunteers whom are responsible for the sport being possible. Some filming is to take place in the upcoming Harvey short course. The prize for the best add is \$10,000.00.

Spectator control at the Hyden event was discussed. A new spectator area is to be built on top of Kristy’s Hill and will be the only available spectator point. Please advise your crews remain inside the spectator areas.

Dave Fong raised the question on Cb radios in racecars and the possibility of having a car-to-car channel for overtaking purposes etc.

Brian Robinson raised a concern with the current CAMS insurance. Currently there is a possibility of drivers and organizers not being adequately covered should something go wrong. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Brian would further investigate other avenues.

Andy French raised Life memberships and asked where the club is up to. Adam Flanagan advised that the club needs to incorporate life membership requirements into the clubs constitution. Andy and Adam agreed to work on the wording for a possible constitution change however this will require being an item of agenda for two consecutive meetings. A possible hall of fame was also discussed for people whom for minor reasons may not be eligible for Life Membership.

It was discussed that regular dates are to be set for meetings for 2008.

A reminder that the clubs presentation dinner is coming up and people need to RSVP.

Meeting Closed.

Secretary Note: Martine Rohrlach has now filled the position of Club Treasurer. Many thanks on behalf of the club to Martine.