

The MG Car Club Limited

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting – 8 November 2016

Location: Denistone Sports Club, 59 Chatham Road, Denistone

Meeting Commenced at 7.45pm

Welcome:

Stuart Ratcliff opened the meeting and welcomed all members attending.

Stuart then introduced Jim Hull as the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Business:

The Chairman:

The Chairman declared the meeting open.

Jim Hull advised the members that there were a couple of typographical errors in the minutes published in Opposite Lock as raised by John Bastian, Andy Leondiou advised that he had the amended minutes with him and they were available for members to view.

In accordance with the Constitution Jim Hull informed those present that only financial members of the MG Car Club are permitted to speak or vote on any matter during the proceedings of the AGM.

The Chairman asked for, and received the following, apologies:

- Frank Johnson
- Richard and Angela Hyde

Accept apologies:

Moved: Margaret Norman

Seconded: Jan McKenzie

Accepted by general acclamation

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the 2015 AGM that were published in the September 2016 edition of Opposite Lock, and requested acceptance of the Minutes as a true and correct record.

Moved: Stuart Ratcliff

Seconded: Ingo Weinberger

Accepted by general acclamation.

President's Report:

Jim Hull invited Stuart to present a report pertaining to the activities of the MGCC Committee for the preceding 12 months. Stuart reported as follows:

We have reached the end of another successful year for the Sydney MGCC.

Our financial situation is again stable thanks to the efforts of John Bastian and Sally Ratcliff. The club has provided subsidies to the Tour De ,Bob Dabbs Tour , Concours , December outdoor meeting and as of the last committee meeting a grant to help young members with the cost of driver training events associated with the club.

Opposite Lock again moved from strength to strength with the award of best club magazine at the Perth National Meeting. Ros continues to do a great job despite having to

put up with late contributions from myself and others. Advertising revenue for Opposite Lock has been constant and has helped defray the cost of production for what is our largest expense. I am sure Ros would welcome some new contributors. Monthly Gatherings have varied between 80 – 100 in attendance with Robert Smith being able to organise speakers as well-known as Spencer Martin and Colin Bond. Steve Holt joined the board last year and has been busy with breakfast runs and the implementation of a new Website for the Sydney MGCC. Our new site has now been launched and we look forward to continued fine tuning over the coming year. Facebook and the Running Board have continued to promote MGCC activities during 2016. Again the tour De and the Bob Dabbs Tour were oversubscribed and our thanks must go to Bob Dabbs , Robert Smith and Ron Taylor for their continued effort. Bob Parkinson has had another year of Mid-Week muster events with a strong and regular group attending. Steve Perry has again looked after the sporting side of the club with competitor numbers smaller on the whole. A successful event run in conjunction with the MG Car Club Newcastle was our contribution to the CSCA calendar this year. Our rally group promoted a well-attended Spring Classic with Jim and Bev Richardson ,Doug Barbour and Xanthea Boardman taking on the main organisational roles. John Cuneen took on the role of Membership Secretary mid-year from David and Linda Cochrane and was thrown into the deep end with renewal time looming. John has done a great job and the board thanks him for his effort. Membership as of today is 714. Of this 714 a higher proportion are now full fee paying primary members. With the changes to the Conditional Registration Scheme, membership to take advantage of the “cheap rego scheme” is on the increase. This increase has put additional load on Sally Ratcliff and has seen her workload increase in recent months. The Board are looking at ways to reduce this load. Concours again attracted over 130 cars with great input from members during the set up and pack up periods. Café Abingdon was again a feature under the watchful eye of Sue Bailey and her crew .A strong result from the café and Margaret Normans regalia helped with the overall financial outcome for the day. Registrars have again provided a selection of runs and activities throughout the year with some early events suffering at the hands of the weather. 2016 has seen the launch of MG onto the market again with the help of the MGCC and MG Motor are looking towards a bright co-operative future during 2017 with the launch of new dealers and vehicles coming to the market. Well that was 2016, my 5th year as President. I would like to thank the board, the registrars and all the club officials you see listed in the front of Opposite Lock. As well as these members there are others that pack and send your magazine and provide you with supper at member gatherings so if you can lend a hand it would be appreciated. Without these people the MGCC would not exist. The board thanks you for your support in 2016 and looks forward to your continued input during 2017.

Moved: Stuart Ratcliff

Seconded: John Clark

Accepted by general acclamation

Treasurer's Report

Jim Hull invited John Bastian to present his report pertaining to the financial activities of the MGCC. John reported the following

The last 2 – 3years has seen that most events have been run with a small surplus and that we are doing well. John asked the members that we need input from them on what we as a club can provide to members.

John spoke of his role as Treasurer operating the MYOB system with support from an external specialist. He was seeking an expression of interest from our membership to take on the role as he was standing down this year to take up the role of Nat Meet Co-Ordinator for 2019.

Jim Hull asked that the members receive and consider the Special Purpose Financial Report of the MG Car Club Ltd and the report of the Auditor for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2016. A copy of this report was forwarded to all members in October 2016.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions from the floor. As there were no questions the Chairman asked for acceptance of the report.

Moved : John Bastian

Seconded: Bob Dabbs

Accepted by general acclamation

Committee Positions

Jim Hull asked Andy Leondiou to read out the Nominations received for Director's position's, the following were read out;

Director	Stuart Ratcliff
Director	Robert Smith
Director	Andy Leondiou
Director	John Bastian
Director	Sally Ratcliff
Director	Steve Perry
Director	Steve Holt

It was confirmed that all the above were nominated in terms of the MGCC Constitution and that all were financial members of the MG Car Club Ltd.

Therefore, as only one nomination had been received for each of the positions and with no dissensions, the poll was declared as elected by a call for all in favour.

The Chairman thanked the Directors

Auditors:

Jim Hull called for the appointment of the current Auditors McBurney & Partners for the 2016/2017 accounting period.

Moved: John Bastian

Seconded: Bob Parkinson

Accepted by general acclamation

General Business:

No special Business received.

The Chairman declared the AGM closed at 8.05pm and handed over the meeting to Stuart Ratcliff, President.

Stuart Ratcliff expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the members, to Jim Hull for conducting the AGM.

Stuart proceeded by listing the number of positions vacant that needed to be filled.

Stuart also raised the issue of us holding the 2019 Nat Meet which is the reason for John Bastian stepping down as Treasurer.

Stuart also asked the members to volunteer to conduct just one run or event to help keep the club fresh.

Jim Hull asked everyone by way of acclamation to thank the Directors

Minutes prepared by Andy Leondiou Secretary on 30th November 2016

Checked by:

Andy Leondiou, Secretary

Approved by:

Stuart Ratcliff, President