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MINUTES OF THE 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARIEL REGISTER (AAR) Inc HELD AT HUSKISSON NSW ON 23 MARCH 2019

Members Present (see attached Attendance List as annex A)

1. **Opening.** The President opened the meeting at 4:15 PM and welcomed members. He reminded members that only business listed on the published agenda may be dealt with at the AGM.

Secretary's Footnote: Reason no new business may be dealt with at the AGM is twofold: one is timing to fit it in before the presentation dinner, but the official reason is because members not present don't have a chance to vote in person or by proxy.

2. **Apologies.** Apologies were received from, Lyn Meredith, Colin Thompson, John Rispin, Keith Speer, Bruce Brunner, Rick Wilkins, Michael Browne, and David Anderson.

3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Moved Wayne Penrose and seconded Michelle Lees that the Minutes from the previous meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

4. **Business arising from previous Meeting.**

- a. 2020 Rally. Brian Fleming advised that he and John Deeth investigated the possibility of holding the 2020 rally in SE QLD. After checking possible sites and timings, the rally will be held at the QLD Government's Outlook Service Facilities Boonah QLD 4310 in the first week of May 2020. The dates were chosen to avoid the hot humid weather QLD experiences in early Autumn. Details will be published in the next magazine and on the AAR web site.
- b. Black Ariel Rally. Alan Stratton has had an open action for holding a second Black Ariel rally on the far north coast of NSW and he would like that to remain a plan for the not too distant future.

5. **President's Report.** Brian Fleming read the report he had posted on the AAR web site and concluded saying he would be standing again for President.

6. **Secretary's Report.** Col Hill presented the Secretary's report he had posted on the AAR web site, which is in two parts. The first reported on the membership base, which at the time of reporting stood at 312 members, a decrease of about 10 since the end of last year. Of these, about 80 were still to renew the membership for 2019 – reminders will be issued to these members. The second covered the general business costs for running the AAR in 2018. A copy of the report is attached as annex C to these minutes.

7. **Treasurer's Report.** Michael Schuchmann read his report that had been posted on the AAR web site. His report addressed two elements, the finance statement and setting membership subscription fees for 2020.

a. Statement of Accounts. Moved Michael Schuchmann, and seconded Col Hill, that the statement of accounts be accepted as presented.

CARRIED AND ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED

Setting Fees for Next Year. Although the Club's balance from income and expenditure for last year shows a small increase over the previous year, this year is already showing the account on a decline. Main reason is costs across the board for all Club business matters are increasing. He recommended to the Committee that it is time to increase membership fees to \$25, and that recommendation was endorsed at the last Committee meeting. The increase is to take effect from 1 Jan 2020. This is the first increase since the AAR was formed and the likelihood of raising fees in 2020 had been addressed in the two previous AGMs. Based on the explanation given to members at the meeting (see Secretary's footnote), the increase in fees was supported by members.

Secretary's Footnote: The largest Club income and expense is the rally. It's becoming harder to get members to host the rally and it may become necessary to outsource running the rally, the Club would need the ability to pay costs upfront and the amount needed to do that and pay routine costs would need a balance of at least \$20,000 to be maintained, which can only be achieved by increasing fees. Based on expected income and expenditure predictions, the main bank balance will be less than \$18,500 before 2020 fees start to come in, which would be about \$2,000 less than the same time last year. The \$5 increase will see membership income increase by about \$1500 annually over previous years and help bridge that gap and maintain a comfortable balance.

All members present acknowledged the need to maintain a healthy bank balance and supported the small increase, with some asking if \$5 was adequate, to which the Committee confirmed it is for now and will advise if and when any further increase may become necessary. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is at Annex D.

8. **Archivist Report.** John Deeth advised that there had been no activity for archives material.

9. **Editor's Report.** Adrian Hannam read the report he had posted on the AAR web site. A copy is at Annex E. He reflected on the large amount of the last magazine covering the sad loss late last year of several long-term Club members, Merv Means, Possum Suhan, WA State Rep Ern Serls and former President Geoff Hinspeter. Matt Gellert responded saying he appreciated the coverage saying the magazine is for many the only way many members can be informed of members' passing.

10. **Regalia Officer's Report.** Allan Boyd gave an update on Club regalia, stating that most sales activity occurs at the annual rally. Allan advised regalia will be on sale at the swap meet with special deals for package purchases. He informed the meeting that he is standing down as Regalia Officer at the end of this meeting.

11. **Archivist Report.** John Deeth advised he had only two enquiries and one USB sale since the last meeting. He added he is happy to remain as Archivist.

12. **AAR Web Update.** Col Hill summarised the report he had posted on the AAR web. A copy is at Annex F.

13. **Reports from State Representatives.** State Representatives were invited to report on any activities of note, but no reports were presented. With the passing of Ern Serls, the position of WA State Representative became vacant.

14. **Election of Officers.** The period of office for all Committee positions filled in 2018 ends at the conclusion of this meeting and the persons elected in the ensuing election take office at that time. The Club Rules mandate that only those persons for whom the Secretary has received nominations may stand for election, but where no nominations have been received for a position, nominations can be called for from the floor. If only one nomination has been received, that person is elected unopposed. A notice for obtaining nomination forms was included in the last magazine, and also posted on the AAR web site. From the nominations received, the following were elected unopposed to the four Officer Bearer positions:

- a. **President.** Brian Fleming – nominated by Col Hill and seconded by Allan Boyd.
- b. **Vice-President.** Alan Stratton – nominated by Chris Hillbrick-Boyd and seconded by Phil Sell.
- c. **Secretary.** Col Hill - nominated by Allan Boyd and seconded by Christine Hillbrick-Boyd,.
- d. **Treasurer.** Michael Schuchmann - nominated by Col Hill and seconded by Christine Hillbrick-Boyd.

15. **Ordinary Committee Members.** To comply with the Incorporated Associations Act 2012 (Victoria), the Club is required to have two Ordinary Committee Members in addition to the four Officer Bearers. As the main business activities conducted by the AAR during the year relates to publishing the Horse's Mouth magazine, selling regalia items, and planning and managing the annual rally, the Ordinary Committee members best suited to supporting the Officer Bearers are those persons in charge of organising the next rally, the Regalia Officer and the Editor. Persons filling these positions may be elected or appointed unopposed if only one person volunteers or is nominated for the position. At the last Committee meeting, Steve Anderson and Julia Anderson were endorsed to form a sub-committee to organise the 2019 rally and both were approved to raise an autonomous bank account for managing the 2019 rally. The following members volunteered to stand as the Ordinary Committee members and were appointed as stated below.

- (1) **Ordinary Committee Member – Editor.** Adrian Hannam was nominated by Allan Boyd and seconded by Phil Sell and appointed unopposed, as Editor.
- (2) **Ordinary Committee Member - Regalia Officer.** An invitation was extended to members at the meeting to nominate for the Regalia Officer position, but no one volunteered so the position was declared vacant.
- (3) **Ordinary Committee Members - 2019 Rally Organisers.** Brian Fleming and John Deeth were appointed to run the 2020 rally. They will be supported by Michael Schuchmann and Alan Stratton.

The Secretary informed the meeting that it wouldn't be necessary to alter the current authorisations for operating the rally account as both Brian and Michael are signatories.

16. **Appointment of Assistants to Officer Bearers.** The following members have agreed to fill assistant to office bearer positions as listed below and were duly reappointment unopposed:

- a. **Archivist** – John Deeth to continue as Archivist for 2019 should there be a need for any archived material to be issued.
- b. **Webmaster** - Col Hill to continue to manage the AAR web site, but is happy to hand over the role to anyone wanting to improve the web site.
- c. **State Representatives.** The following persons agreed to act as AAR representatives for their respective states/territories:

ACT- John Waldron to continue as the ACT Representative for 2019.

NSW – Raymond Philips to continue as NSW Representative for 2019.

QLD – Bill McKee agreed to continue as the QLD Representative for 2019.

SA – Michael Browne to continue as SA Representative for 2019.

TAS – Vacant.

VIC – Bruce Fenton to continue as the VIC Representative for 2019.

WA – Vacant.

General Business

17. Proposal for 2021 Rally. Brian Fleming invited Matthew Gellert to outline a possibility for holding the 2021 rally in the Wangaratta region of northern Victoria.

Swap Meet. Details of the swap meet were notified to members at the rally before the start of the Saturday ride.

12. **Next Meeting.** The next AGM will be held Boonah QLD to coincide with the 2020 rally. Date, time and location will be published in web and magazine notices, and confirmed at the rally.

13. **Close.** The Vice President closed the Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Post Meeting Request: At the conclusion of the meeting, Matthew Gellert requested the Committee to consider endorsing Colin Hill for Life Membership. The request was supported by Bruce Fenton and the Committee agreed to consider and make a recommendation.

Annexes:

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| A. | List of Members in Attendance | B. | President's Report |
| C. | Secretary's Report | D. | Treasurer's Statement of Accounts |
| E. | Editor's Report | F. | AAR Web Update |

LIST OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE 2019AGM

Surname	Christian Names
Allchin	Ian
Anderson	Chris
Anderson	Julia
Atkin	Chris
Atkin	Narelle
Booth	Les
Boxer	Russell
Boyd	Allan
Boyd	Chris Hillbrick-
Deeth	Barry
Fenton	Bruce
Ferguson	Peter
Fleming	Brian
Fleming	Lesley
Gellert	Mathew
Gosling	Tony
Hammond	John Edward
Hannam	Adrian
Harvey	Richard
Hill	Col
Hughes	John
Hunter	Neville
Ingwersen	Ken
Jarmyn	Ron
Lamb	Gary
Lees	Michelle
Long	David
Lucy	Tim
Mckee	Bill
Murray	Ronald
Penrose	Wayne
Rabey	Chris
Ryan	Paul
Ryan	Donna
Sargent	Ian
Sargent	Jenny
Schuchmann	Michael

Schuchmann	Rebecca
Stratton	Alan
Stratton	Lyn
Vardy	Greg
Waldron	John
Walker	Brian Parry
Walker	Nada
Watson	Colin

ANNEX B
President's Report 2019 AGM

Looking back over the last 12 months of club happenings it seems to me that the club is carrying on in a sure and steady manner.

Many thanks to the hard working Secretary "Col Hill" as usual is on top of any problems that pop up from time to time and are handled with his normal efficiency.

Another area of similar efforts are from Adrian our Editor and Michael the Treasurer.

I would like to thank all these hard working members for their efforts.

Also we have to thank other club officials – Allan and Chris – Regalia and John for Archives and also all the State Reps.

I would like to thank everybody who has entered in the annual rally at Huskisson NSW and hope you all have a really enjoyable weekend.

A big thank you goes out to our rally committee for their efforts in organising this event in a truly pretty part of Australia.

Please stay safe on your travels to and from the rally.

Brian Fleming

Member No 64

AAR SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019 AGM

This report follows the format of previous reports, addressing Club membership, and general AAR business that includes running costs and general issues that have arisen since the last AGM. Issues that have arisen with bike details in the AAR bike database will also be explained. Details on the AAR website will be presented in the Webmaster's Report.

Membership

Since its incorporation the AAR has had 927* names listed on the register. At the end of last year there were 303 members (including two Honorary Members), which is two less than at the same time the previous year. Both new and renewing members are embracing the online renewal process, with about 40% of members choosing to join or renew online. To date, 80* are still to renew for 2019. As with previous years, the Autumn Edition of the Horse's Mouth magazine will contain a final reminder for those yet to renew, and those not renewing before 1 July will not be on the mailing list for the Winter Edition of the magazine.

Would members paying renewal fees by Internet Banking please make sure you also submit an online renewal as well. Those who bank with Bendigo Bank or Bank of Queensland please ensure the bank transaction contains your name or membership number. Don't just state 'Membership Renewal' or 'Annual Subs' as I have no way of knowing who made the payment if you don't also submit an online renewal form.

The demographics for the 309* current AAR membership base leading to this meeting were:

*see footnote i

ACT – 10
 NSW - 82
 NT - 2
 QLD - 60
 SA - 32
 TAS - 9
 VIC - 94
 WA - 21

Overseas 3 (includes 2 Honorary)

For information, of the 312 current members we have 268 members with valid e-mail contacts. Those members still to renew their membership please take the time to complete all aspects of the renewal form, including bike details. Please do not send cash in the mail and please do not staple cheques to the renewal form.

AAR Business

Bike Data Base. The bike data base is slowly being populated with engine and frame numbers, but still many members don't list these details when renewing. This sort of defeats the purpose of maintaining a bike register. If just year and model is listed, the details are not entered into the data base as it may already be in the data base under a previous owner. It really can't be that hard to list the engine and frame number along with year and model. What I find more disappointing is those that write 'same as previous' when they have not previously provided full details. If you aren't sure about previously having provided full details, contact me to check what is listed in the data base against your member number.

Running Expenses. Expenses incurred in managing the Secretary's office were \$744.44, with the more significant routine costs being for liability insurance, annual return fee, postage items (stamps, envelopes, etc) and computer costs (web site hosting, system updates, anti-virus software, and printer consumables). Details of these expenses are shown in the financial statement.

Colin J Hill

AAR Secretary
 (Member No. 689)

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019 AGM

The Clubs bank account for the last financial year (1st January to 31 December 2018) showed an increase of just under \$500 dollars closing at \$20,090.21.

Although income was lower than the year before by around \$1160 expenditure was also lower by around \$1952 with no major expenses or repairs outside of normal club operating costs.

Total asset value increased by \$2712.41 to give \$27,251.41. The more substantial increase here is due to the funds held in the rally account now showing on the financial statement as cash assets held.

A net amount of \$2800 is held in a new specific Rally Account which was opened in July last year following a Special Committee Meeting. This account negates the need for each successive Rally Sub Committee to open an autonomous account for managing all aspects of the rally. By doing so, this enables an easier transition for Ordinary Committee members to be endorsed as new signatories to the existing account. There is also no need for transfer of residual funds to seed the following rally once accounting is completed. This account, being directly linked as part of the AAR is now shown on the Financial Statement which is reported on monthly as required by CAV and can be viewed on the AAR website.

Physical assets reduced in value around 12% in total due to depreciation and their estimated values.

The Clubs tax position remains the same, with no Tax Return required to be submitted. This is due to the amount of income derived from non-members being much lower than the cost of publishing our magazine. Non-member income for our Club consists of a small amount of advertising which is printed in the magazine and the proceeds of the Bunnings BBQ fundraising by our current Rally Sub Committee.

Although the Clubs bank account remains stable, we must consider the need for an increase in membership fees. For 2019, membership fees remain at \$20. This is a fee that hasn't changed since the Club was formed 25 years ago and is a credit to all those involved over the years. I believe it is time to think about increasing the fee for 2020 as has been mentioned in previous years reports. This will enable the Club to keep up with rising costs and safeguard the Annual Rally as well as the major expenses that appear on occasion outside of the Clubs normal operating costs.

I propose that there be an increase to the annual membership fee to \$25/year while retaining the current joining fee of \$10. A copy of the financial statement has been made available to club members via the member's only web page since late January and was published in the January magazine. I present this statement to members at the AGM for discussion and with their endorsement I move that it be accepted.

Michael Schuchmann,
Member #567,
AAR Treasurer

2019 AAR EDITOR'S REPORT

Good Evening one and all. Firstly, what a great pleasure it is to be back at an Ariel Register Rally. Thank you to the Rally organisers and their team of helpers. My thanks also go to the contributors to the Horse's Mouth. This year I received 7 articles and 3 rally reports. I would like to specially thank Chris Hillbrick-Boyd, for all the rally photos she has taken and contributed over the years. It really helps to have some current photos to choose from when compiling the magazine. As always new contributions are encouraged and welcomed. This year I have published 6 obituaries. Last edition was particularly sad in this regard. I intend to continue to include these notices, however please speak to myself or a committee member if you would like to see this type of news managed differently. In conclusion, please accept my nomination for the Editor's position.

Adrian Hannam

AAR WEBMASTER'S REPORT 2019 AGM

The AAR website has not undergone any significant updates during the last membership period other than uploading routine AGM documents and archived files (magazine, membership and finance records).

The online renewal e-form and direct deposit is now becoming a preferred method to renew membership with about 44% of renewals being made this way (including new membership applications). For those wishing to use this method to renew and haven't done so before please note that is a two-stage process where one is to separately deposit the subscription fee into the Club's bank account (either by electronic transfer or deposit at a Commonwealth Bank branch) and the other is to complete the e-form and submit it online. Remember when making a deposit or Internet banking transfer please make sure your name is with information sent to the Club's bank so I can easily reconcile your payment of fees. Once again I've had a renewal with no name listed against the bank transfer and I can't reconcile who paid. If you don't list your name I have trouble reconciling who made the deposit, particularly those who just deposit the subscription fee without submitting an online form. If any members has renewed by direct deposit and not received their membership card, please contact the Secretary.

There are several advertisements that have been listed for quite some time. I remind members that they need to notify me when they no longer require their advertisement listed on the web site.

If members are having any problems accessing any of the web files, please contact the Secretary. In particular, members with Internet access should read the reminder they receive with their membership renewal on how to obtain access codes for the Members Only web page. I often receive emails stating the codes on the membership card don't work when it is not the case and comes down to an old adage 'when all else fails, read the directions'.



AAR Secretary/Webmaster

(Member No. 689)

ⁱ Membership numbers may change by the time of the AGM and will be updated where possible: statistics as of 1 Mar 19.