



Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 11 April, 2024.
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Mitchelton Library

Chairperson: David White

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Attendance sheet signed and apologies noted.

1. Attendance

Name	Position
David White	Secretary
Roy Packer	Treasurer
John Burrill	Committee Member
Mal Peters	Committee Member
Guy Vickerman	Invitee
Jan Kordonsky	Invitee
John Moe	Invitee
Troy King	Invitee
Steve McDowall	Invitee
Louise Rose	Invitee
Andy Weekes	Invitee
Peter Hyde	Invitee
Russell Saunders	Invitee
Peter Jeremijenko	Invitee
Russell Wheeler	Invitee

2. Apologies

Name	Position
Graham Keys	President
John Eacott	Committee Member
Dean Shipp	Committee Member

Proxies

Name	Proxy Name
Nil	

3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

John Burrill moved that the previous minutes of meeting held on 14 March, 2024 be accepted, seconded by Guy Vickerman. Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 0

4. **Inward and Outward Correspondence**

Two emails from David Brown about the Ducati Rally to be held 7 to 9 June 2024 – paperwork to be updated in their satchels.

Five emails from AMC from different State and Territory groups.

Three emails from Steve Spalding - Steve Spalding and Lauren Turnbull from TMR will be riding up to Mt. Glorious Café to meet everyone interested on 16 April at 10.00am to update on the Ride to Zero Program. Steve and Lauren are the two primary liaison officers in relation to the Ride to Zero Program. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

One email from Motorcycle Assist – David posted out to a small number of online sites – Motorcycle Assist will forward \$10 to QMC when any motorcycle rider signs up through the QMC page.

One email from TMR in relation to the Maleny Stanley River Road Roadworks re-alignment. A couple of corners will be straightened out for safety. This information was forwarded on to online motorcycle sites for general information to other riders.

5. **Statement of Accounts**

Current balance \$36,000

(\$35,000 GCBF and \$1,100 present funds)

Income

\$35,000 Gambling Community Benefit Fund received

Interest received \$31.00 but removed due to holding tax paid. Roy to follow up with the bank to have the interest returned to the bank account.

6. **Membership Officer Report**

\$50 - membership



Includes 2 new members at \$15.00 each - \$5 was paid to end of the financial year, and \$10 for the following year. David commented that the amount was \$5 upfront for new members until the end of the financial year and receive \$10 for the following year.

1 renewal – paid \$20

David advised that the grants officers had assisted in providing further guidance about information required assisting in the successful grant applications.

David commented that there is a focus towards more personal responsibility with motorcycle accidents and about bad behaviour by motorcyclists on the road. Steve commented that a more positive attitude is starting to happen with some of the Facebook groups where 50% of the comments about 'bad behaviour' are now being seen as negative with other riders. Steve commented that by making bad behaviour socially unacceptable it is a good outcome for all. Steve commented that in the car driving scene there is also a positive shift about bad behaviour. Russell commented that other motorists are starting to recognise that motorcycle riders are allowed to lane filter and are responding positively.

7. Chair's Report

David advised that Graham was too ill to chair the meeting tonight.

David reported that he and Graham had a meeting with Minister Brad Mellish, Minister for Transport and Main Roads. The Minister has a background in transport. Graham did a great job of advocating to the Minister about the benefits of motorcycling in the half hour meeting. Two other staff from TMR were also at the meeting. Short discussions were held including emissions, motorcycle safety and the non-subsidy for electric motorcycles. David included in his paper to the Minister about the user pays system. The meeting was a 'get to know' meeting and to ensure a continuing relationship with the State Government.

David suggested that the State Government should provide a subsidy for electric motorcycles as well as for electric cars. He commented that the State Government needs to shift the focus about electric scooters and electric bicycles as they are a lot cheaper than electric cars.

Peter J. commented that it was more expensive for registration of an e-scooter on Macleay Island than a V8 vehicle. Parking is a real issue on the island and if scooters were allowed more people would be able to access the area.

Roy asked if QMC has ever had a meeting with the shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads, and David said that he does not believe there has ever been a meeting with the shadow Minister.

Mal mentioned that there are 750,000 licensed motorcycle riders in Queensland and Campbell Newman caused a lot of unrest. Mal has tried to speak to the Brisbane City Council Councillor but has not been successful. Parking for motorcycles was raised as a good point to be discussed.

The brief list of items covered in the meeting with the Minister are:

[There are three overarching themes to highlight before getting to specific issues.](#)

1. [Support for Improving Public Perception of Motorcyclists;](#)

2. Marketing the Benefits of Motorcycling to the Community;
3. Harmonisation nationally.

Specific issues that need focus and rapid response and resolution.

1. EV Rebate
 - a. Exclusion of electric motorcycles and motor scooters;
 - b. TMR response to our query.
2. Further discussion on mandatory testing for license renewal
 - a. Use as an education process focusing on road rules and hazard perception.
3. Review of Graduated License System
 - a. Change to time required to hold learner's permit;
 - b. Use of log book process similar to car learner drivers;
 - c. Change age and restrictions on when you can get a motorcycle learners permit.

8. Update on Projects

8.1 Culture of Driving/Riding

Mal commented that they have been asked to put forward a paper about the Road Safety and Education Strategy. Mal wishes to include all persons involved in the road users' system within all states of Australia. Mal included the aims, goals, benefits and strategies in the paper. One aspect is 'you are the captain, you are responsible'. A copy of the paper will be forwarded to all members via David.

Mal would like to put an advertisement in all relevant magazines and online sites to propose a new way to consider the way forward to reduce road traumas. Mal considers all organisations including RACQ, car and motorcycle clubs/groups and all governments to become involved with the one message advertised that reflects on the clear message of education strategy for all Australians.

David commented that road safety was discussed at the meeting where the Minister explained that it was very difficult to put this out into the education system. David also mentioned that the childcare centres/schools parking problems were discussed and the emerging issues surrounding this situation.

8.2 Lane Filtering

John B advised that there is no further information available and considers that maybe QMC should meet with the specific people in TMR that manages the lane filtering issues. David commented that TMR discussed lane filtering and storage boxes at their recent meeting with TMR and QPS. TMR proposes to bring in some engineers at their next meeting to discuss these issues. At the



last meeting, no rollout timeframe was discussed in relation to the storage boxes. At this meeting, Graham had suggested that red light cameras need to be installed at these intersections as well.

David mentioned that TMR gave themselves a road safety award some years ago when they introduced a delay in the switch to a green light, resulting in fewer collisions at these intersections when vehicles ran a red light.

General discussion was held about the non-registration of e-scooters and bicycles.

8.3 Making Roads More Motorcycle Friendly

No updates to report.

9 General Business

9.1 Update on TMR Ride to Zero Grant Application

Steve has provided possible dates for the Ride to Zero Training Days which are:

Thursday, 16 May; Wednesday, 19 June; Saturday, 6 July; Saturday, 10 August; Thursday, 5 September; Sunday, 15 September; Saturday, 21 September and Saturday, 19 October.

Steve advises that he has clearance to use the facility at Mitchelton. Steve has also negotiated to blend Ride Smart Academy's Team with the Smart Rider Team with the first event to be held on Saturday 13 April. Some of the days can be shifted to alternate venues. Weekends – Mitchelton facility; Mid-week – Slacks Creek; and also has a facility at Beenleigh.

Steve would like to be advised on what dates are workable. There is a budget for 20 attendees and up to 15 attendees can be trained at Mitchelton. Steve has requested if QMC wishes to spread the training days across the three venues of Mitchelton, Slacks Creek and Beenleigh. As there is a budget for 100 people, there is the opportunity to offer these services to the wider public. His firm has now taken on a Marketing Agency as additional resources to assist.

Jan asked Steve to further explain what was included in the Ride to Zero training:

Module One includes (in class format) an intensive learning session pertaining to safety on the road. The Ride to Zero Grant also requires the trainer to teach about riding in groups, pillions and lane filtering. This session is about 2.5 hours long.

Module Two includes a skill session in the carpark where the rider on his/her own bike is taken through a collection of bike movements. This session highlights slalom riding, bike steering, slow riding, take off and stop, hill stop, lane filtering, U-turns, takeoff and turn left from stationary start – approximately 2 hours.

Module Three includes 5 to 6 bike riders on a road ride with a riding instructor showing risk points, and riding in front of the instructor – approximately 2 hours.

All the three modules are held on one day. The minimum number of attendees for each training day is 12 motorcyclists.

Steve will provide a link for David to include the information about the Ride to Zero Program for further information. Fifteen members of QMC have agreed to attend the training sessions and there is availability for 100 attendees. Steve advised that up to 15 attendees can attend each training session, and there is a possibility of 6 training days. Steve commented that the funding is available for riders that have a license however, the grant does not specifically exclude learners.

David and Steve discussed a training session for mentors of bike riders, and maybe will set up one particular day for mentoring bike riders to attend.

There was further discussion in relation to the actual venues that should be used and also if the weekday or weekend should be set up for the training sessions. Steve suggested a good start would be to set up an initial three dates for members to choose. Louise suggested that it could be set up with one weekday at Slacks Creek and the other two training days on the weekend. Steve commented that he will be able to organise the marketing side for bike riders to sign up.

9.2 Update on Grant Application to GCBF

Grant information attached. David mentioned that funds must be spent on items on how they were stated in the grant's application form.

9.3 TMR Quarterly Meeting Update

David gave a brief update and advised that there will be engineers available at the next TMR meeting to discuss the storage boxes in relation to the lane filtering issues.

Further discussion about storage boxes and their positive effects was held between the members.

David commented about possibly seeking further grant funding in relation to advertising where it is directed at car drivers explaining on how lane filtering works, and how it benefits everyone on the road.

David also commented that there will be further discussions with TMR and their team in relation to lowering emissions and how motorcycles and scooters can reduce the emissions.

A new Chair is now running the TMR meetings, and it has been a positive move.

9.4 Discussion regarding QMC Meeting Location

Carry over action – Roy and Graham will look at facilities and report back to the committee or to the next meeting.

9.5 Update on QMC Web Site Re-development

Graham and Noel have developed the new website. Graham and Noel would like feedback on the design, colour and general features and functionality of the site. Could all members log onto the new website over the next month and give feedback if they wish.

<https://queenslandmotorcyclecouncil.com.au/>

10 Other Business

Mal asked if the Constitution was available to check on whether the words 'Not for Profit' was stated in the document. This is in relation to a request from the Bicycle Queensland Lobbying Group. David will follow up with Mal and he will take the lead in sorting this out.

Roy commented that the Constitution will need to be updated, as the Grievance Procedures has to now be included.

David asked if the additional information of the person's full address on the membership form can be removed leaving only the suburb and postcode. Additionally, he requested that the seconder be removed also.

Jan suggested that David may need to check with the Constitution to ensure that these amendments are allowed to be amended. If not allowed, these amendments can be changed at the AGM with the necessary notifications advised prior to the AGM. David will follow up and check the Constitution.



David raised the offer of affiliation with Motorcycling Queensland (MQ) for Public Liability Insurance at the cost of \$350. The Ducati Owners Club raised this issue as they require QMC Public Liability in relation to the Rally and offered QMC to sit within the Ducati Owners Club with the insurance. General consensus was for QMC to seek further information with MQ to obtain Public Liability insurance directly with MQ.

Peter H commented that in the Qld Associations Model Rules it states that the proposer and the seconder must be included. Register of members must also include the person's full name and address.

Jan asked if QMC has a budget for the AGM so that the amount of fixed costs can be made available to members.

David commented that there may be grants available from the State Government Sport and Recreation to obtain funding to assist in the operation of the organisation.

David asked for volunteers to go to their local Bike Dealer to enable QMC to put out advertising information in their shop. David said that pamphlets will be able to be provided.

Meeting closed at 8:34 PM

11 **Next Meeting**

Thursday 9th May, 2024, 7:00pm at Mitchelton Library