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THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 7th November 2017 NO 225

<p>President Peter Thompson P.O. Box 2 Maldon Vic. 3463 5472 2202</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT'S REPORT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hi All,</p> <p>Christmas is fast approaching and our dinner is arranged for Saturday December 9th at Klua Sathorn (Menu is in the newsletter). I would also like to thank all who have helped make Mucklefest a great and successful event. Let's now start planning on our own Rally in April with the featured Tractor as a Nuffield and featured engine is a Blackstone, so start asking around to make our features worth seeing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Secretary would like to thank George Milford for standing in for him while he was away resting in the Queensland sun.....</p>
<p>Vice President Stephen O'Connor</p>	
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<p>Archives Robert Thompson</p>	
<p>Reviewer George Milford</p>	
<p>John Powell Reserve John Blake & Ray Rice</p>	

ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G.Mason	13	A Leyshan	P Rautman
2.	M Mason	14	W Mein	K Burgess
3.	G Milford	15	E Harvey	A Burgess
4.	P Thompson	16	S Luke	J Williams
5.	J Robinson			K Chaplin
6.	A Burgess		APOLOGIES	L Williams
7.	L Rice			D Burgess
8.	J Conn			L Burgess
9.	J Blake			A Williams
10.	S O'Connor		M Williams	J Chaplin
11.	R Rice		R Williams	A Chapman
12.	H Goldup			M Conn

Attendance Mov. M Mason Sec. E Harvey Carried

Meeting Opened At: 7.30 pm.

Meeting Chaired By:

Peter Thompson President

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 2nd October 2017 circulated in Newsletter No 224 confirmed. Moved S O'Connor Seconded G Milford Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

Sept/ Oct 2017 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter

Oct 2017 Baw Baw N/letter

Oct 2017 Yarra Valley N/letter

3 m/ship renewals

Oct 2017 Goldsmith N/letter

Flyers for Wandin Swap 12th Nov. Wandin Draught Horse Rally 25 /26 th Nov

Flyer for USA trip to see some Rallies in 2018

Invitation to display at Rheola Charity Carnival on Easter Monday 2018

OUTWARDS:

Sympathy card to the Lester/Smith family on the passing of Ern.

Mov.E Harvey Sec. R Rice. Carried

REPORTS

DUNOLLY RALLY.

Eddie did some promotional work for Mucklefest, and saw a few of our members with tractors. But he reports that the engine side of it was very poor.

Report by Eddie Harvey

John reports that the Tractor Pull side of the Rally was very good, with about 50 tractors competing and it was handled very well everything ran smooth and it was a good day

Report by John Robinson.

GOLDSMITH.

Steve O'Connor went on the Sunday and said there was a lot of interest in the saw mill but he noticed there was only about 8 John Deere's on show, but John Robinson was there on Sat with his JD and he reports there was about 25 JD's there. Wayne Mein also attended and they all agreed it is a good day out.

Report by Wayne Mein, John Robinson & Steve O'Connor.

LANCEFIELD TRACTOR PULL.

Numbers were down with about 15 tractors attending, to make a show of it the tractors were given three pulls each.

CASTLEMAINE SHOW PARADE

Eddie Harvey donned a top hat as he drove the Maldon Machinery Museum's grey fergy towing the CWA float in the street parade for the Castlemaine Show.

MUCKLEFEST

The preliminary look at the success of the event is that each of the three organising groups will receive approx. \$1500, there could be a little more money come in and it was suggested that this be left in the bank for next year. The M/fest committee will windup in the next couple of weeks.

MAVEC TRACTOR PULL

This is run as one of the many activities at Mucklefest, John Blake reported that it was a great success he would have liked to have had a few more tractors on the day. But those that attended had a good day. He thanked everybody that helped. Steve O'Connor did a great job preparing the Laurie Adams Perpetual Trophy. The inaugural Laurie Adams Perpetual Trophy was won by Steve Hancock with his Chamberlain 9G. By a strange twist this is the same tractor that led the cortege at Laurie's funeral.

Member Rob McClure was kind enough to donate his prizes back to the Club and this enabled us to award a prize to two young chaps who want to get into tractor pulling. They competed under supervision and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Steve O'Connor moved that Sec. write a letter of thanks to Rob McClure this was seconded by John Blake and was carried. (This has been done.)

As the report on Mucklefest was part report and part could be regarded as general business as we discussed how to improve some aspects for next year. So there will be more points of interest in general business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

If you have something to sell or need a special part or treasure let Peter, Alan or Graham know and we will put your request in the newsletter.

Please note

If you are going to display your treasures at a Rally that has not been through the minutes of the Club meeting please let the Sec. know for insurance purposes.

George told the meeting that the bridge beams we have inherited will have to be moved before Vossloh return to work after the Christmas break. The council are not involved and MAVEC and Vossloh will have to arrange transport. The Rotary Club are to get 1 and the other three are to come to Muckleford. The beams are 17 mts long and weigh 6 tonne each.

Loretta Rice knows where there is a merry go round driven by a horse works. It is for sale to a club for between \$3000 to \$3500 the price is higher if an individual was to buy it. It is complete and in going order and has been always shedded. Loretta mentioned that the Club might consider buying it as it could be a drawcard at our Rally.

Sec. asked what did the Club want as the featured tractor and engine for our 2018 Rally. In very short time it was decided that NUFFIELD would be the tractor And BLACKSTONE would be the engine.

It was decided that Hammertone dark blue would be the badge colour for next year and it will be noted when we order that Guildford will be taken off the badge and Muckleford put on.

The meeting was asked if they wanted to produce a calendar again this year and the members agreed it was a good idea. Peter will be able to do it for us again.

Sec suggested that he contact car Club to see if they were interested in coming to our Rally next year, will keep members informed about this in future n/letters.

John Robinson brought it to our attention that a letter from us to VGR had not been tabled. Sec checked it out and as the letter had been emailed a hard copy had not been tabled this will be done at the next meeting.

The problem with the signing of the lease between us and VGR is that Victrack are dragging their heels on signing the lease with VGR, but VGR are happy for us to keep doing what we want to with the Muckleford site, eg; filling the low spot near the goods shed.

It was discussed that we may have to seek a donation from the party or parties Interested in acquiring our existing shed at Guildford, this could be used to obtain more temporary storage at Muckleford This will be addressed hopefully at our next meeting.

MUCKLEFORD SHED

As a follow up to our last meeting Steve O'Connor came with 3 quotes for a shed he tabled the quotes and passed around to the meeting the plans for what he considered was the best all round deal, he has already erected 2 or 3 of these sheds and says they are a of good quality. The shed he recommended is constructed by Telfords based in Shepparton using all Aust. Steel. Steve said he would be able to build the shed with the help of Club members and it would be up and the floor concreted in time for our Rally.

After the members had looked at the plan Steve O'Connor moved we go ahead and order a shed as to the plan, this was seconded by Ray Rice and the motion was carried. A shed committee was formed it is the following Steve O'Connor, Peter Thompson, John Robinson and Graham Mason. This committee will seek a meeting with the Shire CEO asap to see what is involved to get all the relevant permits etc.

MUCKLEFEST DISCUSSION

As stated earlier in reports this discussion went on to make better plans and ideas for next years event. It was suggested that more seating should be provided at the horse display, a[so better arrangements for disabled parking. Sec. also pointed out that included in the article in the Castlemaine Mail was that a rock and roll dance display was another feature of the event, President Peter told the meeting that the R & R Club was coming, but unfortunately on the day they were a no show. Sec. also pointed out that the photo in the mail showed the steam roller and it was not there, and went on further to suggest the organizers have only one person to liaise with the press so nothing can be taken out of context. Fine tuning of the exhibitor's gates may need to be discussed.

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

At the last meeting it was briefly discussed as to what the Club members had in mind for a night out before Christmas. KLUA SATHORN THAI RESTAURANT was suggested. At this meeting members agreed to a night at this restaurant. Included in this newsletter is the menu for the night you will notice there is one Thai meal and one Aust. meal We MUST know who is coming by our next meeting (4TH Dec) at the very latest and also if you want Thai or Aust.

If you cannot attend next meeting you can phone Sec. to make your reservation.

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

6.30 PM FOR 7 PM MEAL

KLUA SATHORN THAI RESTAURANT

32 JOHNSTONE ST. CASTLEMAINE

COMING EVENTS

WHEN

NOV 19th
24 / 27th
DEC
9th

WHERE

Bendigo Swap Meet
Glenlyon Rally

MAVEC Christmas Breakup

2018

JAN

6/7th

Charles Hall Krankup

FEB

3/4th

Colac Heritage Festival

18th

Ballan Rally and tractor Pull

16/17/18

Portland Bay Vintage Machinery Rally at Portland

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Next meeting 7.30pm Monday 4th December 2017 at MUCKLEFORD

HAVE A LARFF

Fred and Harry were out at the Castlemaine Golf Course, they had played the first four holes and were having a good time. When they were on the fifth green Fred took a step back and accidentally stepped on an upturned rake that had been left by the greenkeeper. When the pain had passed Harry said that's the best two balls you have hit all day.

An elderly man playing golf was riding in his buggy when he lost control and it flipped over, a very busty brunette just happened to be looking out the window of her third floor apartment that overlooked the golf course. She saw the accident and got over to assist the elderly man who by this time had scrambled to his feet. You poor thing she said you had better come to my apartment and I can clean you up and attend to the cuts you have on your face, elbows and knees and I reckon you will need a stiff drink. As she is attending to him she allows her robe to open exposing more of her body, the whiskey she gave him was the smoothest he had ever tasted. Have another whiskey she said, no he replied I must go to my wife, but I insist she said. He said oh ok just one more and I must go to my wife, her gown was noticeably showing a lot more flesh, wouldn't you like to relax with me she enquired, I would but my wife I should return to my wife, she does not need to know said the brunette. Where is your wife anyway she asked. The elderly man replied probably still under the golf buggy.

Two blokes were talking in the Queens Arms, one says to the other so how was your honeymoon? Very good says the other bloke till one morning I woke up and said here is your money and I gave her \$100. The other bloke says that's not too bad she might not realise you thought of her as a hooker. I know said the new groom but she took it and gave me \$50 and said here is your change.

The brunette said to the blonde I will put some mothballs in my wardrobe. The blonde said do you know what mothballs smell like? Yes said the brunette. The blonde said how in heavens name do you get their little legs apart.

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