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Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 5th February 2018 NO 227

President Peter Thompson P.O. Box 2 Maldon Vic. 3463 5472 2202	<p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT'S REPORT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hi All,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We are all gearing up for this year's rally The 1st at Muckleford and our 22nd rally. We will need a few hands with working bee's before the rally to prepare the area. (dates as in the minutes of our last meeting)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The shipping containers have been purchased and should be delivered and setup ready for use before our rally.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thanks to all who have helped thus far</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catch you all soon Peter T</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE Thursday 22nd MARCH is raffle ticket day at the IGA complex. Some help will be required contact Sec if you can assist.</p>
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Committee Jason Williams	
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Reviewer George Milford	
John Powell Reserve John Blake & Ray Rice	

ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G.Mason	13	A Williams	P Rautman
2.	M Mason	14	W Mein	K Burgess
3.	J Williams	15	E Harvey	A Burgess
4.	P Thompson	16	S Thompson	G Milford
5.	J Robinson	17	A Leyshan	S & A Mc Que
6.	A Burgess	18	A Murley	P MacDonald
7.	L Rice	19	S O'Conner	D Burgess
8.	J Conn	20	J Chaplin	L Burgess
9.	J Blake	21	K Chaplin	J Hayes
10.	L Williams	22	J Ashburn	
11.	R Rice			
12.	H Goldup			

Attendance Mov. M Mason Sec. A Leyshan Carried

Meeting Opened At: 7.30 pm.

Meeting Chaired By:

Peter Thompson President

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 4th December 2017 circulated in Newsletter No 226 confirmed. Moved J Chaplin Seconded R Rice Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

Dec 2017 / Jan 2018 Oily Rag Ballan N/letter

Dec 2017 Baw Baw N/letter

Jan/ Feb 2018 Baw Baw N/letter

Dec 2017 Yarra Valley N/letter

Invitation to attend/exhibit at Melb.Steam Rally Scoresby Mar 10th to 12th 2018

Invitation to Quambatook Heritage day Jan 27/28

Invitation to Wimmera Mallee Rally at Jeparit 9th & 10th June 2018

Invitation to Biloela Rally Qld. 20th to 22nd July 2018

Invitation to Talbot Rally March 17th & 18th 2018

Invitation to exhibit at Harcourt Applefest Sat 10th March 2018

Letter from Mt Alex Shire Shed fee waiver has been granted

Letter from Mt Alex Shire Re rate notice and valuation shire has put on our block
Sec to sort this out asap.

OUTWARDS:

Letter of support to VGR in their quest for Government funds to expand and improve their preservation of our rail heritage.

Emails to E Badges to change our badge to Muckleford and place our order

Email to TOMM to list our Rally in Down the track.

Email to Ford Zephyr Club to invite to our Rally. (No reply as yet.)

Mov.E Harvey Sec.J Williams. Carried

The question of the rate valuation Re letter from Shire. We paid \$40000 for the block which was in all parties eyes a fair value. The Shire sent a rate notice that the block was valued at \$120000.

John Robinson moved that we lodge an objection as to the high valuation. This was seconded by Stephen O'Conner and was Carried.

Note

Sec has been to the Shire and spoke with Margret Jacka the rates dept. lady she rang a couple of days later and confirmed that the valuer had somehow made a mistake and the value of the block was \$40000 and they apologised for the mistake and sent a new rate notice to confirm their new valuation.

REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT.

Alan reported that we have a credit balance of \$
Alan also gave a financial breakdown of the Mucklefest event The three Clubs involved in running the event each received \$1500 and \$1067 is held for Mucklefest 2018

Moved A Burgess Sec. L Rice Carried

GEELONG RALLY.

It was hot but a great event 30 to 40 tractors, lots of trucks The tractor pull was well supported, running from 9am to 3pm each tractor got to runs. A good display of army vehicles including Austin Champs. A meccano display. The Ruston Hornsby from Wattle Gully Mine was running also a marine engine from a ship was running and was very quiet. They have a Thompson engine they found in a case and they have it just about ready to go. Ray also saw Hartnetts International and it is just as was when it left Harcourt.

Report by John Robinson & Ray Rice

COLAC RALLY

John travelled to Colac and had a good weekend. He says the spectators were down by 25% he was very impressed by their safety standards. They would not allow front wheel weights even if the tractor was manufactured with them. There was approx. 34/35 tractors attending. And David Brown and International were featured.

Report by John Robinson

Most members in attendance said it had been too hot to go anywhere

SHED COMMITTEE REPORT

Pres Peter suggested that we get EGBP Planning of Johnstone Street Castlemaine to do our shed planning to avoid us trying to deal with the Shire. Peter tabled a quote that was approx \$800. We will be applying for a permit for a storage shed

Stephen O'Conner moved we go ahead with EGBP this was seconded by Ray Rice and was carried.

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 insurances purposes.

BRIDGE BEAMS

Max Billman from Rotary contacted us re the railway beams that they may have a little funding to assist with fuel. At this stage it is likely that we will get one , VGR would like two and one may go to a site near Skew bridge, but if it does graffiti may be a problem. Still no information as to when they are to be moved.

The Walmer CFA will be able to do the water for engines for us at Rally time.

MERRY GO ROUND

Ray Rice has been negotiating with the owner of the merry go round and he is willing to deliver it to us a few days before our Rally and he will show three or four blokes how to set it up.

Ray has found four private anonymous investors who will put in \$500 each, if the Club will put in the other \$2000 and Peter Thompson will sponsor the running of it eg. the horse.

Stephen O'Conner moved a motion that the Club buy the half share in the merry go round this was seconded by Maree Mason and was carried.

Ray Rice asked if the Sec and John Robinson could draw up an agreement to cover the investors share of the merry go round.

Jason Williams suggested the Club purchase 2x 40 ft containers and build a roof between the two and this would do for our shed for this year's Rally and at a later stage if we did not want the containers they could be sold. Jason also suggested the containers could be paid for by members putting in some cash and this would be paid back as the Club had money to spare after the big shed was built or when the containers were sold.

Stephen O'Conner moved that we purchase 2 x 40 ft. containers and a hoop with funds raised by members who wish to invest in the purchase price. The Club will initially purchase the containers pending members investment. Sec by Eddie Harvey and the motion was carried.

WORKING BEE AT RALLY SITE MUCKLEFORD

There will be a working bee on the 4th March
 18th March All 3 starting 8.30/9.00
 8th April

A fund raiser for asthma research in memory of Ned Cameron (Allan Lang's grandson) will be held in March Leanne Williams moved we donate 5 x family passes to our Rally to this cause. This was seconded by Eddie Harvey and was carried

COMING EVENTS

WHEN

WHERE

MAR

3rd

Ballan Swap

4th

WORKING BEE at MUCKLEFORD

10th / 11th

Lost Trades Fair Kyneton

18th

WORKING BEE at MUCKLEFORD

17th / 18th

Kyabram Rally and Mack truck Muster

17th / 18th

Talbot Rally

22nd

Selling Raffle tickets at IGA complex

24th

Dunolly Swap.

APRIL

8th

WORKING BEE at MUCKLEFORD

14th / 15th

22nd Annual MAVEC RALLY at our new venue Dave Bennett Reserve and Muckleford Station Walmer/Muckleford Rd Muckleford

JUNE

9th / 10th

Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum 11th Rally at Jeparit

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Next meeting 7.30pm Monday 5th March 2018 at MUCKLEFORD

HAVE A LARFF

He snuggled up to a sexy blonde sitting next to him at the bar, and said to her I'm yours for the asking. She snuggled back and said I'm asking \$50.

A bloke retires with a massive golden handshake and treats himself to a brand new Ford F250. It has a massive V8 diesel engine, 4X4, 6 speed auto trans, and it has metallic midnite blue paint and genuine leather seats. Driving it for the first time he cannot get the radio to function. He calls by the dealership the next day and the salesman sits in the truck with him and informs him that the radio is VOICE ACTIVATED. Push this button and ask for your favourite music. The owner pushes the button and says Nelson, the radio asks Ricky or Willie. Willie said the owner, and within 20 seconds On the road again starts playing Over the next few days the bloke spent a lot of time in his truck, and was having a ball requesting his favourite music. But a couple of days later he was driving down the main street listening to Waylon Jennings when car ran a red light and he had to swerve to avoid being T-boned. F*****ing idiot he yelled out and he was very surprised to hear the radio say and now we cross to an interview with your local Federal Member of Parliament

Harry was telling his mate that he rode his bike to the bottleshop and bought a bottle of Appleton's rum. He was going to ride home with it in the basket on the bike. But he thought if I fall off the bike it might break. So I drank it outside the shop and it is just as well as I fell off the bike eight times on the way home.