

**AUSTIN HEALEY OWNERS CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.
Minutes of General Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2009
At 19 – 23 Rosalie Street Springvale**

Meeting opened at 8.40pm.

Present: President Bill Ingham welcomed 54 Members (with 6 Healers), including Peter Heading who is back from Qld. with his BJ8, which has been 10 years in the making. Long standing Members Ian and Kaye Jones were also welcomed to the Meeting.

Apologies:

Greg Howe, Gordon Lindner, Geoff Roberts, Mike Snelgrove, John Olsen, Jeff Gillard, Tim Westover, Brian Meredith, Michael & Ros Sinclair, John & Heather Curtis, Max & Helen Storey, Alan & Maureen Cant, Tony Barrett.

Bill advised that guest speaker, David Syers, was unable to attend because of ill health.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion: “That the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 4th June 2009, are accepted”.

Moved: Fay Raisbeck.

Seconded: Paul McPherson.

Carried

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:

Refer General Business.

Correspondence In:

Flyers:

- Shannon’s Aug Spring Auction
- RACV Melbourne to Mornington 17th Jan 2010 “Great Australian Rally”

Magazines and News Letters from:

- A.H. Sprite Driver’s Club – Goblins’ Gazette (Aug)
- Ballina District Restorers Club-“The Carrier Pigeon” (Aug)
- Austin Healey Car Club of NZ -“Healey Torque (July)
- The Association of Motoring Clubs Newsletter Issue105 (Aug)
- Austin Healey Club of WA -“Healeys West” (Aug)
- Austin Healey Owners Club of S.A.-“Healey Howl” (Aug)
- Jaguar Car Club Victoria-“Cat-A-Log” (Sept)
- Southern Peninsula Classic & Historic Car Club “The Crankhandle” (Sept)

Letters and Emails:

- Various Invoices and payments for Magazine advertising
- “A. H. Sprite Drivers Club’s” enthusiastic acceptance of Vic Healey Day invitation.
- Response from Allan Collier re BN1 ride and also correspondence from Iain McPherson re history of his previously owned cars.

Correspondence Out:

- Clarification to AHSDC President. Greg Corbin upon “Vic Healey Day” activities.

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REPORTS:

Financials:

Treasurer - Ken Tame:

Operating Account

Opening Balance (as at 22/07/'09 – last date reported)	\$13,873.65
Plus Deposits	\$1,724.20
Less Payments	\$1,865.84
Closing Balance as at 21/08/'09	\$13,732.01

Special Purpose Account \$16,339.39

(Of which \$13,352.00 relates to the bush fire appeal)

Term Deposit Account \$25,000.00

Membership:

Greg Howe: Apology

Social:

- Social Secretary - Maressa Rowland reported attendance at “The Inaugural Presidents Invitational” Tri Club Night of 140 (including 36 from AHOC). Bill highlighted the success of the evening, the enthusiastic dialogue between those present, the opportunity to get to know members from the other Clubs, the suitability of the Club Rooms for the function, the likelihood it will become an annual event and that it would not have happened without the great effort put in by the three Club Social Secretaries. The Members expressed their appreciation with a round of applause for Maressa. Bill also thanked Chris Coughlin for handling the Bar on the night.
- Maressa highlighted upcoming events, drawing particular attention to:
 - o The 10th September ROFS Run West with Mike Snelgrove.
 - o The 19th & 20th Sept. High Country Run, which still has some vacancies. Bill noted that this was a great Run last year
 - o The Victorian Healey Day at Como North on Sunday 25th October.
 - o The Annual Dinner Dance on 28th November (at \$50/head and Club subsidized).
 - o The October ROFS Run to Warragul, being organized by Bill Metcalf, has an optional extension of an overnight stay at Inverloch. Bill reported that there are very few vacant RACV accommodation units remaining.Refer to the magazine for details of these and other events.

Editor:

- Editor - Harvey Pearce reported that Fay and John Raisbeck looked after last months Magazine “mail-out” as Enid and Keith Nankervis are away on holidays. Harvey suggested Members contact the President if they did not get their “mail-out” copy.

Website:

- Gordon Lindner reported problems with the emailing of last months Magazine.

Librarian:

- Barb Meredith thanked Ken Tame, on behalf of the Members, for the excellent new book that he donated to the library and reported that she is in the process of purchasing others.

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Regalia:

- Bill Metcalf reported that the new Grille Bar Badges are moving quickly and that he is also keen to sell more umbrellas.

CMC / Clubrooms:

- Chris Coughlin advised that there is nothing new to report.

Competition-MSCA:

- Rod Vogt reported upon both past and upcoming Events, as detailed in the Magazine. There are still quite a few Events, with a chance to take out the Championship.
- Rod is still hoping to get some help with the Winton Six Hour Relay.
- Rod is now officially the MSCA President and is looking for help on event days, noting that MSCA was originally initiated by the AHOC and that he is keen for Members to respect the heritage of the Healey History.
He is particularly looking for “standbys”, to step in if others don’t turn up, to assist with Dorian Timer distribution (@7.00am) and recovery, scrutineering (7.30 to 9.00am) and as general roustabouts.
- Rod also noted that AHOC could have a further delegate on the MSCA Committee following his progression to President.

CAMS:

Tony Barrett: Apology

AOMC:

Ken Styles noted a letter received from AOMC re Club Plates (to be provided to the Editor for inclusion in the Magazine) which tells us little more than we already know.

Vic Roads:

Ken Styles - nothing further to report.

National Rally 2010:

Maressa Rowland reported that John Sprinzel will not be attending, on “Doctor’s Orders”, and referred Members to the forthcoming Magazine for Registration Forms.

National Delegate:

Chris Coughlin: - nothing to report.

Cars &/or Parts to Buy &/or Sell:

Mike Forrester has a complete side exhaust system that he wishes to sell.

The Victorian Healey Day (Sunday 25th October):

There are still opportunities to register on the “Task Sheets” for volunteers.
Lunch arrangements are in hand.

General Business:

- Ken Styles noted that Racing Driver Frank Gardener had passed away.
- Bill Ingham reported upon the CAMS Information Forum, held on the 18th Aug. at the MG Car Club Rooms, at which the proposal for the “**Cardinia Motor Recreation and Education Park**” was outlined. Bill noted that the current approach is “general”, with the aim of getting Government support while the venue is still to be finalized. The venue currently under consideration is only 1.5km from a residential area and is thus likely to be problematical in relation to noise.

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- Mike Forrester suggested arriving about 11.00am for the first **Lunch Picnic** on Sunday 4th October at Albert Park. The venue is the BBQ, s on Albert Drive adjacent to Albert Park Lake.
- **MOTO GP:** Rod reported that the Australian Grand Prix Corporation has asked AHOC to provide Austin Healey cars as the transport for the Riders Parade at Phillip Island on Sunday 18th October. We will need cars for 17 riders plus 4 reserves. All cars, including reserves, will get to participate in the parade lap. Time is very short and involvement is demanding with an early start on the day, limited accommodation on the Island, detailed Conditions of Participation, Release and Indemnity to be signed, so last minute extras/changes are not possible. Rod will have the details emailed out to all Members who have email. Responses are to Selwyn Hall, who is being assisted by Mike Snelgrove, as the AHOC participant organizers. It will all need to be done very quickly!

Rod sought a show of hands from the floor and got 10 interested in participating.

- **Bushfire Appeal funds**

Bill Ingham outlined the content of Iain McPherson's Report (received on 12th Aug. and held on file) which was also summarized in his September President's Report.

The following is a very brief synopsis of Iain's Report:

The Shire of Murrindindi suffered extensive losses with 40% of its area burnt.

The Alexandra Truck and Rod Show Group are, this year, donating all monies raised to the rebuilding of the Picnic Shelter at Gallipoli Park in Marysville.

The money raised, together with the donated materials and labour, is sufficient to rebuild the shelter, however there is a shortfall in funds to provide the three BBQ units.

The amount needed is slightly less than the amount that we have raised, and, as a project, this would align with the AHOC selection criteria.

It is proposed to construct the shelter on 9th, 10th, and 11th Oct. and we are invited to attend on Saturday 10th October.

Any funds remaining could be allocated to the construction of seats within the park.

Bill noted that the Committee fully supports the proposal to provide the 3 BBQ units, and strongly recommended its acceptance by the Members. Bill asked for any questions from the floor. There were no questions.

Bill Vaughn then took the floor and asked the Meeting to endorse the project and to thank Iain McPherson and the Committee for the work that they have put into this activity, which they did with out dissention.

Following this endorsement Bill Ingham sought participation by "as many Healeys as we can muster" to attend the 10th Oct. event in Marysville. Iain McPherson noted that Rotary want to put on a BBQ for us on the day and there will be lots of other activities. In addition to building of the Picnic Shelter there will be a cricket match on the oval, "Coxy's Big Break" team will be there (who knows, you might get on TV?) as well as a "Ute Muster" distributing firewood to the needy.

Keep the day free. Details will follow in the Magazine.

- **"Suggestion Box"** - included one entry for the night.

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Meeting Close:

As there was no further business, President - Bill Ingham closed the Meeting at 9.35pm

The President then asked Bill Vaughn to take the dais and to speak to his Bugeye Sprite that was on show at the front of the auditorium. Bill has been in the Club for 12 years and spoke of his long and close association with the Austin Healey Marque. This goes back to his first Bugeye in 1962, followed by Healeys, big and small. To the delight of many present, Bill highlighted his belief that “the100/4 is the best looking sports car”.

Appreciation of Bill’s presentation was expressed with applause.

Andrew C. Goad
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