

LAND ROVER CLUB OF THE ACT INC

Agenda, Committee Meeting

Monday, 7th December 2020

Location: Eastlakes Football Club

Meeting opened by the President: 7:30 pm

Apologies: David & Ann Darke, Bob & Merle Hunt, Matt Bolton, Sue Alexander, Bill Webb, Bob & Margaret Anderson, Mary Bergstrom, Roger & Anne Quartermain

Previous Meeting Minutes: Proposed: Ian Toten **Seconded:** David Wade

President's report: (Andrew Lockley)

- A sense of hope as we finish an unprecedented year both individually and as a club.
- We look forward to operating as normal as possible next year as far as our meeting schedules are concerned with our first meeting next year scheduled for Monday 1st February 2021.
- Our new committee has settled in well and I look forward to a good year ahead.
A big thank you to Eric for jumping in the deep end and chairing our last meeting
- Our Christmas party was a great success – under Covid restrictions
Great attendance especially with many of our out of town members
 - One of our biggest ever with nearly a 100 joining in on Saturday evening dinner.
 - Santa was well received with the RFS sleigh a great touch
 - The Saturday drive went down well – lots of smiles on return – Thanks Peter
 - A big thank you to all who attended for being so accepting of the restrictions and other requirements.
 - Finally, A huge thank you to Gemma for the hard work and diligence which made sure we had a seamless event.
- It's great to see a steady stream of trips over the last few months. Let's keep it going and get in now with your trip plans for next year.
- Finally, for myself and on behalf of the committee have a safe and happy festive season and a happy new year.

Treasurer's Report: (David Wade)

- Bank balances as at today, Monday, 7 December:
 - LRC cheque account \$3,607.07
 - LRC reserve account \$33,073.97
 - Heritage Drive account \$7,253.14.
- Expenditure since the November meeting to date is:
 - MYOB November \$33.60
 - MYOB December \$33.60
 - Vanilla Catering \$3,735.00 Christmas function
 - Gemma Zeitlhofer \$47.05 Christmas function
 - Garry Blagdon \$105.83 PO Box rental

- The only income is:
 - Membership subs \$171
 - Christmas party \$2,275.

Moved: David Wade **Seconded:** Alan Dixon that the expenditure be approved and treasurer's report be accepted.

- Dennis Ford commented that the \$30,000 bank balance was a relatively large amount considering the membership of 111 people. David and Andrew advised that it was not that long ago that the Committee was considering a rise in membership fees but, better than expected revenue from the 2020 4WD Spectacular and the payout following the LRC withdrawal from the MOU, had changed the financial position significantly. The Club will need funds to cover significant ATO costs (possibly as high as \$5,000) for the next 2 years that will reduce the bank balance to a more "normal" operating level of approximately \$20,000. Andrew advised that the financial position would be reviewed as part of the normal budget planning process and encouraged members to participate in the process.

Secretary's Report: (Garry Blagdon)

- Garry visited the Canberra Centre Post Office and it was confirmed that the previous P.O. Box had been cancelled. Since it had been 6 months since it was closed it would not be financially prudent to pay over \$100 per month for redirection fees for the insignificant mail we receive.
- Garry also advised that he send an email to the Forestry Corporation of NSW supporting an application for a Grant to the Wingello Campground and associated mountain bike and horse trails which were badly affected by the bush fires earlier this year.

Trip Coordinator: (Tom & Ann de Jongh)

- Tom commented that it was good to see some trips being undertaken recently and encouraged members to submit ideas for possible trips that they, or other members, could lead.
- Tom gave a quick trip report regarding the Alpine Antics trip run by Kevin Phillips and Sue Alexander. Approximately 12 cars (minus Geoff Banbury and "Blossom" which suffered an electrical "meldown") left Williamsdale at 08:30 Thursday travelling through Cooma to Jindabyne for a quick fuel stop. Then on to the Wild Brumby Gin Distillery & Café, Thredbo, Tom Groggin and Geehi for lunch and set-up for an overnight camp. Afternoon drive visiting Keeble, Geehi & Old Geehi huts in perfect weather and clear blue skies. Back to camp for dinners and campfire. Departed Friday for Tumbarumba for lunch via Scammell's lookout, Khancoban, Tooma & Southern Cloud Memorial Lookout. Travelled through Batlow and Tumut to Long Plain Hut set up camp then dinner and campfire. Saturday visited Cooinbul hut, Coolamine homestead & blue waterholes for lunch. Park Ranger Megan warned of highs winds and rain and everyone returned to camp where some braved the inclement weather and some escaped the storm by returning home early

Membership Secretary: (Michael Thomson)

- Michael advised we now have 111 financial members.

Social Secretary: (Gemma Zeithofer)

- Gemma thanked everyone for their assistance and co-operation in complying with the COVID-19 restrictions which resulted in the more structured Christmas Party.

Merchandising & 4WD Association: (Kevin Phillips)

- Kevin advised that he could not attend the November AGM because he attended the LRC Christmas Party and that he had not received any minutes from the AGM as yet.

KHA: (Margaret Anderson) Not present

Council of ACT Motor Clubs: (Garry Collins) Nothing to report

Website Manager: (Matt Bolton) Not present

Series Vehicles: (TBA) Not present

Other business/New business:

- John Jedryk provided some background information on the “Homes amongst the gum trees” project supported by the Native Animal Rescue Group (NARG). Recent fires 130,000 hectares of bushland was burnt destroying the dens of thousands of arboreal mammals and nesting hollows for birds. The “Homes amongst the gum trees” project aims to install hundreds of nesting boxes across the local area of focus i.e. Braidwood, Budawang, Charlies Forest, Nerriga, Tallaganda and Tomboye. NARG are looking for people to build boxes and help put them up in trees. The targeted species include gliders, possums, rosellas microbats and Kookaburras. All timber for the nesting boxes will be sourced from renewable plantations and should last at least 15 years. Each box will be marked and its GPS location recorded and researchers from the Australian National university will be studying the occupation rate and species occupying the nesting boxes. John and Suzanne Jedryk raised approximately \$500.00 at the 2020 4WD Spectacular and an additional \$4,500 at the Kingston Markets from donations, selling calendars & cards etc.

Next meeting: 1st February 2021 at Eastlakes Football Club