

Banyule Bicycle User Group Inc**2024 AGM Minutes****21st August 2024, 7:30 pm****Community Meeting Room, Watsonia Library**

In attendance: Colin McKnight, Bob West, Irene Gerrard, Jim Connor, Chris Stewart, Elaine Rees, Don Astbury, Les Bennett, Rob Drummond, Michael Dunlop, Evan Gellert, Geoff Sutter, Terry Makin, Jean Mehrstens, Ralph Nardella, Chris England, John Pietka, Pat Boccia, Lou Bosco, Maurie Abbott, Peter Gurney, John Perkins, Sue Griffith

Apologies: Gillian Essex, Jacques Chaperon, Leigh Jukes, Meg England, David Tapper, Trevor Morgan, Simon Purser, Roger Simon

1. Welcome: Peter Gurney, BBUG President, opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of the Wurundjeri people, traditional custodians of the surrounding lands on which we meet and ride.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of 2023 AGM (9/08/23)

It was moved that the minutes be accepted and confirmed.

Moved: Colin McKnight, seconded: John Perkins. Carried.

3. Annual reports:

- President's report (copy attached): Peter Gurney presented the President's report, mentioning there are over 100 members in the club and thanking Jacques Chaperon for being BBUG secretary for a number of years. Peter will send an email to Jacques thanking him.

It was moved that the President's report be accepted. Moved: Rob Drummond; seconded: Michael Dunlop.

- Secretary's report – there was no Secretary report, but all reporting requirements are up to date.

- Treasurer / Membership Secretary's report (copy attached): John Perkins presented the Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's report. The club is in a healthy financial situation with \$7184 in the bank on 30/06/24; the insurance premium which is \$2300 (approx.) needs to be paid out of this. Membership has been as high as 118 over the past 12 months.

- Banyule BUG History sub-committee - Irene Gerrard reported on behalf of the sub-committee (Elaine Rees, Maurie Abbott, Les Bennett and Irene Gerrard); who are creating an historical record of Banyule BUG. This will include development of recreational cycling in Australia, beginning of Banyule BUG, development of Lycra and Latte groups, advocacy and Banyule BUG 'wall of fame'.

- Banyule BUG Cycling Interconnectivity sub-committee - Jean Mehrstens reported on behalf of the sub-committee (Gerard Adrien, Nicole Koeck and Jean

Mehrtens). The sub committee have used various approaches to improve amenities for bike riding in our neighbourhood, including working with the Safe and Sustainable Transport Officer at Banyule City Council; Bicycle Network, applying to be part of North East Link Project community consultation committee and surveying candidates for Banyule City Council regarding attitudes to cycling and walking.

4. Election of new committee:

President – Peter Gurney. Nominated: Peter Gurney, seconded: Elaine Rees

Vice President – John Pietka. Nominated: John Perkins, seconded: Jean Mehrstens

Secretary – Michael Dunlop. Nominated: Peter Gurney, seconded: Elaine Rees

Treasurer / Membership Officer – John Perkins. Nominated John Pietka, seconded: Jean Mehrstens

General committee members: Jean Mehrstens, Irene Gerrard, Colin McKnight, Chris England, Sue Griffith, Ralph Nardella, Les Bennett.

5. Confirmation of other roles:

- Lycra ride program coordinator – John Perkins (until the end of 2024) and Ralph Nardella

- Latte ride program coordinator – Colin McKnight, Peter Gurney in consultation with Allan Garbutt

- Newsletter Editor – Allan Garbutt

- Website - Maurie Abbott, Colin McKnight

- Events bike parking coordinator - Rob Drummond, Geoff Sutter

- Facebook Administrator - Ariana Fabris

6. General Business

6.1 Website update – Colin will present the proposed changes to the website at the next BBUG committee meeting on Tuesday 10th September 2024 for committee approval.

6.2 Summer starting times: John Perkins posed a question around summer starting times. In the months of December, January and February the Lycra group start their rides 1 hour earlier at 8:30 am, to avoid the heat of the day. The Latte group have a different approach and start their rides 1 hour earlier, if on the night before a ride, the Melbourne BOM forecast that the temperature will be 33 degrees or above. This has led to some confusion. Peter Gurney will survey Latte group riders regarding starting times over summer.

Close of formal meeting

- Geoff Sutter did an excellent presentation of his bike ride from the north to the south of New Zealand.