



Incorporated No. A0021659A

Minutes

18th Annual General Meeting of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria Inc.

Held on Wednesday 12th August 2015, at Albert Sailing Club,

Albert Park

- 1. Meeting opened:** The meeting opened at 7.00 pm with a welcome from Club President, Don Nicoll.
- 2. Present:** **Don Nicoll (Pres), Murray Finlay (VP), Peter Dannock, David Collins, Alex Hailstone, Ben Sale, Cary Warren, Randy Stagno Navarra, Will Campbell, Coral Campbell, Tim Emery, Bob de Bont.**

Apologies: Apologies received from: Bruce Gray, Rosalie and John Cooper.
Proxies: Murray Finlay for John Todd

3. Business of the Meeting

A. Adoption of Minutes:

The following resolution was considered and passed as an ordinary resolution:

'That the Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting of the Club, held at Albert Sailing Club, Albert Park, on 13th August 2014, be accepted as a true and accurate report of the proceedings.'

Moved: Will Campbell Seconded: Bob de Bont; Carried unanimously.

B. Reports of Office Bearers:

Reports on the transactions of the Club during the last financial year were received from:

Club President:	Don Nicoll
Treasurer:	David Collins
Club Captain, Motor Sport:	Tim Emery

Key points of each report are as follows:

President: Don Nicoll presented his third report as President:

Below are the summarised highlights of Don's report

- We finished this year with a new record of 629 members, yet another increase over the previous year. At the 25th anniversary event four members received 25 year membership badges. As in previous years there were many members with 5, 10 and 15 years of membership but none with 20 this year.
- The Chapters, the Motor Sport group, our merchandise offering and the quality of Club communications continue to flourish which continues the business plan set up three years ago. The incoming Committee will have the task of creating a new three-year plan.
- It was pleasing to receive an invitation from the Australian Grand Prix to show our cars at the Formula 1 Grand Prix. This came as something of a surprise given that Mazda had decided not to continue sponsorship of the Celebrity Challenge. Despite the lack of an opportunity to drive on the track many of our members took up the opportunity to show their cars and receive general admission passes.
- Once again Chapter Captains and their Assistants have done an excellent job and are to be congratulated for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm. This year has seen the changing of the guard. Both the founding Chapter Captains of the Western Chapter (John

Gleeson) and North-Eastern Victorian Chapter (Ron Gillick) stepped down after doing an outstanding job in establishing and growing the two Chapters. Their successors, Ian and Karen Bradshaw (Western) and Loz Thomas (North Eastern) have already shown that they are both well suited to the roles and more than capable of leading their groups into the future.

Two Chapters, Central and Eastern, experienced changes in their captains. Family reasons prevented Alan Laine continuing at the level of involvement that he felt necessary for a Chapter Captain. We are grateful to Peter Ferguson for stepping into the role and we wish Alan all the best for him and his family. Central Chapter saw the resignation of Ron Macdonald. Cary Warren stepped up to cover while we sought a new Captain. Geoff Roche kindly volunteered and despite suffering some deep end treatment at the beginning has done an excellent job. Geoff's experiences spurred the Committee to finalise a document to facilitate the succession of people into Committee and Chapter Captain roles. The "Structure and Position Guidelines" document compiled by Murray Finlay was distributed to Chapter Captains and Committee members who attended a Chapter Captain meeting at the 25th anniversary. The remainder will be dispatched to Club officers who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Tasmanian Chapters remain unchanged, ably led by Bruce Harvey in the North and John Waldock in the South.

- In motor sport, participation levels have increased yet again. The start of the year saw the early completion of the 2014-15 championship and the equally early start to the 2015 Championship. This was arranged so that racing can move to an annual year competition in line with other motor sport championships. This was the first year with Tim Emery as Motor Sport Captain and Randy Stagno Navarra as his assistant. Not only have they had the challenge of staging the change in the championship timing but they also decided to review the rules, not a task to be undertaken lightly. However the changes went through without any problems.
- For the second time, the Club ran a driver training session in Tasmania, this time at Baskerville near Hobart. Once again the event was well attended and resulted in the decision to run two motor sport events at the 2016 NatMeet.
- The merchandise system introduced two years ago has continued to prove very successful and again we thank Mazda for their generosity in allowing our continued access to their merchandise system.
- The monthly *mxtra* magazine and increasingly, Facebook have provided the backbone of our interaction with the membership. *mxtra* has continued to thrive on the contributions of our members and the information gathering of the industrious editor. Once again we are indebted to those who have provided articles and photographs during the year to ensure that we have an interesting monthly read.
- Communications with Chapters remains an important function of the Committee, a role which Cary Warren has continued as Social Captain, despite his increasing work commitments.
- Our new website has now been operational for two years now. We continue to average 1443 unique home page visits per month, although that number has increased due to NatMeet activities. We acknowledge Mazda's financial contribution to the maintenance of the website, an offer which was made last year and has continued into this and next year.
- The Motor Sport Group has enjoyed financial sponsorship from City Mazda and RDA EBC Brakes. Both companies have agreed to continue their support in the coming year.
- We also thank our long standing *mxtra* advertisers: Max Kirwan Mazda, Shannons, the MX5 Factory and City Mazda for their support throughout the year, as well as AutoBarn Eltham, Repco and Burson Autoparts (who have provided Club Members with discounts) and others who have advertised for shorter periods.
- The Club's new Statement of Purposes and Rules has been in place for 12 months now. We have found one minor issue (the use of the term Public Officer where it should only read Secretary), but otherwise the new rules seem to have bedded down well.
- The introduction of the Club Permit scheme for cars registered in Victoria with a build date of 25 years and over has seen 26 cars registered with VicRoads at the discounted registration rates. Peter Dannock is to be congratulated on the work he did establishing the system in such a way that when VicRoads updated their requirements at the beginning of the year, little was required to keep us compliant.

This was my third year as President and it has continued to be both a challenge and a lot of fun. The challenges were made a lot easier by the enthusiasm, effort and dedication of the

Committee, the Chapter Captains and the Assistants. My personal thanks to Murray Finlay for his support in the Vice Presidential role and to the rest of the Committee: Will and Coral Campbell, Cary Warren, Ben Sale, Bruce Gray, Dave Collins, Tim Emery, Randy Stagno Navarra, Peter Dannock and Alex Hailstone for your support, friendship and good humour. To the Chapter Captains: John Waldock, Bruce Harvey, Alan Laine, Peter Ferguson, Ron Gillick, Loz Thomas, John Gleeson, Ian and Karen Bradshaw and Geoff Roche, a very grateful thanks from the Committee.

I believe the Club remains well equipped to face the new membership year with a strong Committee and great support from its membership, its sponsors, its advertisers and Mazda Australia.

Treasurer: David Collins presented his second report as Treasurer:

Below is the Cash Flow & Balance Sheet of the Mazda MX5 Club of Victoria Inc., for the year 2014-2015, as presented at the Annual General Meeting on 12th August 2015.

Cash Flow				Balance Sheet	
As at 30 June 2015				As at 30 June 2015	
INCOME		EXPENSES		CURRENT ASSETS	
Advertising	\$5,889.00	Club Room	\$64.42	Cheque Account	\$35,046.47
Club Permit	\$900.00	Donations	\$364.00	Investment Account	\$48,340.84
Interest	\$1,358.99	Equipment	\$603.72	TPF Rebate	\$187.77
NatMeet XII 2016	\$29,110.00	Flowers & Gifts	\$234.45	Stock on Hand - Merchandise	\$820.44
Membership	\$39,486.00	Insurance	\$539.00	Stock on Hand - Membership	\$4,042.48
Merchandise	\$3,593.36	Meetings	\$1,187.68	Stock on Hand - Awards	\$360.00
Sponsorship	\$6,544.00	Membership	\$6,924.12		
		Merchandise	\$4,503.29	Total Current Assets	<u>\$88,798.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$86,881.35</u>	Motor Sport Events	\$2,757.10		
		NatMeet XII 2016	\$2,793.03	NON CURRENT ASSETS	
		Postage	\$3,389.10	Administration	\$833.00
		Printing & Stationery	\$13,246.15	Club Room	\$1,054.32
		Social Events	\$2,413.70	Membership	\$3,257.20
		Subscriptions & Govt Charges	\$1,138.10	Motor Sport	\$6,507.15
		Trophies, Awards & Prizes	\$1,688.83	Social	\$4,167.15
		Website	\$1,478.34	Workshop	\$164.84
		Total Expenses	<u>\$43,325.03</u>	Accumulated Depreciation	\$7,133.10
				Total Non Current Assets	<u>\$8,850.56</u>
				TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$97,648.56</u>
				CURRENT LIABILITIES	
				Unpresented Cheques	\$1,213.74
				TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,213.74</u>
				NET ASSETS	<u>\$96,434.82</u>

The Club's working account traded at a surplus of \$43,556 for the 2014-2015 year. As at the end of June 2015 we had \$48,341 in our Term Deposit. The increase in surplus this year of \$39,063 is from NatMeet XII registrations, early payment of Membership subscriptions and an increase in Advertising revenue.

The Investment account is there to support the provision of new and replacement assets and will be used to support NatMeet XII in 2016 for which we are the responsible club. The Committee continues to keep these funds invested for three- to six-month periods, depending on the Interest rates applicable at the time.

This year is the second year of our budget process for each of the business areas. We have managed an increase on the overall budget of \$9,871. This has been achieved with a mixture of under spending in some areas, increased revenue and some increase in expenditure. We will continue to improve on this process and will see further improvements in our budgeting over the next few years.

This year we introduced support for the VicRoads Club Permit scheme for MX- 5s manufactured 25 years and over. This enables members to take advantage of significantly less registration fees. A small fee is charged for this service and this has added to our revenue.

We continue to have a good supply of advertisers in *mxtra* magazine and Mazda has supported us by funding the maintenance of the website. We will be looking for additional advertisers and sponsors especially for our website. This will maintain a steady base as existing advertisers cease their engagement with us.

There were minimal new equipment purchases this year, with some new banners for Motor Sport.

Club Captain – Motor Sport: Tim Emery presented his first report as Club Captain – Motor Sport:

Overview:

2014-15 was my first as Club Captain – Motor Sport after taking over from Daniel White. We welcomed Randy as the new Assistant Club Captain – Motor Sport and his first year on the Committee.

City Mazda MX-5 Sprint Championship:

The 2014-15 year has seen the finalising the move away from a financial year to a calendar year format. The 2014-15 Championship was run over 10 rounds, which commenced in May 2014 and concluded in March 2015. Having seen a jump in the number of competitors in the past two years, this last season saw the number of new competitors at Sprint Championship rounds match the similar amount of people either dropping out or only competing at selected rounds. This has still resulted in an average of 20-25 competitors at each round. Again we acknowledge the great relationship we have with the Alfa Romeo Club and as our numbers continue to outweigh the number their own they also are grateful of our support of their events.

Again we welcomed Sprint Championship Sponsors City Mazda as naming rights sponsor, and EBC Brakes back for a second year of supporting the Championship.

Revisions to Rules:

The end of the 2014-15 Championship year saw the end of a two-year freeze on the Sprint Championship Rules. An email was sent to all Motor Sport members asking for input to any revisions for the rules going forward. A number of responses were received and the Club Captain – Motor Sport and Assistant Club Captain – Motor Sport invited a sub-committee to meet and review both the current rules and any suggestions for revisions.

The sub-committee agreed to a number of revisions to the rules that were then adopted and published on the Club's web site.

Compliance Issues:

During the 2014-15 season we received the first eligibility complaint from a competitor via the new documented process. As a testament to the process, the complaint was handled in accordance with the process, a sub-committee was established by the Club's Secretary, the issue was heard and a ruling handed down. The competitor in question then decided to appeal the decision of the sub-committee and the issue was taken to the Club's Committee which in turn upheld the decision and the ruling was again handed down. This included the loss of points and lap records for this competitor.

Again as testament to the process being set up correctly the issue was handled quickly and fairly.

2014 AROCA Winton 6 Hour

Our Club again fielded three teams in the 2014 AROCA 6 Hour event. With a team of over 32 people, 15 cars competing over two days it was another great event for the Club and we came away with a 10th, 8th and 2nd place. As in previous years the teams had a team dinner on the Saturday night of the event, which was again supported by our friends at the North Eastern Hotel in Benalla.

A number of sponsors supported the team in the event:

- City Mazda
- Mazda Australia
- Brimarco Industries
- Safepack
- Coffee Solutions

Tasmanian Chapter Driver Training Day - Baskerville

Some of our Motor Sport Team were lucky enough to again make the journey down to Tassie for what have become an annual Driver Training/Track Day event, this time at Baskerville Raceway near Hobart. It was great to see 26 cars entered for the day, which combines a theory session, some defensive driving skills 'tests' in the morning, then some 'spirited' track laps in the afternoon. Bruce Harvey from the Northern Tasmania Chapter did an amazing job pulling the event together with last-minute 'negotiations' with CAMS and the circuit within 24 hours of the event.

As well as Bruce, thanks must go to John Waldock from the Southern Chapter who not only picked up myself, Randy, Sam and Russell from the airport, but also loaned us two of his family's cars for transport to and from the track. If that was not enough, before we were due back to the airport and our flight home John made sure we experienced a real Tassie treat with fish 'n chips at the Hobart waterfront – thanks John. Last but not least, I also would like to thank Randy, Sam and Russell for giving up a day (of a long weekend) to act as instructors for the event. We are really lucky to not only have the depth of knowledge and experience in our Motor Sport Team but also one's that are always willing to help out and sit in the passenger seat for a whole day.

C. Adoption of Reports:

The following resolution was considered and passed as an ordinary resolution:

“That the reports tabled by the President, Treasurer and Club Captain – Motor Sport of the Club, be accepted.”

Moved: Murray Finlay; Seconded: Coral Campbell. Carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Officers

Standing down:	Peter Dannock	Nominations:	Peter Dannock
	Don Nicoll		Don Nicoll
	Coral Campbell		Coral Campbell
	Ben Sale		Ben Sale

There being no other nominations received; in accordance with Rule 15.7, as the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are deemed to be elected.

4. **Other Business:** No other business
5. **Close of meeting:** The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

Peter Dannock
Secretary
Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria and Tasmania Inc.