

MINUTES

22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania Inc.

Held on Wednesday 9 August, 2017 at Albert Sailing Club, Aquatic Drive, Albert Park

1. **Meeting opened:** Meeting opened at 7.01pm with a welcome from Club President, Peter Dannock
2. **Present:** Peter Dannock, Richard Acfield, Randy Stagno Navarra, Gavin Newman, David Collins, Cary Warren, Steve Reid, Bruce Gray
3. **Apologies:** Coral & Will Campbell, Ron & Marg Gillick, Rosalie Cooper
4. **Guests:** Murray Finlay, Peter Ferguson, John Cooper
5. **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 10th August 2016, be accepted as a true and accurate report of the proceedings.'

Moved: DC, Seconded: RA; Carried Unanimously: Yes

B. Adoption of Reports from Office Bearers

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

Club President: Peter Dannock

President's Report 2016/2017

As President of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria and Tasmania, I am pleased to present my second report for the 2016/2017 membership year.

We have again finished the membership year with another record number of members, 772, an increase of nearly 6%. This is a great result, even with the membership churn for renewals that occurs each year.

One of the key highlights for the year was the Mazda MX-5 Fan Fest, held at Sandown Raceway on 21st January 2017. With the One millionth MX-5 on the Australian leg of its world tour, Mazda Australia wanted to create a celebration of the MX-5, that allowed fans of the roadster to come together and put their signature on the car. Club members from all over Australia joined the event and it was a truly a national event. On-track activity included motorsport, Global MX5 Cup cars and a speed comparison. This was then topped off with a parade lap of 477 MX-5s on the track at the same time. That is a lot of cars and it filled the main straight at Sandown Raceway, the biggest collection of MX-5s in the one place in Australia. As well of the on-track activity, we also saw the new MX-5 RF for the first time, a highlight for the day.

Mazda Australia could not have organised this event without the support from the MX-5 clubs. I would like to again thank all the people who helped in organising or volunteering on the day. This is also extended to those from our Club who also helped in planning and executing the club run the following day. The whole weekend turned out to be a huge celebration for the MX-5 and the people who love it.

The Club Chapters continue to serve the Club well. Another year with over 100 Chapter run events or activities a tremendous illustration of the passion and commitment from our Chapter Captains and their assistants. Thank you to Peter Ferguson, Rob Krygsman, Bob de Bont, Loz Thomas, Ian and Karen Bradshaw, Bruce Harvey, Alana McDougall, John Waldock, John Hadrill and everyone involved in our Chapters for a great year. In particular, I would like to thank Geoff Roche for his efforts as Central Chapter Captain over the past 3 years. Geoff took on

the role under some difficult circumstances and together with his wife, Bronwyn, and Bob de Bont has done a terrific job in coordinating the Chapter's activities and events over that time. Geoff has chosen to step down and the Chapter Captain role has been handed over to John and Katrina Palmer. I am sure they will continue the great work done by Geoff and I look forward to all the Chapter having continued success in the coming year.

We have had another big year in Motorsport, with strong participation in many different events, a new sponsorship from Essendon Mazda for our MX-5 Sprint Championship and continued to grow in participation. The Motorsport activity takes a lot of effort to keep on track and in the past year it has been successfully organised by Randy Stagno Navarra and Gavin Newman as his assistant. Well done team!

Thank you to all of the Committee members who have contributed throughout the year. Welcome to Steve Reid who joined during the year and farewell to Ben Sale and Alec Hailstone, who will be stepping down after many years on the Committee and I look forward to their continued participating in the Club. During the past year, Murray Finlay farewelled the Committee, after being part of it for a good part of the 27 years the Club has been in existence. No other person has contributed more to the Club than Murray, including his accomplishments as a Foundation Member, Life Member, President, Secretary, Club Champion and Jinba Ittai Award winner. Though Murray is no longer on the Committee, he will still have a key communications role as editor of mxtra and webmaster for our website. As one of the fountains of knowledge and history of the Club, I look forward to Murray's continued contribution to the Club.

I would like to thank the following companies that have supported the Club through their sponsorship and advertising over the past year:

Sponsors

Mazda Australia Essendon Mazda City Mazda Brimarco RACV CAMS

mxtra Advertisers

*The MX-5 Factory Essendon Mazda Max Kirwan Mazda Shannons Insurance
VicRoads Penfold Mazda Soft Tops Online Burson Auto Parts
WaxIt Car Care Renovo Australia Repco*

We are a successful Club because of our strong membership and committed Committee and Officials. I again would like to thank everyone for their efforts and their ongoing support and I look forward to another great year ahead.

*Peter Dannock
President
9th August 2017*

Treasurer: David Collins

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Treasurer's Report Summary for the year 2016-2017

With this report is the Cash Flow & Balance Sheet of the Mazda MX5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania Inc, for the year 2016-2017, as presented at the Annual General Meeting on 9th August 2017.

The Club finished the year with surplus of \$15,266. This was primarily due to the increase in membership and slight improvement in Sponsorship and Advertising.

At the end of June 2017 we had \$77,017 in our Term Deposit. The Investment account is there to support the provision of new & replacement assets. The Committee continues to keep these funds invested for 3 to 6 month periods, depending on the Interest rates applicable at the time.

Equipment has been purchased this year for all areas of the club. Motor Sport has purchased a trailer to provide parts & equipment at Sprint events. 2 Defibrillators were bought for North Eastern Vic & Southern Tasmania Chapters. An updated printer has been purchased for membership to cater for the increased membership and the production of membership cards.

The club has supported and subsidised a number of social events. We held the Annual awards day at Mazda HQ. We were asked by Mazda Australia to assist with their FanFest event in February. We provided volunteers and ran a very successful run on the Sunday, hosting over 120 mx5ers including other state club members and visitors from Mazda Japan.

This is our third year of the Vic Roads Club Permit scheme for MX-5's manufactured 25 years and over. This opportunity to reduce registration costs and own an iconic sports car is proving too irresistible. We have had 42 new permits this year.

We continue to have a good supply of advertisers in mxtra magazine. Mazda has supported us by funding the maintenance of the Website. RACV has been a supporter of the club by providing sponsorship to our chapters. Funds have been used to assist with prizes or barbecue supplies for their events. As well as our long term advertisers, we have had a number for the short term. Vic Roads advertised again on the website with a promotion of Custom Plates and a local dealer promoting the sale of ND's.

Another good year for the club

*David Collins
Treasurer*

Club Captain, Motor Sport: Randy Stagno-Navarra

Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania 2016/2017 Annual Motorsport Report.

Overview:

This is my first year as Motorsport Captain after having taken over from Tim Emery. I also welcome Gavin Newman who has taken on the role as the Assistant Captain and who is in his first year on the committee.

Rule Revisions:

One of the main tasks we performed this year was the revision of the Motor sport rules after their traditional two year freeze. All motor sport members received an email asking for input into any changes that they may wish to suggest. I received a number of suggestions and along with my Assistant Captain a Sub-Committee was formed to review both the current rules and any suggestions that were received.

There were a few issues that were tidied up, and we are still correcting minor issues as the rules are quite fluid. The two major changes were:

The new scoring system for our Outright Champion in the view of rewarding the most consistent driver in the series.

The splitting of Modified Class into NA/NB Mod and NC/ND Mod. The old Modified lap records have been archived.

I'd like to thank everyone for their input and for the members that gave up their time at the rules meeting. Special mention must go to Gavin Newman, Russell Garner and Peter Dannock for all the re-writing to the rules that occurred.

Essendon Mazda (City Mazda) MX-5 Sprint Championship

This is the second year that our Championship has been run as a calendar year format and it is working very successfully as we have greater choices of events. The numbers this year have ebbed and flowed as in previous years but we consistently see between 25-30 competitors depending on where the events are being held. Over the past few events we have seen an influx of new competitors which is always great to see.

For the 2017 half of the Clubs financial year we have run 6 Rounds with a further 4 Rounds remaining for the year.

I would like to thank our new naming right sponsor Essendon Mazda for coming on board for 2017, as well as the Alfa Romeo Club and WRX Club for hosting our Club at their events.

NSW/ Vic Interstate Challenge 2016.

We hosted the NSW MX-5 Club for our annual Interstate Challenge at Winton in November. 55 competitors from both clubs took part in this fantastic event. It was great to see so many NSW members make the journey south. As always the banter was vicious, with our northern cousins full of excuses due to a few of their members not running, but us Victorians let our driving do the talking and we ran out comfortable winners at the end of the day. To date we lead the Outright wins in the Interstate Challenge 8-5.

2016 AROCA Winton 10 Hour.

Yet again the Club fielded three teams for the AROCA 10 Hour. We have a history of doing well at this event. So far we are the only club to have won it back to back. We have also achieved a second place and consistently manage to have a team or two in the top five.

This year was no different with the Club again doing very well out of the 42 teams that were involved. The results were as follows.

3rd place Team Flyin' Miatas.

6th place City Mazda Motorsport.

16th place Essendon Mazda Motorsport.

As always we had some great sponsors which helped us out with team uniforms, lunches and the team dinner. Thank you to Essendon Mazda, Mazda Australia, Brimarco and Coffee Solutions for your support.

MX-5 FanFest.

Certainly the highlight, and biggest job this year, was the running of Fan Fest. After so much planning and months of lead up, the day ended up being better than we could have anticipated. I really do believe that our members don't realise the monumental effort, and sacrifice by a few individuals, that made this day happen and be such a success.

The track day ran like clock work, big thanks to Neil Choi who came on board to help us. 86 competitors got to enjoy Sandown Raceway in perfect Melbourne conditions. For many it was a chance to tick off another race

track off their bucket list. With competitors coming from as far as Western Australia and Queensland it was great to see all their smiling faces as they compared notes, checked out each others times and like always enjoying some 'competitive spirit'. The feed back that Gavin and myself received was all positive so that alone makes me happy.

What can one say about the parade lap. To see almost 500 MX-5's on Sandowns main straight was a sight to behold. A special thanks to Dave Collins and his crew of volunteers for a great job in organising all the cars. This was probably the hardest part of the event but thanks to good planning and the fantastic co-operation of all the members present it went off without a hitch.

I still remember coming back into the pits after the parade lap and turning to Gavin and saying "Now we can all relax". It was also a great priveledge to be allowed to lead the parade lap in one of Mazdas Global Cup Cars. One of them is definitely high on my wish list.

A huge THANK YOU to Mazda Australia for making this event possible. As well as the other members of the organising team Gavin Newman, Neil Choi, Peter Dannock and Dave Collins. Special mention goes to Alyssa Finlay who developed the Fan Fest pins for the Club. Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the day. This was the largest gathering of MX-5's in the Southern Hemisphere.

C. Appointment of Officers

Resignations: Murray Finlay Ben Sale Alex Hailstone

Standing down: Cary Warren

Nominations: Cary Warren Steve Reid

There being no other nominations received: in accordance with Rule 14.6, if insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated will be deemed to be elected.

D. Other business

Statement of Purposes & Rules – Corrections & Addition

Correction of Error on Page 2 Register and Category of Members

Clause 4.2 (d) where the following part of the paragraph should be deleted “AND a member of each such class is to be known respectively as a Full Member, Honorary Life Member, Family Member or Friend Member.”

** this sentence was inadvertently included and is not relevant to this section of the SPR*

Rule 4.2 on Page 6 Register and Category of Members of the Club SPR be amended to read:

“(d) Family Membership: available to two adults and their dependants under 18 residing at the same address. While a Family membership is given one membership number each individual in a Family membership is regarded as a separate member of the Club. A Family Member may participate in the events of the Club and enjoy the same rights as full membership except for a limitation of one vote per adult; Family members under 18 are not entitled to vote.”

Moved: DC Seconded: RA Carried Unanimously: Yes

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Addition of a New Clause on Page 6

Clause 4.5

New members who join the Club in the final month of any membership year are charged a full year’s membership fee, which is applied to the following full membership year. However they are afforded a “free” final month of membership for the year in which they join, and are counted in the Club membership for both the membership year in which they join and the following full membership year.”

** this clause is added to clarify both the Membership Count and Payment of fees*

Moved: GN Seconded: SR Carried Unanimously: Yes

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Deletion of Clause on Page 10

Clause 13.8 (c)

** not relevant as ad hoc committee members is covered in Clause 13.8 (b) there is no requirement to specify which role/s ad hoc committee members should fill.*

Moved: CW Seconded: SR Carried Unanimously: Yes

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4. Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 7:28pm

Bruce Gray

Secretary

Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania Inc.