



Minutes of the AOMC Delegates Meeting Monday February 22nd , 2021 at 7.30pm Meeting was held via zoom

There were 50 participants for the meeting.

Chairman Iain Ross welcomed all those attending to the first meeting of 2021, and expressed that hopefully we will be able to have a proper physical meeting in May.

Apologies: Geoff Meehan (Morris Car Club (Victoria), Dennis Brooks (Historic Commercial Vehicle Club of Aust), Alan Stork (Classic Rides & Drives Club), Bill Ballard (Ford Owners, Restorers & Drivers Club), Jim Stephen (Maserati Club of Australia), John Ferguson (Moto Guzzi Club of Vic.)

Minutes of the November 2021 Meeting:

Business arising - Daryl Meek noted that paragraph 4 of the Election of Office Bearers section should read that "Daryl also noted that he has been **pleasantly** surprised to have seen some of the more traditional, older clubs taking to zoom and other electronic formats during the Covid lockdown."

Correspondence: Howard Billing reported that there has been a number of emails sent to clubs since November, including the recent VicRoads proposed changes to VSI33.

An email was also sent out reporting the theft of parts and tools whilst the owner was away, with a reminder to ensure you inform your neighbours of your absence so they can look out for your property.

Presidents Report: Iain Ross reported that Shannons are introducing a Road Side Service, and he tried to get a representative of Shannons to attend this evening to discuss this new initiative, but no-one was available.

Club Insurances have seen an increase in premium costs. The AOMC approached some of the major insurers to attend this evening to discuss insurance, but once again no-one was available.

Hopefully normal meetings and club runs and rallies can take place later in the year, but at present the situation is too unpredictable to arrange anything.

Treasurers Report: Angelo D'Ambrosio reported that up until the end of January, AOMC has had a turnover of \$79,000, and also has a Year to Date surplus of \$35,000. This is mainly due to annual membership fees coming in, cost cutting and rent reduction on our office during Covid. However, as there will be no shows this year, cash flow will be minimal for the rest of the financial year, so this surplus will be cut into by normal operating expenses.

Angelo expressed the view that hopefully we will break even for the full financial year.

Current cash balance is \$227,000

Howard Billing reported that there are 45 clubs who are yet to renew their memberships. There is also 3 payments that have been received that came in without identification.

VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme: Iain Ross reported that AOMC have not been advised as yet on the progress of the review of the Club Permit Scheme, but that we will be active participants in the process. One item that VicRoads is considering is changing the eligibility from 25 years old to 30 years in line with all other states.

AOMC Events: The proposed British and European Show which was in planning stage, has been cancelled due to the uncertainty. If numbers have to be limited and covid safe practises implemented (with a covid safe plan) it is hard to see how any profit could be made.

AOMC are looking at running shows in 2022, with a British and European Day, an American Day (if a suitable venue can be arranged) and hopefully a Japanese Day.

Current Issues:

- **VicRoads VSI 33 review and feedback.** This relates to modified vehicles on the CPS. All clubs have been emailed the VicRoads proposals and asked to give feedback. Some comments have been received already. AOMC will collate these responses and submit them to VicRoads.
- **The World Scene.** The UK Government has brought forward their aim of abolishing the sale of new internal combustion engines to 2030.
- **FBHVC Survey.** This extensive survey undertaken by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs has produced great data which highlights how much industry is supported by the historic vehicle movement.
- **FIVA Survey.** Andrew McDougal reported that FIVA have concluded their 2nd survey, and Australian clubs responded well, despite NSW discouraging clubs from participating. Final results have not been circulated as yet, Andrew will send them around when he receives them.

A third survey is to be undertaken on service providers. This may be more problematic, identifying potential responders. Will need to have as much coverage as possible supplied by clubs.

Daryl Meek noted that the last time the FBHVC did a major survey, they found that the worth of the movement to the British economy was £5.5 billion. When daryl used these figures as a base to do a comparison to Victoria, he estimated a net worth of \$860 million to the Victorian economy at the time. The latest British survey has come up with a net worth of £7.2 billion to the UK economy. This could mean that Victoria's historic movement is worth over \$1 billion to the economy.

Peter Anscombe (Mornington Peninsula HVC) noted that he made a submission to the AOMC in the year 2000, suggesting that an educational institution should be engaged to do a professional consultation.

- **Post Covid recovery.** Small clubs seem to be doing OK, but larger clubs have difficulty due to numbers restrictions. Iain then asked the delegates what their clubs have been doing.

Andrew McDougal (Alvis CC) asked if there has been any word on the running of Winton this year, as at present you cannot book to attend.

VSCRC (State racing) ran an event at Sandown without spectators. 200 people were able to attend by parking on Red Hill. VHRR - Phillip Island Historic is going ahead without spectators.

Peter Paproth (FX – FJ Holden Club) reported that his club have held a couple of open air meetings in a public park.

Daryl Meek (Veteran CC) reported that they have engaged in zoom meetings. After the AGM and open mic. session was held which was so popular it had to be turned off as it was getting very late. Also, regions were encouraged to run local events, and this was so successful that members have suggested that there should be more localised region activities.

Tony Hall (Nissan/Datsun) reported that their club held their first post covid meeting at a hotel that could accommodate 80 people. 30 attended in person and there was zoom attendance as well, including a live feed to Jim Richards. Will continue with this format this coming month.

Peter Welten (TCCV) The club held their first meeting in Jells Park. They also organised a run to Mornington which had 54 cars participating.

Jane Pyne (FE – FC Holden) First meeting was held in December, and a social dinner was held in January. AGM was held in February. Newsletters have been going out every 2 months to keep in contact.

Lawrie Ulph (MGCC Geelong) zoom meetings have been working well with 50 to 60 taking part, including some that normally cannot attend. Club will incorporate zoom in future meetings to allow access for those who cannot physically attend.

Allan Fabry (MGCC) weekly bulletins have been sent out to 1900 members. Zoom meetings have been held every month, including an electronic raffle. Visitors from overseas have been involved in meetings under this format. In future, all meetings will be live streamed. Concours at Rob Roy this Sunday with over 200 cars expected to attend.

Martin Ball (Ballan Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club) have 170 members. AGM was held last month. Usually hold their Annual rally in February, but restricted to club members only this year.

Clynton Robinson (Heathcote District CC) Club still held their Wednesday get together, which was good for isolated members. Clynton is also a member of the Packard Club which has members scattered all over Victoria, but still managed a get together for Christmas in Kyneton.

Lawrence Glynn (BMW) Motorsport Australia will issue permits for spectators with extra Covid requirements. Would have cost an extra \$15,000 to have spectators at Phillip Island, but numbers would have been restricted to 1000 spectators only. Club has held 4 physical meetings and zoom meetings. Will also look at simultaneous zoom with physical meetings in future.

Kevin Churchill (Model A Ford) Venue where club holds meeting requires a covid plan. Have conducted meetings via zoom which has allowed regional members to attend. Runs have been arranged to Ballarat and the Silo Trail.

Andrew McDougall (Alvis CC) Club has held 3 successful physical meetings which were all BBQ's. Zoom meetings have been held with guest speakers. A nibbles and drinks session via zoom included a couple from the UK.

Engine Number Records: Philip Johnstone reported that demand for the service continues unabated. Some large projects will be coming to fruition in the coming months. An elusive Alfa Romeo's records were found, much to the owners delight. This information could only have been sourced via this service.

Delegates Reports.

Lawrence Glynn (BMW) reported that they have been approached by 'Race Chics' (a female motorsport group) about arranging an event for International Womens Day in March. The club has agreed to assist in running the event. They would like to hear from other clubs with women members who would be interested in taking part.

Daryl Meek (Veteran CC) Considering running a seminar with the AOMC in partnership with Automotive Historians Group. It will be a one day history session. He is looking for expressions of interest/thoughts from member clubs. RACV are still running the Centenary of the Alpine Trials. They are keen to get as many of the original vehicles, or similar, involved. There are tiers of eligibility as per the entry form.

Andrew McDougall (Alvis CC) Club is running small local events, but the national rally that was being planned for April has been postponed to October, as interstate people are not keen on crossing borders as yet in case they are suddenly closed or they face potential quarantine when returning..

John Johnson (Volvo CC Vic) Noted that there is an auction coming up in Pakenham of old machinery and trucks. It will be an online auction. John will forward the link to Howard at the AOMC office for circulation to clubs.

John also noted that the price of classic cars seems to be going through the roof. He has noted some extraordinary prices paid recently.

Peter Anscombe (Mornington Peninsula HVC) Since the last meeting he has spent a bit of time browsing the internet. On the local level, facebook is replacing car clubs. There has also been a huge growth of private entrepreneurs running big showcase events. Participants need to be wary of the status of some of these events.

Chris Camier (Early Ford V8 Club) Chris has been a regular observer and reporter of inappropriate use of CPS plates and vehicles. He is concerned that there is a huge number of cars on the road that do not appear to comply with CPS regulations. He has not received any feedback from VicRoads or Vic Police on any of his reports.

Iain Ross responded that enforcement is being increased. AOMC does not get direct feedback on any action taken, we are just informed that a letter has been sent to the owner and the club involved. VicRoads do not divulge any information due to privacy provisions. Chris added that he would like VicRoads to talk on this topic when they next attend a delegates meeting. He would just like a figure of how many inappropriate vehicles have been decommissioned, no need to divulge names or vehicles.

There being no further Delegates reports, Chairman Iain Ross thanked all for their attendance tonight and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.