

General Meeting Held at: 13th November 2014 – 7pm AGM - Minutes

Meeting at: Powerkart Raceway Kingston. Falcon GT club of Canberra headquarters.

Chair: Peter

Apologies: Roger, Tony, John Londos, John Neilson, Dale

Attendance: Ben (29), Peter (30), Doc (58), Scotty (37), Sam (11), Mick (65), Rod (66), Jamie (57).

Correspondence in:

Crookwell Rotary club sent email thanking the Falcon Gt Club for their attendance and great effort for raising much needed funds for the local Rotary club.

Correspondence out: NIL

Review of previous minutes: Agreed: Peter Seconded: Doc Reports: Nil

Members were presented proposals to increase committee by 2 positions to include Registrar and Webmaster.

Support for both positions was unanimous.

Election for the new Committee members for the Falcon GT Club of Canberra November 13th 2014; All current committee members stated their year in reflection with said accomplishments before standing down.

Nominations were presented for all new committee role holders for the next 12 x months; Nominees were:

Peter	- Club President
Roger and Scotty	- Club Vice President
Jamie	- Club Secretary
Ben	- Club Treasurer
Jamie	- Events Manager

Mick Walsh	- Club Rego Registrar (Official - newly created position)
Doc	- Webmaster (Official - newly created position)

All Nominees accepted their individual nominations for the above roles and voting was complied with as per the club constitution with the following members voted into the committee roles;

Peter	- Club President
Scotty	- Club Vice President
Jamie	- Club Secretary
Ben	- Club Treasurer
Jamie	- Events Manager
Mick Walsh	- Club Rego Registrar
Doc	- Webmaster

Presidents Report:

Peter - overview of year gone;

Club President overview of the year past with current committee;

- Club Registration is now been established with Mick Walsh handling all correspondence and applicants for such.
- Associate membership committee have worked throughout the year on this subject and how to allow this part of the club to merge with other awesome classic Ford cars including up to XC. There have been many discussions and changes on this but finally we are now involving non GT owners to be part of this great club.
- Sponsorship was a big dilemma to deal with this year as there was no real format or procedures for this passed onto the new committee for 2014. But the committee organised a standard format letterhead, sponsorship levels from Platinum to Bronze, organised new signage for all sponsors and sponsor packs (with the help of Integrity signs) to go out to all members. And a lot more.
- New P.O. Box for all correspondence was organised in Fyshwick ACT
- New Bank account with an attached visa debit card for the club was organised by Ben
- All Club insurances, registration etc. was sorted for the next 12 months
- The first and only Falcon GT club of Canberra calendar was put together by Doc and turned out awesome. Club purchased x 100 of these to be printed and are selling like hot cakes for \$15 each.

Peter – Club President;

As the newly elected president I wish to raise the following topics;

- Finalise the concessional registration for club cars and have members using this facility
- List of all ACT and wider area upcoming events, club runs, car shows etc. on the minutes each meeting
- Also a list of official runs for insurance purposes for club rego cars
- Make running the club easier
- There are current problems with email addresses and contact with other affiliated car clubs as last emails sent for the Crookwell run many members didn't receive the invitations. Will be making contact to organise a better more up to date email address and contacts for next time.

Committee members overview of last year; Has been included under each committee members below profile. Vice Presidents Report:

Dale – Vice president overview of year gone;

Dale absent on the AGM Meeting – apologies sent;

So from all of the committee we would like to thank Dale for his outstanding contribution to the role of vice president of the Falcon GT Club of Canberra and we are sorry to hear he decided to step down from this position – as he completed us!

We love you big fella and the next bloke really needs to step up to fill your shoes. We do have an opening though – apparently when I go away your name has been elected to fill my shoes as the newly elected Club Secretary and Events manager. But don't stress its only for 4 - 5 months. So thankyou for being there once again.

Scotty – As the newly elected Vice President;

- Thankyou I have some huge shoes to fill.
- Raised the topic of involving old/ previous committee role holders, including Presidents/ Vice to assist any newly elected members that haven't filled such role before.
- Would like to recognise Tony for his continued support and initial establishment for the awesome club we have here today.

Treasurer's Report:

 Current bank balance: \$2707.82 (As of end of October 2014) Committee members overview of last year; Ben - Treasurer;

- Bank balance is positive
- Major expenses were Calendars, rego, insurances
- Financial membership is down a little on previous year but now all up to date
- Need to keep on top of the membership and sponsorship
- Organising an accountant to check club books and sign off.

Ben - Treasurer;

As the newly elected Treasurer – I will be organising the Christmas party and will provide the following;

- Meat
- Bread
- Soft drinks
- Onions
- Salads
- For all those who wish to drink alcohol it will be a BYO on this occasion
- I'd also like to raise the topic of including more club runs and less car shows for the next 12 x months to even out the events attended.

Note – this was generally agreed amongst members and will be taken into account developing the 2015 events calendar

Also for those who are interested I will be taking my car, along with Doc`s car, to the annual Juvenile Diabetes run on the 29th November 2014 in Nowra. Anyone wishing to come along for the day – let me know.

Secretary's Report:

Committee member's overview of last year;

Jamie – Club Secretary;

• Would like to thank the current committee for all the volunteered free time they have given to keep this awesome club and its members going strong. Special thankyou to all the sponsors, both past and present, for their contribution. Big thankyou to Powerkart Raceway (Roger & partners) for giving us a fantastic new meeting club house with all the bells and whistles.

• Lets hope the new year brings many more club runs and shows to be involved in.

Jamie – Club Secretary;

As the newly elected Club Secretary – I`m buggered already and all this writing and typing is not much fun. But hey, someone has to do it.

• But seriously thankyou for the opportunity to represent this awesome club again and I would like to raise the issue of membership and how, we as a club, can promote others joining our club and start getting all those associate members on board.

Events Manager Report:

Committee members overview of last year;

Roger – Events Manager; (provided a written report)

• As we approach the end of the 2014 year, we can now stop and reflect on the year of car shows, club runs, meetings each month, and unofficial gatherings amongst the members, friends and family of the Falcon GT Club of Canberra.

• Highlights of 2014: Car shows at Capital all Ford day, Shannons Wheels show, Southcare Helicopter open day, NSW all Ford day, South Coast Nationals, Repco Tuggeranong Show, PKR Grand Opening and Marquees in the park. That's 8 x car shows for the year and another last car show scheduled for 22nd November 2014 at Queanbeyan.

• A big thankyou to all members who made the effort to attend all or some of these car events. As we are very privileged to own such awesome cars for others to drool over.

• Club runs have been a little down on previous years – mainly due to so many attended car shows, weather etc.

• But the runs attended by members were totally enjoyable by all

• Runs included: Cooma, Gunning, Tarago, Moruya and the annual Crookwell run.

• Club meetings have been more regular with numbers up for each meeting, then previous years, possibly due to informal GT car runs around town afterwards for dinner etc.

• We have now got a new Falcon GT Club of Canberra meeting headquarters at the brand new Powerkart Raceway where members have thoroughly enjoyed the new VIP room with all the goodies whilst overlooking the race track.

• We have had numerous guest speakers, inlcluding representatives from Shannons and NRMA Classic car insurance who helped us with many questions and answers for all our insured beasts.

• After holding the position of events manager for the past 3 years, I feel its time to take a step back for a while and let someone else with fresh ideas take the reigns and lead us all to new and exciting runs in the coming years. Please show your support to the newly elected committee, as of tonight, by attending meetings, runs and shows and really enjoy being part of the best car club in Canberra.

• Before I sign off;

• I need to remind all of the 2 x more Falcon GT Club of Canberra club events before Christmas.

1) Queanbeyan "Big 3" car show next weekend – Saturday (22nd November 2014)

2) Falcon GT Club of Canberra annual Christmas party – Sunday the 7th November 2014 at the Cotter Picnic Reserve for Brunch – starts around 10am. All are encouraged to bring along their pride and joys for showing.

• We hope to see all of your great GT`s out and about at the upcoming events and hopefully the weather will be kind so we can all go out for a blast!

Jamie – Events Manager;

As the newly elected Events Manager (interim until someone else would like to put their hand up), I would like to Thank Roger for his efforts for the past 3 x years at the role and hopefully I can fill his shoes with more exciting scheduled car shows, club runs and the like for the next 12 x months.

- As Roger stated we have the annual club Christmas party coming up on the Sunday the 7th December 2014 between 10am 2pm at the Cotter Picnic Reserve (same as last year). Last year we had a beautiful day out with plenty of room for the kids and family to enjoy, run about, swings etc with our great BBQ and great company. We also had the pleasure of joining the Mustang Club and other car clubs and bikes on display so hoping its all the same this year round.
- Peter will be bringing out the club trailer with club marquee and hopefully the new club signs on display for all to see.
- So I encourage all members and their families to take time out before Chrissy and come along to an enjoyable outing for all.

Webmaster Report:

Committee member's overview of last year;

Doc - webmaster;

- Website has been worked over and improved ten fold.
- New website server gives us 10 GB of storage now whereas before was only around 1 3GB
- As one of our sponsors server IT Byte Solutions have given us a great discounted rate
- All website software has all the latest upgraded software installed and includes the new and improved emailing system.

• Facebook club page has been sorted and getting a lot of traffic and likes from members of the public.

Doc - webmaster;

As the newly elected club webmaster – I got nothing and I'm tired and can't wait for another year of trials and tribulations with the websites.

Club Registrar Report:

Mick Walsh;

Mick has been elected into the newly created official role of "Club Registrar." And has raised the following topics;

- After many a meeting I have learnt and others need to know that having club Rego is a privilege and not a right for all those who would like to utilise.
- All club members have to be an official club member for a minimum of one full year and must be involved in several club runs and car shows assisting club members and committee before being eligible to apply.
- I have all the club log books on hand and the official club rego stamp for those who wish to apply.
- Each vehicle will need to be officially inspected prior to club rego approval
- I will send the club rego rules and regulations out to all club members for their info.
- Our club rego stamp is #133.
- I would also like to raise that we charge all applicants a \$50 fee for administration costs etc. upon application and approval. This will need to be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

• Mick provided a brief run down of all the rules, regulations and laws associated with said rego and explained how he has been and will continue attending all meetings outside the club for updates on this subject. All enquiries for club rego need to be referred to Mick Walsh.

General Business:

- Membership costings Committee subject to be discussed re members joining half way through the year.
- Doc/ Ben requested that the club donate \$1 from every sale of the Club calendar to the Juvenile Diabetes charity for the end of November 2014 run. Members and committee agreed to this.

Meeting closed at: Minutes compiled and typed by the Club Secretary/ Events Manager – Jamie Williams and meeting closed at 8.40pm