GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 17th September 2024

Present Vanessa Noble, Sue Lawrence, Justin Robson, Leigh Shields, Lynette Hume, Ross Foster, Rachel Dawkins, Paul Kurts, Bruce Allen, Nick Elliott

Apologies Chris Henry, Eijnar Tuben, Terry King

Attendees Nil

Ness welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 1930hrs.

Agenda Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated

Ness asked if there were any amendments, if not then she proposed that they be accepted.
Moved: Lyn Seconded: Rachel CARRIED

Business Arising from previous meeting.

a. **Kid's game** – Delete from agenda and reintroduce for November 2024 committee meeting.

b. **Gum Trees** – Rachel reported that the invoice had been submitted for the lopping/felling of the gum trees. There was an option and quotation to have the tree stumps ground out. The committee discussed this and AGREED to decline the option for stump grinding and have a GVC member apply poison to the stumps. This item is CLOSED.

c. **Flag Replacement** – A replacement Australian National Flag has been hoisted. Mr Tim Bull will provide a Victorian State flag when next he visits. This item is CLOSED.

d. **Front Entrance** – Paul reported that the clean and tidy up of the front entrance has been completed. This item is CLOSED.

e. **Options for gifts for owners of vehicles on display** – The committee discussed further options. The idea of framing the car information sheet was considered to be too fragile for practical use. Ness reported that a picnic blanket with the GVC logo was available for $25.00 each. The committee AGREED that although this idea had merit, the unit cost is too high. Ness will investigate a car chamois or stubby cooler with the GVC logo. This item is a WIP.

f. **Mardi Gras memorabilia display** – Justin to follow up with a GVC member who may have contacts for obtaining additional memorabilia. This item is a WIP.

g. **Acquisition of an electric Mini Moke** – Leigh advised this vehicle will arrive for extended display in April 2025. This item is CLOSED.

Agenda Item 2 Correspondence.

No correspondence has been sent or received in the time between meetings.

Agenda Item 3 - Finance Report

Justin reported another good month for income ahead of expectations, with expenses including GAM fees and display internals (vehicle freight). Justin proposed the following actions for GVC accounts:

a. To move the Sandhurst and Roof accounts to GAM for clearer monitoring of funds available for the roof restoration and report monthly on the balance.

b. Moved: Justin. Seconded Sue. CARRIED.

c. To retain the Term Deposit as GVC back up operating funds. The committee AGREED to this action.

d. Close the Rally cheque account as it has been dormant for a number of years. The committee AGREED to this action.

Paul introduced the proposed roof fundraising petrol pump logo. There was some discussion on the pump visuals with concerns that the donation denomination amounts were too busy and may be difficult to read. Paul responded that the final sign would be two metres high and the size and spacing between the denominations would even out. Paul suggested that more funds be moved into the roof restoration fund to demonstrate progress on the fundraising logo. The committee AGREED to this action. Justin recommended placing a QR code on the logo directing people to the donation button on the GVC website.

Ness raised the possibility of a receipt book held at the front entry counter for donations received for the roof fund. Sue reported that such a book was being sourced with a GAM letterhead and carbon copy ability. Further, the Square POS system was being updated with a tick box for roof donations for traceability purposes.

GVC Budget 2024/25

Justin proposed that the budget remain similar to last year's with the following changes:

a. A raise in income by 5%.

b. Place a monthly limit on the retail budget.

c. Advertising requires a program or plan, to be developed, in order to estimate a budget.

The committee AGREED to all changes.

Sue raised an issue with an entry on the Bendigo Bank account. The required paperwork supporting this entry could not be found, Sue asked if anyone has seen this to forward a copy to her.

Agenda Item 4 – Other Reports

Display Report

Paul reported that there had been some car movements related to the current display. The car detailing continues. The recent strong winds had necessitated a dedicated team to come in to and clean up. The influx of debris had been exacerbated by a flapping fascia that has since been scheduled for repair when the museum guttering has its annual clean.

20th Birthday Planning. Sue reported the following status on the birthday planning:

a. Good responses from the invitees for the birthday.

b. The museum annex would be taken over for a wood working display.

c. The importance of getting out as many flyers, both digital and hard copy, as possible for the birthday.

d. Sue had contacted over 600 car and motorcycle clubs.

e. Chris was prepared to discuss the birthday on radio and TV media.

f. Rachel was preparing a media release for early October.

g. There was an outstanding need to finalise the space requirements and allocation for sundry display activities.

Roof Restoration

Sue reported on a meeting with the Wellington Shire Council. The council had been notified of an upcoming large grant and were keen to support the GVC in submitting an application. Sue stated that there remained an uncertainty as to whether the roof restoration would meet the grant criteria and would confirm this, or otherwise, to the committee when understood.

Sue stated that a decision was required on the format and type of the major fund raiser for the roof restoration to be launched on 10 November 2024 display day. Sue requested people contact her with ideas for evaluation by the committee or sub-committee. An example of ideas for consideration are:

a. A paved brick path with donor details on them. These could be placed in the shape of the Triangle Circuit from Maffra to Sale, or as a footpath in the museum grounds.

b. The placement of a brass plaque on the museum's internal wall with donor details and we can call it "buy a roof sheet". The plaques would recognise donations of $500.00 or more and they would be a tax-deductible donation.

c. An option for a series of donations over a period of time in lieu of a single lump sum.

Sue stated the plan is to distribute a flyer outlining the options for donating to the roof restoration fund. These would be placed on car windshields at the display day in November. Sue will draft an outline of the flyer and distribute it to the committee, prior to the next

committee meeting, for finalisation and printing. In closing on this issue, Sue stated that she was confirming the availability of the VIP attendees for the display day in November

Model Train

Leigh reported that installation of the boarding around the perimeter of the display is continuing.

Small Projects

BBQ Shed – Nick reported that the provider, who was managing the application for a Building Permit for this project, had not responded to three enquires for a status on the permit's progress. Nick stated that if he had not had a response by this Friday (20th September 2024) he would look for another provider.

Maintenance

Roof gutter cleaning and roof capping refastening. Nick stated that the contractor was waiting for suitable weather conditions before undertaking this work.

GAM

The GVC committee was informed that at the recent GAM AGM, Duncan Malcolm had been elected as the President and Leigh Shields as the Vice President. There were no significant arisings from the AGM to be reported. GAM has undertaken to approach the Bendigo Bank for an indication that they would be eligible for a loan in support of the roof restoration. GAM would also approach the Bendigo Bank Board to discuss a donation from the Board for the roof restoration.

Club Plates

Ness reported that she was receiving one to two applications for per week.

Retail

Nothing significant to report since the last committee meeting.

AOMC

Chris was an apology for this meeting and also had not attended the AOMC AGM.

Train

Leigh reported that they have sourced additional ballast for the line extension. The team had prepared and painted the inside of one of the rolling stock.

Promotion and Marketing

The majority of items under this heading have been covered in previous items. Ness stated that she was proposing to drop flyers for the GVC 20th Birthday celebrations at various Driver Reviver stations.

Agenda Item 5: New memberships.

The committee reviewed the list of proposed new members and did not identify any objections. Justin moved that the list of proposed new members be accepted, seconded Sue. CARRIED.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

National Motoring Heritage Day. The committee were advised of Heyfield's response that they were unable to support the National Motoring Heritage Day. The committee AGREED to the suggestion that participants meet at the museum and drive to Heyfield.

Proposed Shannons marquee at the 20th Birthday. The committee AGREED to charge Shannons $100.00 to have their marquee at this event.

BBQ shed 240v power. Leigh stated that there had been requests from people utilising the free camping facility at the museum to have the power turned on to the BBQ shed for their use. The committee AGREED that free campers were only permitted if they were fully independent for all utilities. Ness stated she would review and re-write the existing sign, within the BBQ shed, to ensure that this is clearly understood.

Community Work Development Officer - Gippsland Region -Department of Justice and Community Safety. Paul stated that he had followed up on this item from the previous meeting and established that the participants had all their own tools and did not require access to the museum. The participants were employed in work on the grounds only. The committee AGREED for Paul to organise a trial with the group and report back to the committee.

Working Bee. A working bee would be conducted prior to the November display day and address, as a minimum, the following items:

a. Trimming of the Callistemon bushes.

b. Minor repairs to the loading ramp.

c. Removing the graffiti on the adjacent car wash facility wall.

Key list. The key list would be updated as the Rusty Rockers have been provided with a museum entry key to practice for the upcoming 20th Birthday.

Model tank. Leigh reported that a model tank with a running engine was available for the museum to place on display. The committee AGREED to featuring the model tank at the next display.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th October 2024

Ness closed the meeting at 2100hrs.