



Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW Inc
ABN 82 599 208 521

NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Members of the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW Incorporated will be held on **Friday 27th October 2016** commencing at 7:30pm at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde.

Refreshments will be available from 6:45 pm onwards.

BUSINESS

- To confirm the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on 21st October 2016.
- To receive the following Committee Reports:
 - President's Report
 - Captain's Report
 - Competition Secretary's Report.
- To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report, Income & Expenditure Statement, and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 30th June 2017.
- To elect two Office Bearers and four Ordinary Committee Members in accordance with Rule 14.2 of the Club's Constitution.

The following Committee Members are retiring from their positions and offer themselves for re-election:

- Treasurer (office bearer) – Julie Sando
- Club Secretary (office bearer) – Wesley Hill
- Publications Officer – Mel Keller
- Membership Secretary – Ken Liston
- BreakFast Club Coordinator – Peter Battisson.

The following Committee Members are retiring from their positions and do not offer themselves for re-election:

- Regalia Officer – Alan & Claudine Townsley

Nominations for the following Committee positions have been received:

- Regalia Officer – Christine Cameron

That all nominees be approved. *Moved:*

Seconded:

Carried.



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- In Remembrance
Meeting noted with sadness the passing of Janet Wheeldon (July 2017) after a courageous battle with illness. Janet was a very active member of the Illawarra Chapter. Meeting also noted the passing of Les Jones (August 2017) who only recently joined the Canberra Chapter.
- Other Business
To transact any other business that may lawfully be brought before the meeting.
- Awards Presentation:
 - Membership Tenure Awards (sponsored by ACDC Pty Ltd)
 - President's Award

Wesley Hill

Secretary

14 September 2017

Proxy forms are to be emailed to secretary@mx5.com.au at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (ie, **no later than 7:30pm on Thursday 26 October 2017**).

Committee nomination forms are to be emailed to secretary@mx5.com.au by **Friday 20 October 2017**.

RSVP

For catering purposes, please email your RSVP (including name and membership number) to secretary@mx5.com.au by **Monday 23 October 2017**.



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(Draft) Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting held 21 October 2016 at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club

1. PRESENT

A register of attendees was collected with 58 members and 3 of our sponsors attending – Cameron Macarthur from Blue Mountains Mazda, Blake and Stephanie Rochford-Coles from Central Coast Mazda and Dominic Nolan from Soft Tops Online.

2. APOLOGIES

Total 25 apologies had been received.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 October 2015 were taken as read and Moved as confirmed by Glenn Thomas, Seconded Lindsay Green – Carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

4.1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(see attached)

The President:

- Spoke about the continued growth in Club membership which only a week earlier had reached the 900 milestone (currently 903 financial members). In this past year there have been 273 new members and this together with improved retention rates (295 members with at least 5 years membership) has contributed to the record number of members.
- Sponsorship and advertising has continued to grow under the management of Vice President Glenn Thomas with the Club welcoming a new Major Sponsor in Central Coast Mazda and new Chapter Sponsors in greenslips.com.au (Hunter Chapter) and Manning Valley Automotive (Mid North Coast Chapter). This is in addition to the continued sponsorship from ACDC, Deckspeed, Mazda Australia, Soft Tops Online, Hume Smash Repairs, MX5 Solutions, Blue Mountains Mazda as well as generous support for Illawarra, Hunter and Mid North Coast chapters from an anonymous sponsor.
- Club Torque magazine continues to be produced at a superb standard by Mel Keller with each new edition better than the last. An alternative printer has had to be sourced given the closure of the incumbent. After much investigation and sourcing of prices, Minuteman in Melbourne has been appointed as preferred supplier. A substantial cost saving has been achieved despite increased postage costs.
- This year the Club celebrated some important milestones – the 20th Anniversary of the Canberra Chapter and the 10th Anniversary of the Hunter Chapter. Each was



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celebrated with a special lunch that was heavily subsidised by the Club and open to all Club members. Commemorative badges were gifted by the Club to all members of both Chapters. Our motorsport competitors also celebrated a hat-trick of titles in the State Supersprint Club Championship, to back-up a second-place for one of our teams participating in the Victorian 6 Hour Regularity Relay.

- Financial management of the Club has been dramatically improved this year by Treasurer Julie Sando's establishment of a CommBiz online banking facility. This allows us to pay invoices quickly and securely by direct deposit whilst retaining dual authorisation. Our turnover for FY16 was about \$215,000 because of the increased number of motorsport events that were organised.
- The Club Committee continuously strives to improve the value proposition of Club membership and deliver on the Club's reason for being. A key initiative in this strategy is the member survey that was designed and implemented by Secretary Wesley Hill. The findings from the survey will have a strong influence on the decisions made in planning future events for 2017 and beyond.
- President took the opportunity of thanking the 49 people who have served with him during his 4-year term as President. In particular he sincerely thanked Michael Soulos, Keith Monaghan, and Ken and Maggie Liston for being around throughout this time. Keith Monaghan has nominated for President and will lead us strongly into the next chapter of our great Club's history.

4.2 OTHER REPORTS PRESENTED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Club Captain's Report
(see attached)
- Competition Secretary's Report
(see attached)

Moved Jean Cook, Seconded Graham Fletcher that the President's, Club Captain's and Competition Secretary's reports be accepted as presented - Carried

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

(see attached)

Treasurer's report was presented including a review of the financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016. Total income of \$69,323 has increased by \$12,015 from last year largely due to increased membership numbers and many more track events. Total expenses of \$64,675 has increased by \$17,247 which included the large subsidisation of the Club's 25th Anniversary event as well as producing 5 editions of Club Torque (versus 4 the previous year). This resulted in a reduced profit of \$3,113 for the 2015/2016 financial year in line with expectations. Net Equity has increased to \$80,630 equivalent to 1.96 years of membership income.

Moved Mike Hicks, Seconded Helen Green that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented – Carried.



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6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

Committee members retiring from their positions but offering themselves for re-election were:

- i. Vice President (office bearer) – Glenn Thomas
- ii. Club Captain (office bearer) – Michael Soulos

Committee members retiring from their positions and NOT offering themselves for re-election were:

- i. President (office bearer) – Bryan Shedden
- ii. Competition Secretary – David Lawler
- iii. Membership Database Secretary – Keith Monaghan
- iv. Website Coordinator – Greg Perry

Nominations for the following Committee positions have been received:

- i. President (office bearer) – Keith Monaghan
- ii. Competition Secretary – Ian Combes
- iii. Membership Database Secretary – Bryan Shedden

As yet there has been no nomination for the position Website Coordinator, so this position remains vacant.

With no other nominations for Committee positions received, it was proposed that the above nominations be accepted. Moved Helen Green, Seconded Paul Byers that the five nominations be accepted – Carried.

7. In Remembrance

Meeting noted with sadness the passing of Peter Simpson (July 2016). Peter was the Club's first Life Member and was a very active member in the formative years in helping to establish the Club.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to our sponsors in recognition of their valuable contribution to the Club:

ACDC, Blue Mountains Mazda (in attendance), Centenary Plumbing, Central Coast Mazda (in attendance), Deckspeed Racing, Green Slip Calculator, Hume Smash Repairs, Manning Valley Automotive (Taree), Mazda Australia, MX-5 Solutions/Carco Exhaust and Automotive, and Soft Tops On Line (in attendance).



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8.2. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Tenure Awards:

5, 10, 15, and 25-year tenure awards were presented. A 25 Years tenure award was presented on the night to Lindsay Burke for 25 years of membership. ACDC was thanked for their continued sponsorship of these awards.

Life Membership Award: Presented to Pam and Ray Estreich

Pam and Ray joined the Club in February 2005 and became Committee members in July 2006 sharing the job of Regalia Officer. They were responsible for developing a broad range of Club regalia, maintaining orders and stock levels, and spending countless hours at Club runs cheerfully selling merchandise from the boot of their MX-5. Pam and Ray assisted with the launch and development of the RPM Chapter and continue to be very active in the Chapter and other Club events including participating and helping out at Club track days. In 2013 Pam was elected Vice President and helped to initiate a number of processes for the management of sponsors, advertisers, charities and meeting venues. Pam and Ray retired from the Committee in 2015 after serving for nine fruitful years.

President's Award: Presented to Lindsay Green and Josh Fitzgerald

In recognition of the exceptional work and achievements in their first year as Co-Convenors of the Hunter Chapter. Some of these achievements include; relaunch of Chapter regalia; engagement of a new chapter sponsor; coordination of the Driver Training Days at Marulan; promotion and participation in track days; coordinated an extensive variety of events; dedicated promotion of events via website, Club Torque and Facebook; culminating in the recent 10th Anniversary of Hunter Chapter celebrations. Above all, Josh and Lindsay have been the best examples of what it is to live the values and reason for being of the Club. They have strongly advocated and enthusiastically demonstrated what we are all about: making friends, being friendly and having fun.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm.