**THORNLEIGH CAR CLUB MEETING Thursday, 9 August, 2021**

**Secretary’s Report**

As we are still living under lockdown conditions, this meeting was not able to be held as a face-to-face meeting, but was conducted electronically via Zoom.

**Incoming Mail:**

Nothing

**eMails:**

**From Motorsport Australia:**

1. There was an email from Shawn Fitzgerald concerning Motorsport Australia’s recent Webinar on its Insurance Program for Affiliated Clubs.

This was a Webinar held on the 29th July which was attended on our behalf by Phil Coffey.

What Shawn has done here is to provide a summary of Motorsport Australia’s Management Liability insurance product, which is provided by Motorsport Australia’s sports insurance broker, Gallagher. As he says in his email, this insurance protects associations and their directors and officers against claims arising from the management of the organisation.

There is a 23 minute video supplied which details the Insurance program. If anyone is interested in viewing the video, please contact me and I’ll forward the link.

2. There’s another email from Shawn, this one focussing on the NSW Office of Sport’s upcoming Member Protection Information Officer, and Child Safe Sport, online Training Workshops.

The Office of Sport is staging multiple free online workshops which will be happening between early September, and the middle of December. There are eight Workshops covering the responsibilities of a Member Protection Officer, and two online Workshops focussing on Child Safe Sport.

 As I’ve mentioned , all these Workshops are free, but there is a chance that the scheduled dates may change.

If anyone would like to attend any of these online Workshops, the link is <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/events/training>

3. There’s an email from Shubh from the NSW/ACT State Office calling for Nominations for the 2022-2024 NSW & ACT State Council Executive Office Bearers, and the 2022-2024 NSW & ACT State Panel.

Nominations for State Council Executive Office Bearers must be returned by Tuesday 14 September, 2021.

Panel nominations must be returned by Monday 1 November, 2021.

If any of our members would like to nominate for any of these positions, please let me know, and I’ll forward Shubh’s email which has all the relevant details, and Nomination Forms.

4. There’s another email from Shubh from the NSW/ACT State Office, this email providing draft Minutes of the NSW/ACT State Council Meeting held on the 14th August via Zoom.

Phil Coffey attended this meeting in his role as the TCC Motorsport Australia Delegate, and I’m sure will give us a rundown of what happened at the meeting.

5. There was an email from Shawn Fitzgerald advising that Funding Programs are now open for the NSW Government Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund, and the Regional Sport Facility Fund.

The range of funding available in these programs is between $100,000 and $1,000,000. Shawn advises that we should be aware that for projects costing $1,000,000 or more, a 25 percent financial co-contribution of the grant amount requested will be required. For all other projects, a financial co-contribution will be considered favourably.

We’ve looked into these two Funding Programs in previous years, and have decided that they are more suited to large clubs, and not for small social-related clubs like ours. My recommendation is that we don’t waste any time in pursuing additional funding through these programs.

6. There’s a follow-up email from Shubh regarding State Executive and Panel Nominations for 2022-2024. Refer to Item 3 above.

If anyone is interested in nominating for any position they should contact Shubh at development@motorsport.org.au

Interesting that Shubh is now working for what appears to me to be a new division at Motorsport Australia, “Development”.

**eMails from Other Sources:**

We’ve received an email from the Venue Management Team at Hornsby Council, keeping us up to date with current closure circumstances relating to the Pennant Hills Learning and Leisure Centre.

As we know, the NSW Government has announced that the current lockdown in Greater Sydney will extend through to 30th September. As a result of the lockdown we couldn’t hold our August meeting face-to-face, nor can we hold our September meeting as a face-to-face meeting. Carolyn from The Venue Management Team has advised that we won’t be charged for the hire of the hall for these meetings.

At this stage, our next booking for the Learning and Leisure Centre is Thursday, 14th October. We’ll just have to wait and see if we’re able to hold the meeting as a face-to-face meeting, or we’ll still be Zooming. I’m inclined to think that we’ll still be Zooming, but who knows!

**Magazines:**

None

**Other Business:**

None

Geoff Horler

Secretary