

Harley Night - AGM – 24 June 2011

According to the Hog-Pta bylaws an Annual General Meeting (AGM) must be held annually (huh?) and every two years an election for ExCo members must take place. And so it was that a quorum, consisting of 70 signed-up members was needed for the AGM at the Stone Cradle on 24 June 2011.

Now writing reports on meetings are no fun and I believe reading about those would rate even lower. However, for the purpose of recording the history of our club this must be done. And remembering things of the past may be rewarding as the following illustrates:

*Bill Clinton is getting \$12 million for his memoirs. Hillary got \$8 million for hers.
That's \$20 million for the memories from two people, who for eight years repeatedly testified,
under oath, that they couldn't remember a thing.*

At the first call of the meeting there were only 68 members and/or proxies. According to the by-laws another meeting could be called after 30 minutes to allow any latecomers to arrive and establish quorum. This must be the only situation in the world where latecomers are regarded as celebrities and ours were welcomed with a good round of applause. Why you may ask. If they didn't show up in time another AGM had to be scheduled at a future date and the whole process of building a quorum would have to be repeated.

Fortunately we were spared the latter as we had 72 members and proxies at the calling of the second meeting. Due process was followed with membership status being confirmed before ballot papers were issued for the positions of Director, Treasurer and Secretary. The nomination for the positions of Assistant Director was unopposed and as such Johann Weideman and Coen Kleinhans were elected by default. After the ballot was counted it was revealed that Peter de Meyer was elected to the position of Treasurer and Barry Hayes to that of Secretary.

The election of the Director posed somewhat more of a challenge as the votes were split 50-50 between Norman Davis and Pieter le Roux. New ballot papers were prepared and handed out and after a re-vote Norman Davis was elected as the Director. Pieter le Roux's position as Head Road Captain was ratified. Congratulations were wished all over and the AGM meeting then transformed into a much more enjoyable event called Harley Night.

The cradle provided us with four pots of soup and a variety of breads and a feast ensued. There was free wine and music and a happy chatter was heard from our locale.