

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Hilux 4x4 Club held online between the 10th to 14th Sept 2012

The meeting called by the Acting Chairman, CasKru.

Those Present

Hilux club members on the Hilux forum

Apologies

Gysie

Welcome

The Acting Chairman welcomed all club members to the 4th Annual Club Meeting. In his address he noted that the year had, had its ups and its downs. He pointed out that the club had grown from its humble beginnings in June 2009 to a current membership of 423 members. A few members had left the club, and he thanked the loyal members for making the club a wonderful one to be a part of, and that the club was in the process of registering as an NPO. This process would continue once a new chairman has been elected. He presented the previous Chairman's report, the Minutes of the previous meeting and the financial statements. All are available to be read at:

<http://www.hilux4x4.co.za/views/viewtopic.php?f=186&t=27224>

Minutes of the previous meeting

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Reports

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The Chairman's report, Minutes of the 3rd meeting and financial report were accepted and seconded by a number of members.

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Club Committee

The positions of Chairman and Secretary were up for re-election as the previous incumbents were no longer available for re-election. Johann "Legend35" resigned as the EC in the Gauteng area. Eric "Family Dog" resigned as PRO but remains as the club's radio officer. The position of PRO will be taken over by Mud Dog "Andy", JohanM is available to assist with arranging events where needed. The position of editor of the newsletter will remain with Traveler "Heinrich" who does an excellent job. The rest of the committee were available for re-election and were re-elected by default. Francois "Alien" and Allan "Hoppy" were elected as new committee members. The committee consists of 14 members. The committee voted members into the position of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The new committee is

Chairman

Cas Kruger (CasKru)

Vice Chairman

Pieter Pretorius (pietpetoors)

Treasurer

Cas Kruger (CasKru)

Secretary

Valerie Davies (Gl Jane)

Committee members

Eric Skeen (Family Dog), Andy Brandstetter (Mud Dog), Stuart Bull (Stubs), Piet Louwrens (Bushwacker), Hennie Jackson (HennieJ2), Johann van Niekerk (Scorpion), Thys de Jager (ThysdJ), George Van Greunen (George), Ciske van Gijzen (Gysie), Francisco Pinaino (Ali3n), Allan Venter (Hoppy).

Points of discussion (Topics on the Agenda)**1. Sponsors**

The question was raised as to whether Toyota SA had been contacted with regard to the Hilux Club, and the response was that they had not indicated any willingness to participate. The club had been approached by the Toyota Twin Cam club with the possibility of joining them on some level. They do have some affiliation with Toyota SA. The conclusion to the discussion was that, sponsorship had been addressed in the past. Toyota SA was approached but is reluctant to step up. Sponsorship is however still sought, even if it's not forthcoming from TSA themselves. Historically there have been some prize / promotional goods sponsored by dealerships for individual events. It was suggested that we present a bigger public presence by joining in at events like those hosted by the Twin-cam Club.

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2. Events Organising

The discussion focused around the need for an event coordinator, and a 'safety officer/s' at club organized events. Suggestions were for person/s with suitable experience, probably with some formal training, to attend events to assist with safety procedures, driver briefings and to deal with any incident should one occur. Legal ramifications of safety officers were also discussed and clarifications of the legal implications were presented by Scorpion "Johann." The conclusion to the discussion was that, an indemnity must be properly completed and signed by each participant. The driver accepts full responsibility for himself, his actions, occupants and vehicle. The club or agents acting on it's behalf are exonerated from any liability. Each event should have an appointed safety officer for the day. This person should preferably be someone with experience and credentials. It is not necessary at this stage for the club to provide training for such persons. It is also impractical for the club and for that person having to attend all events.

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3. Community Projects

A number of suggestions were forthcoming about involvements in various community projects. Concern of the negative reputation given to 4x4 drivers in general was raised, and suggestions centered around environmental projects that could be supported. In conclusion, the Club has in the past been involved with environmental / community projects on a regional basis and will continue to do so in the future. Any such projects must clearly indicate the nature thereof in advance and can be arranged by the EC's or any individual club member (as long as it's been sanctioned by the committee). A decision needs to be taken IRO the suggestion of an additional R50 to be added to club membership to support anti Rhino poaching. A poll was set up for this.

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Anti-Rhino Poaching Fund

Member were given the opportunity to vote on whether they would be in favor of an additional R50 being added to the Annual club membership fee to support anti Rhino poaching. 56% percent voted in favor of voluntary individual support.

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4. Safety/Indemnity form

Members agreed that there was a need for Safety/ Indemnity forms to be available for all participants to read and sign for any of the club 4x4 get together's. This form should be available on the forum before the event so that the information contained could be read beforehand. All participants would then be aware of club rules and safety aspects when participating in an event. In conclusion, it was decided that a revised indemnity form is to be drawn up and posted on the forum where all can have access to it, whether it means in the club section or open forum and a link with every outing that is being arranged. The form will include all passengers for whom the individual drivers will take responsibility. Johan (Scorpion) will check for legalities. Forms are to be downloaded, filled in and signed prior to the event and handed to the EC at the start of the event. The EC will carry spare forms, just in case.

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5. Club Representation

This discussion centered around the attendance and visibility of the Hilux 4x4 club at other national events. Suggestions were made for branded clothing and equipment that would indicate the presence of our club at these events. It was agreed that there is definite merit in promoting the club in this manner and that the matter needed to be raised again for further discussion, and to assess what further promotional aides the club could provide.

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6. Personalized Email

Everyone was in agreement that this is not a viable option and that only member who act in an official Hilux4x4 capacity on behalf of the club/forum should have Hilux4x4.co.za email addresses.

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7. Annual National GTG

A number of members are in favor of a National GTG. JohannM volunteered to assist with arranging the event. Suggestions were made that the venue be central so that distances

travelled would not be that much from any point. Other suggestions included rotating the venues annually. Gariiep dam was suggested as the first meeting place as it was central and could accommodate a large group of people. The dates when the event should take place were not agreed upon.

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8. **Dispute Resolutions**

It was suggested that dispute resolution goes hand in hand with event organizing and indemnity/safety topics. A driver briefing before the event and the signing of the indemnity implied submission to the code of conduct. The role of the safety officer was to ensure that the code of conduct is adhered to. In the event of an incident occurring the safety officer would informally appeal to the offender to adhere to the code of conduct. Should there be a blatant disregard further steps could be taken. If matters could not be resolved amicably and immediately, they should go to the national committee where final decisions could be made and steps taken. All participants at the event whether club or forum members fall under the same code of conduct. It was agreed that the forum was not the place for disputes to be resolved and that moderators should immediately remove any such posts. Disputes or dissatisfaction should be lodged with the committee, and would be dealt with according to the club disciplinary process. The club had no disciplinary process or procedures in place before, but this has since been rectified.

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The meeting ended on the 14th September and all discussion points were closed.