



# The Club

## Minutes of the General Meeting

Glebe Hotel, Barford, Warwickshire

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- 1. Apologies for Absence :** Dave Martin, Keith Davies, Ray Battersby, Jonathan Martin, Dave Plummer, Tony Jakeman, Peter Meek, David O'Neil, Peter Sheen, Tony Dawson.
- 2. Approval of Minutes (Sywell)**  
Proposed: Frank Finch  
Seconded: Ian Kerr  
**Approved**
- 3. Matters Arising:** Craig Carey-Clinch reported that he was looking into the matter of Insurance to cover organised Club Runs but was finding this to be a lengthy process. Cover was available for static events but finding cover for road based activities was proving difficult at present. He would continue his efforts.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Martin Lambert said that he had nothing major to report other than that at this meeting he should be advising members of his choice of Vice-Chairman who would take over in one year. Martin had lobbied various individuals finally deciding on Ben Matthews of Watsonian Squire who graciously accepted. Martin felt that Ben has the right attributes for the role. This choice was approved by the meeting. In reply to a question as why the new Vice-Chairman was not present this weekend Martin replied that Mr Matthews was taking his wife to Iceland. It was not immediately clear whether this was a country or a food store.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Rick reported that Sywell was a healthy run showing a surplus of about £1300 which also included a very generous anonymous donation from a member. Following this run we had about £6500 in the bank at the end of May. Rick also reported that we seemed to drinking a lot less with our bar bill reduced accordingly, but hotels seemed to be charging more for single occupancy rooms. No extra charges were added by the club to hotel room prices. Donations received have been very good over the last few runs which has been a great help. The aim of run organisers should be to have a run surplus of about £200 or so. Rick said he is not holding any run deposits at present but if any run organiser needs such funds to let him know. Rick asked members whose companies pay, to chase up their accountants as their payments take some time to arrive. (Sywell Accounts Attached)

**6. Future Runs:**

<b>Spring 2020</b>	Craig Carey-Clinch	Date: 24-25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Organisers</b>	Ian Kerr	Location: Tavistock
<b>Autumn 2020</b>	Andrew Smith	Date: 18-19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
<b>Organisers</b>	Bob McMillan	Location: Fort William
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Dan Sager	Date: T.B.A.
<b>Organisers</b>	Graham Matcham	Location: I.O.W. or Bristol
<b>Autumn 2021</b>	Neil Tuxworth	Date: T.B.A.
<b>Organisers</b>	Nick Campolucci	Location: Lincolnshire/ Yorkshire

**Craig** advised that we will be in the Bedford Hotel as before and hope to have the whole hotel to ourselves with another hotel nearby if necessary. The route will include a new museum.

**Andrew** said that Bob is well on the road to recovery from the accident and there would seem be no reason why he should not be riding again at that time.

The run, based in the Ben Nevis Hotel and Leisure Centre, Fort William, will be similar to the 2000 run using pretty much the same roads with a couple or so extras covering roughly 225 miles.

It is planned to stay at a hotel 20 to 30 miles north of Kirkby Lonsdale on the 17<sup>th</sup> September in order to break the journey, and the key to that is the hotel need to know how many people as soon as possible.

The Hilton have agreed to keep rooms open until 21 days before our arrival, when they must be paid for in full with no refunds after that date. Andrew requests that if you are planning to stay with the group on the way up on the 17<sup>th</sup>, please let him know as soon as possible.

Andrew also mentioned that there is the possibility of two or three bikes being available for hire together with a couple of cars for those who don't ride anymore and wish to fly up. The cost of the hire cars can be covered.

For members who wish to stay a little longer in Scotland Andrew and David Martin are planning an additional a two or three day extra trip for about 10 riders, leaving Fort William on the Sunday morning, around the north of Scotland using different hotels. Mileage would be around 200 – 260 a day. Again, Andrew would like an early indication of interest in this extra trip.

To sum up, please, please let Andrew know as soon as possible if you are able to join this run. *(Andrew will be writing to all members separately with more information regarding these two runs. (Hon.Sec.)*

**Dan Sager** advised that he and Graham Matcham would organise a run in either the I.O.Wight , or the Bristol area.

**Neil Tuxworth** outlined that he had teamed up with Nick Campolucci for this run which would be covering Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. More information regarding routes etc. would be available by the time of the next run.

- 7. Club Website:** Alan thanked all members who had replied to his request for suggestions for improving the website and reported that he had received good feedback from members with some 25% of members replying.

Common Points Raised, included: – Existing site covers our needs but requires clearer navigation and structure, Run information and booking should be of primary importance, Photo and video upload facility needed, Site should be mobile friendly.

Other items mentioned included: Start a Facebook private group, Update club logo and image, Add memorial page remembering members who have passed away, Archive of previous run information including route sat-nav files, Change club name to facilitate finding on Google. Add short biography and photo of every member.

Alan said he would now proceed to work on a new website including some of the suggestions with the immediate aim of easing the booking process. He had already changed the email system enabling emails to be sent to all members at one time which wasn't possible previously. The email system will link in to the new website.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the club is not a public facing entity that needs to spend it's time telling all and sundry what it does on Facebook and other social media , it is entirely for the benefit of members.

Geoff Selvidge was reminded of a time back in the nineties when political correctness was the thing, there were big discussions about anti-competitive practice and one of the reasons that the club kept it's affairs

to itself was to avoid scrutiny by journalists that might imply we were all meeting together to fix this and fix that together, which we all know is not the case.

The Chairman added that it was perhaps a good thing that the club was not available on Google. Agreed.

- 8. New Members: Geoff Selvidge** had already provided the committee with career details of Nigel Bosworth following his second run at Sywell and the committee had agreed on his eligibility. For the benefit of the meeting Geoff briefly outlined Nigel's career as follows: Nigel had studied mechanical engineering at Hinckley college and qualified in Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Design, Engineering Technology and Product Design, all with distinction. He then changed course and started Motorcycle racing in his own right, before progressing into team management, consultancy work etc. to the highest level in Moto GP. He was also Race team manager for Yamaha. He is now the Country Manager for Dainese.

**Proposed:** Geoff Selvidge

**Seconded:** Alan Halford

**Simon Hill** said he had known Richard Burgess for many years. The process of his nomination was slightly confused as Simon was out of the country for his first run but believed that Stephen had indicated on the booking form that Richard was a potential member. His job is as a director of SCH Moto Prep and other parts of the company. For those who don't know, SCH provides services for manufacturers and importers including storage, preparation and technical support. The principal client is BMW and SCH prepare all their bikes, store them and deliver them. The company has now started working with Triumph and hope to expand further. Richard works very hard for the company and is also a lifetime motorcyclist from childhood and rides in trials. He is committed to the industry and is of an age that we need to recruit to the club. He has completed the three runs necessary to qualify for membership. Richards CV is available to any member who would like to see it.

**Proposed:** Simon Hill

**Seconded:** Craig Carey-Clinch

At this point the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of this run, Norman Hyde and Martyn Roberts, noting the meticulous

attention to detail applied to every aspect of the organisation, the only complaint possible concerned running out of beer at the last minute.  
(Applause)

- 9. A.O.B: Ian Kerr** put forward the suggestion that knowing a number of members owned older motorcycles he would be prepared to organise a one day run for, say, pre 1975 bikes in the Chilterns with a one night hotel if there was sufficient interest. This would be completely independent of the club and would not count as a club run. People interested should contact Ian direct.

*Meeting Closed at 09.35*

## Club Run in Spring 2019 -Sywell

### Run Date 27th April 2019

Total Number Attending	29		
Members	18		
Retired Members	8		
Guests	3		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Bookings	7,635	Accommodation/meals/wine/bar	6,015
Donations	175	Morning teas	129
Sergeant at arms	48	Lunch & museum visit	300
Quiz ( no quiz)	-	Place of interest	-
Paypal donations	110	Afternoon coffees	130
		Paypal/Bank charges	60
Total Income	7,968	Total Costs	6,633
	<b>Surplus</b>		<b>£ 1,335</b>

<b>BANK BALANCES</b>	
Opening balance 31/1/19	5,238.65
<b>Run surplus/(deficit) above</b>	<b>1,334.67</b>
Ties and new member fees	-
Postage and admin costs	-
Interest received	0.09
Donations paid out (at funerals etc)	-
Less: web site charges £35.99 per month Feb 19 to May 19	(143.96)
Less: stock of new ties	-
Less; Deposits for future runs	-
Add: Deposits released for this run	-
<b>Closing bank balances 31st May 2019</b>	<b>6,429.45</b>

<b>DEPOSITS IN HAND</b>	
Spring 2019	£0.00
Autumn 2019	£0.00
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>£0.00</b>