

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Club

Valley Hotel, Ironbridge, 21st April 2024

- 1) The Chairman opened by thanking the run organisers Tom Waterer and Alan Halford, (applause) for a fantastic run where we were lucky with traffic and weather and enjoyed some great roads. Alan thanked Ben for suggesting the hotel as he and Tom were struggling at the time.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** General Meeting at Louth, September 2023.
Proposed: Andrew Smith.
Seconded: Ian Kerr.

- 3) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

- 4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman raised the question of the Run Report and how we could ease the workload on Geoff. Ben put forward the idea of having our own private Social Media platform where Members would be able to upload their own pictures taken on runs. This could be achieved quickly when they arrived home after a Run without the bother of having send emails etc. Various examples of the way this could work were discussed and Dan Sager had offered to explore further. Ben raised the subject of the Club archives reporting that Nick Jeffery and Nick Hopkins had collected a large amount which were now stored at Ben's premises. Norman Hyde mentioned that he is in possession of a quantity of material and Alan Halford said he would be interested to see if any items could fill in any gaps on the website.
Nick Jeffery asked if anyone was interested in taking on the role of Archivist. There had been no offers. Some discussion regarding scanning any items of interest followed and Nick J agreed to make further contact with Tony Jakeman who had expressed some interest in trying to help.

- 5) **Introduction of New Chairman:** Ben thanked Alan for agreeing to take on the role of Chairman and for his support during his time as Chairman. Things had gone fairly smoothly, including a very productive Committee Meeting last October. He thanked those present for having him.
Alan Halford thanked Mr Vice Chairman and encouraged a round of applause for Ben.

6) Treasurer's Report:

Rick opened by advising that the Louth run was attended by a total of 33 riders, broken down to 15 members, 8 retired members and 10 guests. There was an overall deficit of £329 which is always a sign of a good run as everyone drinks a lot more!!

The website cost £166 for the half year, but we also started to earn interest on our deposit account. Rick will see if we can improve the interest rate now that rates have increased.

Before the Spring run 2024 we had a closing balance in the bank of £10,286.41. With a run costing around £10,000 this leaves us quite well positioned with about one run in reserve should we have a problem with a run.

Rick pointed out that if run organisers are able to pay by credit card, this gives us a better chance of recovering the money should a hotel go bust, as happened in the past. Only a personal credit card is believed to give such protection, so nothing is gained by using a corporate card, which, of course, costs money anyway. If anyone incurs a cost, Rick can refund straight away so they aren't out of pocket.

Rick added that the website is working well and he has been trying to get Lloyds to give Alan access in order that we have two people with access and also to enable Alan to link the website for speedier updates.

Donations: Received from: Ian Kerr, Rick Parish, Frank Finch, Nick Jeffery, Geoff Selvidge, Dan Sager, Gary Hartshorne, Tim Maccabee, Adam Kelley, Nick Hopkins, Andy Mayo, Tony Jakeman, Stephen Burgess, Simon Hill, Paul Haskins, David O'Neil, Martin Lambert.

Accounts: Account summaries for Autumn 2023 and Spring 2024 are attached.

7) Future Runs:

Autumn 2024

Organisers.	Steve Callahan	Date	20 th -22 nd September
	Tim Maccabee	Location	Warwick

Spring 2025

Organisers	Andy Mayo	Date	T.B.A.
	Roy Pinto	Location	South West

Autumn 2025

Organisers	Andrew Smith Tim Albone	Date	19 th -20 th September
		Location	Scotland

Spring 2026	Rick Parish Ian Kerr	Date	T.B.A.
		Location	North Wales

8) Club Website: Alan reported that the website is going well and asked that any more archive material, photos etc., that can be scanned for inclusion on the website would be welcome.

9) New Members:

David O'Neil proposed Mark Fenwick who has been in our industry for 25 years.

Proposed: David O'Neil

Seconded: Geoff Selvidge

Simon Hill proposed Chris Lee who has also worked in the industry for some time and now works for Norton Motorcycles.

Proposed: Simon Hill

Seconded: Roy Pinto

Any objections to the above new Members must be notified to the Hon.Sec. within two weeks of the Minutes being published.

10)A.O.B.

Simon Hill raised the question of Members who no longer ride a motorcycle, for whatever reason, being able to attend a run for one night so that they still feel part of the Club.

Various points were raised including the difficulty with hotels, people arriving by public transport and estimating numbers, but it was agreed that we should examine all avenues in order to see if something could be arranged.

Meeting closed 10.00

Graham Goodman
Hon.Sec.

Club Run Spring 2024 - Ironbridge

Run Date 20th April 2024

Total Number Attending	35		
Members	21		
Retired Members	8		
Guests	6		
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bookings	11,147	Accommodation/meals/wine/bar	8,058
Donations	270	Bar and wine	1,686
Sergeant at arms	84	Morning teas	158
Raffle	35	Lunch	518
		Afternoon coffees	162
		Bank charges	13
		RAC Contribution	50
Total Income	11,536	Total Costs	10,645
		Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£ 891</u>

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BANK BALANCES	
Opening balance 31st October 2023	10,286.41
Run surplus/(deficit) above	890.50
Ties and new member fees	45.00
Postage and admin costs	-
Interest received	60.54
Donations paid out (at funerals etc)	-
Less: web site charges	- 80.00
Less: costs from previous runs paid since	-
Less: Deposits paid for future runs	-£1,001.01
Sundry costs	-
Closing bank balances and cash 22nd April 2024	<u>10,201.44</u>

DEPOSITS IN HAND	
Autumn 2024 - The Globe (£1,000 plus £1.01 checking card)	£1,001.01
	£0.00
Total deposits	<u>£0.00</u>