

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Club

Louth

September 17th 2023

1) **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from, Ben Matthews, Mike Evans, Arthur Macdonald, Lester Harris, Andrew Smith, Gary Hartshorne.

2) **Approval of Minutes.** Annual General Meeting, Bradford-on-Avon 16th April 2023.

Proposed Nick Jeffery

Seconded Neil Tuxworth

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

4) **Chairman's Report.** Chairman Ben had expressed his sorrow at missing this meeting due to holiday commitments, and had asked Martin Lambert to chair this meeting.

5) **Treasurer's Report.** Rick Parish opened by saying that five or six years ago we were losing money, but more recently we are turning a profit, this in partly due to our lower consumption of alcohol.

Run costs to Members have been around £300 but this figure is likely to rise with inflation and we may have to look at a different style of hotel, but not at the expense of a good run. Rick asked Run organisers who are having cost problems to please contact him.

With runs costing £10,000 to £12,000 to organise we like to keep a bank balance of around £8000 to cover something major going wrong. We are in a good position currently with a balance of £10,500.

Rick thanked everyone for using the website to make their booking as it makes things much easier to check any queries. Rick also thanked Alan Halford for his excellent work on the website.

Martin Lambert added that in conversation with Andrew Smith the previous evening Andrew advised that costs for the 2025 Scottish Run had risen considerably compared to 2022

Donations. Alan Halford, Andrew Smith, Andy Mayo, Dan Sager, Frank Smith, Lester Harris, Ian Kerr, Nick Hopkins, Nick Jeffery. Stephen Burgess. Rick thanked Dan Sager and Graham Matcham for covering the cost of the ferry and bridge toll on the Bradford-on Avon Run

6) **Future Runs.**

Spring 2024

Organisers	Tom Waterer	Date	19 th -21 st April
	Alan Halford	Location	Ironbridge

Autumn 2024

Organisers	Steve Callahan	Date	T.B.A.
	Tim Maccabee	Location	T.B.A.

Spring 2025

Organiser	Arthur Macdonald	Date	T.B.A.
		Location	T.B.A.

Autumn 2025

Organisers	Andrew Smith	Date	T.B.A.
	Tim Albone	Location	Scotland

Spring 2026

Organiser	Rick Parish	Date	T.B.A.
		Location	Wales

Autumn 2026

Organiser	Andy Mayo	Date	T.B.A.
		Location	Devon

- 7) **Club Website.** Alan Halford reported that all seemed well with the website which is now working well and asked members to send in any relevant photos they may have.
- 8) **New Members.** Frank Finch proposed Gary Hartshorne whose career in the industry began in 1992 with Pirelli and is currently Senior Product & Marketing Manager, North Europe, for Bridgestone.

Proposed. Frank Finch

Seconded. Nick Jeffery

Approved.

Members not attending this meeting have 14 days from the date of publication of these Minutes to raise any objections to the above membership election.(Hon-Sec)

- 9) **A.O.B.** Martin advised the meeting that Ben, looking ahead to the end of his Chairmanship next April, has nominated Alan Halford as the next Chairman of The Club. (Applause)

Meeting closed 09.25

Graham Goodman
Hon. Sec.