



The Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Club

16th April 2023

Leigh Park Hotel, Bradford-on-Avon

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Nick Jeffery, Kevin Howells, Graham Matcham.
2. **Approval of Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting, Tavistock April 2022.
Proposed Andrew Smith
Seconded Ian Kerr
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's Report:** Ben Matthews thanked Dan Sager and Graham Matcham for organising a wonderful weekend, also thanking those people behind the scenes who contribute to make the run as smooth as possible.
Ben welcomed Paul Haskins as a new member.

The Chairman made the point that this had been our first run with a lady guest, and was sure everyone would agree that it has been a pleasure having Barbara with us. Ben made it clear Barbara was here because of the contribution she makes to the motorcycle industry, as well as being a very competent motorcyclist! This is NOT an opportunity to open the floodgates for members to bring their wives, girlfriends or mistresses for a jolly weekend. The eligibility AND suitability rules still apply.

The Chairman extended his continued thanks to Geoff Selvidge (applause) for the work he puts in to the Chronicle and asks anyone who has any news stories, projects or interesting/amusing waffle to keep sending it to Geoff, so that we have a 'stock' of articles to use for content. The Chronicle is a great way of communicating with members who can't regularly make it to Club runs, so it is important that we all continue to help Geoff by continuing to provide stories of interest.

Ben advised the meeting that we had a reply to this Club Run's booking request from Tony Dawson's wife Marie, to say that Tony had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and his driving licence had been revoked. Ben had passed on best wishes on behalf of all members. Ben has Marie's email address if anyone would like to contact Tony directly.

This is another benefit of the Chronicle – keeping members that can't attend runs included in The Club.

The Chairman said it was great to see so many guests on this Run and hoped that some would eventually become members. Members were asked to always consider future members, and invite them along to ensure The Club has a future for many years to come.

Ben thanked Alan Halford for his continued efforts and support with the Club website. (applause)

The Chairman reported that Nick Jeffery and Nick Hopkins had gathered up all of the Club archives and had spent a day at Watsonian attempting to put in some sort of order. Ben is happy to accommodate the archive but does not have the time to work on it. **Is anyone willing to volunteer to be the Club Archivist?**

The Chairman concluded his report by apologising to Neil Tuxworth and Nick Campolucci for not being able to attend the next run due to some bad planning – Harley riding in the U.S.! Ben apologised to all for this failure but will leave us in the safe hands of Martin Lambert.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Donations Rick Parish reported that donations had been received from: Nick Jeffery, Tim Albone, Ian Kerr, Rick Parish, Frank Finch, Andrew Smith, Maurice Knight, Geoff Selvidge, Alan Halford and Graham Matcham.

Rick advised that the Club is in a good financial position with about £8500.00 in the bank at present. Rick thanked Dan and Graham for their attention to detail whilst organising this run together with Alan Halford for making the ordering system on the website so easy to use, removing all doubt as to what has been ordered by members thus avoiding confusion which sometimes occurred on the first evening.

The last run to Scotland was slightly more complicated due to the extra day, Thursday, on the main event, plus add on days following, but with 33 attendees including 12 guests showed a profit of £1300.00. which seems about right for a run of this nature. The critical point of this is becoming the balance of members, retired members, and guests. If we have a lot of retired members and few guests we may lose money, but if we have fewer retired members and more guests we make a profit. In Scotland we had 11 guests and 7 retired, so returned a good profit.

A bank balance of £8500.00 may seem high, but the average run costs about £10,000.00. If we had an absolute disaster of some sort we could just about cover ourselves. Rick said that runs aren't there to make money, but just cover themselves. Run organisers should aim for about £300.00 profit.

Rick emphasised once again how the changes to the website had made things so much easier.

Andrew Smith added that the add-on days following the Scotland run were costed and paid for entirely separately.

6. Future Runs:

Autumn 2023

Organisers	Neil Tuxworth	Date	15 th -16 th September
	Nick Campolucci	Location	Louth, Lincs.

Spring 2024

Organisers	Tom Waterer	Date	T.B.A.
	Unknown	Location	Malvern

Autumn 2024

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

Spring 2025

Organisers	Arthur Macdonald	Date	T.B.A.
	Unknown	Location	T.B.A.

Autumn 2025

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

Spring 2026

Organisers	Rick Parish	Date	T.B.A.
	Unknown	Location	Lancashire

- 7. Club Website:** Alan Halford reported that things seemed to be going well so far, but it has been necessary to re-hash the photo gallery due to technical problems, but this is now up and running again after an absence of three months. Alan asked that if anyone has some photos taken on club runs to please send them in.
- 8. A.O.B.** Stephen Burgess offered to design and make a new lapel badge for use in hotels etc. in order that members could recognise each other in a crowded situation. This led on to general discussion of members being visually identifiable as riding in an organised group. Martin Lambert pointed out that this could lead to the Club being held responsible in the event of an accident or a breach of the law. Run rules state that members are entirely responsible for their own actions regarding traffic laws etc.
The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed 09.40.

Graham Goodman

Hon.Sec.

Club Run Autumn 2022 - Scotland
Run Date 17th September 2022 (extended over 15th to 21st)

Total Number Attending	33		
Members	15		
Retired Members	7		
Guests	11		
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bookings	13,700	Accommodation/meals/wine/bar	10,719
Donations	150	Morning teas	220
Sergeant at arms	118	Lunch	633
		Petrol	731
		Afternoon coffees	240
		Paypal/Bank charges	58
		RAX Contribution	40
Total Income	13,968	Total Costs	12,641
			<u>£ 1,327</u>

BANK BALANCES	
Opening balance 1st July 2022	7,234.38
Run surplus/(deficit) above	1,327.14
Ties and new member fees	25.00
Postage and admin costs	-
Interest received	0.15
Donations paid out (at funerals etc)	-
Less: web site charges	- 166.50
Less: Deposits for future runs	-
Add: Deposits released for this run	-
Closing bank balances and cash 30th November 2022	<u>8,420.17</u>