Minutes of the General Meeting of The Club

20th Sept.2026 Mosborough, Sheffield

1) **Apologies** for Absence. Graham Matcham, Frank Finch, Gary Hartshorne, Dan Sager.

2) **Approval of Minutes.** Thetford **Proposed Andy Mayo**
Seconded Ian Kerr

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

4) **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman thanked Nick Campollucci and Paul Haskins for a superb run yesterday, enjoyed by all, and went on to thank Alan Halford for his work as the previous Chairman, presenting him with a bottle of something nice. Shouts of 'corruption' from the floor. Andy also said he would like us to show our appreciation to Dan Sager and Ian Kerr for organising the Summer Day Run, raising money for Norman Hyde's Dementia Charity, (applause). The run had 18 members plus two guests, which was a better turn-out than last year. The Chairman also thanked Graham, Alan, Norman Hyde, Dan Sager, and Rick Parish for the work he does on the Club's financial side, and Geoff our scribe for the excellent Run reports. Also thanks to Andrew Smith for an entertaining Sergeant at Arms, and to Frank Finch for arranging for our friend Tony Dawson and Marie to be with us on Saturday evening, and for his efforts delivering flowers to Eleanor, following the passing of Nick Jeffery.

   The Chairman said that he wanted to celebrate The Club's 65th anniversary by having a Run abroad and the Picos had been suggested as it is relatively easy to get the boat from Plymouth to Santander. This has been discussed previously and the question of cost arose but Andy said he would talk to Rick about that. A suggestion from the floor was that perhaps some sort of deposit system could be set whereby Run participants could pay in a monthly amount thereby avoiding a large one-off payment.
   The Chairman's proposal is to do something special in the Spring 2028.
   Further points were discussed including avoiding the July heat by travelling in April or combining the two groups in the room that do this trip most years. Maybe the celebratory run could be added to the I.O.W. run that year. Even Denmark was put forward, it being slightly easier to reach. The Chairman said he might send out a survey or questionnaire.

5) **Treasurer's Report.** Rick reported that the Club is in a good position. The Thetford Run was very good financially as the hotel was supposed to a have been refurbished but that hadn't happened, so we got a special room rate. Rick said that the daughter of

his friend who works for Greene King, managed to get us a 15% discount on the weekend saving us £900.00. Resulting in the Club having £12.000 in the bank giving us a Run hand in case of a serious problem occurring.

6) **Future Runs.**

Spring 2027

Organisers Jonathan Martin Date 23rd – 25th April
Adam Kelly Location Worcester

Autumn 2027

Organisers Neil Tuxworth Date 10th-12th September
Alan Halford Location Lake District

Spring 2028

Organisers Graham Matcham Date T.B.A.
Location I.O.W.

Autumn 2028

Organiser Gary Hartshorne Date T,B.A.
Location Newcastle on Tyne

7) **Club Website.** Alan Halford reported that he had added a few more archive items but needed to chase up a few people in order to get there details on the site. Following a comment from the floor, asking if a Member's food choice could be attached to the final run instructions to avoid delays at dinner, due to Members not remembering their choice, Alan said he would look into that. Another suggestion from the floor was to have a set menu, which would help to reduce serving delays.
Alan asked that if people have photos of Club runs, events etc. please send them in as they can be put on our private Facebook page and website. Geoff Selvidge added that he is able to download pictures from the Facebook page for the Run report.

8) **New Members,**

(All potential Members' eligibility criteria have been approved by the Committee**.**)

Eddie Roberts **Proposed. Frank Finch**
Seconded. Neil Tuxworth
Approved

Martin Marshall **Proposed. Andrew Smith**
Seconded. Adam Kelly
Approved

Gareth Hughes **Proposed.** **Stephen Burgess**

Seconded. **Steve Callahan**

Approved

(*Any objections to the above new Members should be notified to the Hon. Sec. Within 14 days of the publication of these Minutes.)*

9) A.O.B. Ian Kerr raised the question of Member visibility when we get mixed up with other groups of riders and suggested we have a coloured arm band which can be easily seen by the junction marker .
Another comment from the floor suggested a small sticker on the back of the rider's helmet.
Another point from the floor raised the matter of junction markers staying visible, paying attention, and indicating the direction of travel. The Chairman said this point should be part of the run briefing. This would be included in the Run briefing.

Stephen Burgess has a contact in Speedway racing who has mentioned training days for this sport. Following a brief discussion Stephen asked members present to indicate interest in a speedway training day by a show of hands. This was positive.

Steve Callahan raised a point concerning Club membership reducing over the coming years. Perhaps a form of Associate membership which could include people who are in the automotive industry and very keen motorcyclists, would be encouraged to join our Industry, particularly the younger ones. Steve made the point that he was only thinking of the future of Club.
The Chairman summarised by saying that the Committee over the years promoted the Club as a motorcycle industry club and this should remain so.

Andrew Smith raised the question of the cost of hotels which has risen sharply over recent years. Adding to this cost was the fact that most people prefer a single room these days. He did not want runs to be reduced to one per year or Saturday arrivals. The earlier point regarding deposits arose again and Rick said these are easy to set up in one's own bank account.

On this Run a number of members could not join us because it was oversubscribed. The Chairman said that over the last few runs we have welcomed about six new Members, and another three on this one which is leading to problems with bookings. After some discussion it was decided that members would take priority over guests. Members would reserve places first until a set deadline, after which bookings would Open for members to invite guests.

Meeting closed 09.58

Graham Goodman.
Hon.Sec.