Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Club 26th April 2026 at Thetford, Norfolk

The Chairman Alan Halford opened the meeting by again thanking Rick Parish and Ian Kerr for a splendid weekend, although they kept us guessing a few times, it all worked out well in the end.

1) **Apologies for Absence** were received from Adam Kelly, Andrew Smith, Ben Mathews, Ben Hall, Dave Martin, Tim Albone, Bob MacMillan, Johnathan Martin, Maurice Knight, Peter Britton, Kevin Howells, David O'Neil, Geoff Selvidge.
2) **Approval of Minutes** of the General Meeting at **Tavistock 11th May 2025**
   Proposed Tom Waterer
   Seconded Steve Callahan
3) **Matters Arising.**
   There were no matters arising.
4) **Chairman's Report.**
   The Chairman said that with Club Scribe, Geoff Selvidge unable to attend this weekend, we don't have a report writer for this run. Following discussions during the weekend it was felt that if people could forward their thoughts and observations in writing to the Club's Facebook page, together with any photos, they could be collated in to some form of report for this run. Frank Finch kindly offered to do this, and the Chairman said he would contact Geoff to get his ideas. For those not on the Facebook connection, Dan Sager is the man to speak to.
   The Chairman said he was now coming to the end of his two years, which he had very much enjoyed with no major problems to sort out.
   One of the things he had wanted to do was to get more retired non-riding members to attend runs. Disappointingly, having tried a few options this hasn't worked out due to travel and health difficulties etc.
   The Chairman also reported that there was concern over some previous years that the Membership was slowly shrinking, but he was pleased to note that with today's proposals, nine new members will have been signed up in the last two years, which is really good.
   There had been some discussion in committee regarding the criteria used for deciding on new Members and if it needed changing. It was decided that it had worked well for a long time to leave well alone.
   Another item that had been discussed was Dave Martin's proposed Run in Spain in 2028. Members were asked for their views and it was felt that it wouldn't be right for the normal Spring or Autumn run, with cost as being a major factor, but if arranged as an extra that would be supported. The Chairman said he still needed to talk to Dave Martin about any proposal.

The Chairman then thanked those who had helped him over the last two years and looked forward to handing over to our new Chairman, Andy Mayo at the end of this meeting. (Applause).

5) **Treasurer's Report.**

Rick Parish opened by informing the meeting that we have just over £10,000 in the bank which is a backup in case we have a disaster. We have to be prepared for a problem such as in the current situation where, if there was no fuel available, what would be the consequences with the hotel if we could not come? So, we are comfortable with a run in hand.

The last run, in Scotland, came in with a profit of £128,00. We're not here to make money, just to cover everything.

(This item had been omitted on the first issue of the minutes) Rick raised the subject of the cost involved in printing out several sheets of paper for those attending a Run such as Hotel details, run route, emergency numbers etc. This cost can be around £50.00.

Rick suggested that this information be sent to the attending Members by email on arrival or a couple of days in advance. Using this system would result in everyone having everything to hand, including a live route, on their phone in the event of a problem.

The general feeling in the room was that this system should be used on future runs.

6) **Future Runs.**

Summer 2026

Organiser. Dan Sager Date T.B.A

Dan offered to run a 2026 Summer Day Run. It was agreed that this would run on a weekday this time and would raise funds for Dementia UK via our Club President's current initiative.

Autumn 2026

Organisers. Paul Haskins Date 18th-20th September
Nick Campollucci Location Mosborough
South Yorkshire

Spring 2027

Organisers Jonathan Martin Date 23rd-25th April
Adam Kelley Location Worcester

Autumn 2027

Organisers Neil Tuxworth Date T.B.A.
Alan Halford Location Lake District

Spring 2028
Organisers **Graham Matcham** **Date** **T.B.A.**
Location **Isle of Wight**

Autumn 2028
Organiser **Gary Hartshorne** **Date** **T.B.A.**
Location **North East**

7) Club Website.
Alan reported that the website seems to be working well and he would continue to get career history and a photo from all members and importantly, this would include all our new members.

8) New Members.
All potential Members' eligibility credentials have been approved by the Committee.

Jack Taylor **Proposed. Paul Haskins**
Seconded. Neil Tuxworth
Approved

Simon Bulmer **Proposed. Gary Hartshorne**
Seconded. Martin Lambert
Approved

Simon Belton **Proposed. Roy Pinto**
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.
Nick Hopkins raised the question of the Club archive, documents etc. and Alan said that he is gradually scanning his way through what he already has at home, with a view to allocating space on the website for relevant material in due course.
We have heard, via Tony Jakeman, from Elena, Nick Jeffery's ex. wife that she has four tankards which Nick had won over the years, asking if would we like them back? The Committee agreed and arrangements are underway with Frank Finch offering to collect the items and present Elena with some flowers.
The subject of Friday night raffle was raised from the floor with several comments about the poor quality of prizes. After some discussion it was decided to cancel this activity, and to raise the fee for the quiz to two pounds to compensate.
The possibility of a special run to celebrate 65 years of The Club was raised and Alan invited suggestions from Members.

Meeting closed 10.05am

Graham Goodman (Hon. Secretary)