

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Club

Friday 23rd September 2016

Danby Lodge Hotel, Killinick, Co Wexford

NOTE: Chairman Graham Matcham's business commitments mandated that he had to leave the event after the first riding day. He appointed Geoff Selvidge to act as stand-in Chair after his departure. In the absence of Graham Goodman he had nominated Nick Jeffery to act as stand-in Hon Sec to prepare these minutes. In view of the tragic event on the Spring Run in Scotland no General Meeting was held there hence no minutes had been prepared for formal approval at this meeting.

Keith Blair RIP

The Chairman said that Keith Blair would be in all our thoughts over the course of the weekend and that Nick Hopkins had received a beautiful letter from Judy Blair and Ruth and Catherine, Keith and Judy's daughters. Nick was requested to read this out and it is reproduced at the end of these minutes. Nick was asked to reply thanking them for their kind words and thoughtfulness in sending such a letter. Keith Davies proposed spending some time giving thought to wonderful friends like Keith whom we had lost over the years. After due reflection the Chairman concluded by thanking Adam Kelley and Jonathan Martin for their support after the tragic event and Andrew Smith also proposed that David Martin's preparation of his report on the Scottish Run in such impossible circumstances be gratefully acknowledged.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence had been received from Alan Halford, Tony Jakeman, Dave Plummer, David Dew, David O'Neill, Jonathan Martin, Martyn Roberts, Peter Sheen, Peter Meek, Ray Bailey, Simon Hill, Tom Waterer, Graham Goodman, Norman Hyde, Craig Carey Clinch, Tony Dawson and Maurice Knight.

David Martin, on behalf of the organisers of this (and future) Runs, strongly expressed his 'disappointment' that, despite a number of requests in previous minutes, on the calling notice and in reminders, around one-third of the Club membership had not given any indication of their intention or otherwise of attending. This made planning such an event - particularly 'over the water' - extremely difficult. He requested that this again be minuted and that Members in future respected this as a matter of common courtesy. An early indication of those who did not intend to come was especially helpful to organisers.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman apologised for the need for him to leave after the day's ride but thanked co-organisers David Martin and Frank Finch for a fantastic day. He appreciated the fact that so much work had gone into planning the event. (Applause.) It was his last event in the role of Chairman and he had much enjoyed his time and the opportunity to be more active in the Club and get more involved. He thanked the Committee and Members for their support. He had nominated Dan Sager as his successor, who had indicated his pleasure at accepting. Regrettably a family committed prevented Dan from attending the event.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Parish indicated that there was approximately £6300 cash on hand (treating deposits paid out already as forming part of the cash balance). However the last two runs had been run at a deficit and this run would also probably be in deficit. Although runs were budgetted to produce a small surplus it was extremely difficult to estimate some items - for

example, the bar consumption. He was not overly concerned at the financial situation as deficits were not large but the situation needed watching. Various ideas on addressing finances were proposed from the floor. Rick suggested that the situation be monitored over 2017 before taking any action and there was general agreement to this. A financial report on the Spring Run and other financial matters is attached.

Donations: Donations for this Run were received from Roy Pinto, Dan Sager, Craig Carey Clinch, Rick Parish, Martin Lambert, Adam Kelley, Peter Sheen, Nick Jeffery, Graham Matcham, Graham Goodman, Andrew Smith, Keith Davies and Nick Hopkins.

Future Runs:

Spring 2017

Organisers: Steve Callahan and Rick Parish

Date: 22-23 April 2017

Location: Thetford, Norfolk

Rick Parish reported that the Bell Hotel, Thetford, where the Club had stayed before, was intended to be the base hotel.

Autumn 2017

Organisers: Tony Dawson and Nick Hopkins

Date: TBA

Location: Sheffield area

Nick Hopkins indicated that a possible hotel might be the Tankersley Manor outside Sheffield but this had not been firmed up. Rick Parish offered to assist with negotiations.

Spring 2018

Andrew Smith and Martin Lambert kindly offered to organise a Run and this was gratefully accepted. More details to follow.

New Members: Frank Finch proposed Andy Mayo for membership. He confirmed that Andy had attended 3 runs and his eligibility for membership had been approved by the Committee. A brief summary of his career includes involvement with the development of the biggest trade-only motorcycle show in Europe, Motorcycle Trade Expo, and publishing the only UK monthly trade-focussed business title, British Dealer News. Andy is Commercial Director of Motorcycle Trade Expo Ltd but has no involvement in any editorial aspects of BDN. His role also includes running the UK pavilion at the Milan and Cologne shows that provide a platform for UK businesses to build and promote export sales. His company had been a long-standing member of MCI, supports Get On and has organised and supported a number of industry and charity events. He is a keen rider with Aprilia Tuono V4, Honda SP1, a scooter for commuting and a Husqvarna TE250 for winter green lane riding.

David Martin seconded the proposal and the membership unanimously approved his application. In accordance with the Rules of the Club a period of 14 days from the date of circulation of these Minutes now ensues for representations to be made to Hon Sec in relation to his suitability.

Any Other Business: Keith Davies proposed a vote of thanks to Graham for his stint as Chairman and this was supported by applause.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

7th September 2016

To the members of The Club,

On behalf of myself and my two daughters I want to thank all the members of The Club for their messages of support after the tragic outcome of your last run in the Scottish Highlands.

We were immensely touched by the avalanche of tributes to Keith which came to us following his death, and the huge numbers that attended his funeral.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation to Oxfam. The final figure raised in Keith's name was almost £4,000. Keith would have been amazed and humbled by that figure.

The other gesture which was truly appreciated, and still invokes tears, is the compassion shown by those who stayed with him at the scene of the accident.

Six months on, we are coming to terms with our loss – sustained by the fond memories we have of Keith over the last 40+ years. He was a remarkable man who touched the lives of so many and we feel privileged to have been part of his life.

I wish you well and hope that the Club Runs continue to be immensely enjoyable. I am sure that, for Keith, they were the highlight of the year!

With very best wishes,

Judy, Ruth and Catherine.

Club Run in Scotland
Run Date 9th April 2016

Total Number Attending		24		
Members		12		
Retired Members		9		
Guests		3		
INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
Bookings	£7,155.00		Accommodation/meals	£7,022.46
Donations	£160.00		Morning tea	£96.00
			Lunches	£416.45
			Afternoon coffee	£90.00
			Paypal/Bank charges	87.51
			Other expenses	385.4
Total Income	£7,315.00		Total Costs	£8,097.82
		Deficit		<u>-£782.82</u>

BANK BALANCES	
Opening balance brought forward September 2015	£7,015.43
Run surplus/(deficit) above	-£782.82
Other non-run income and expenses in period:	
Sale of ties	£25.00
Advance booking for Autumn 2016	£420.00
Interest received	£0.61
Less: Donation Keith Blair charity	-250
Less: EKM Power shop 3 x £29.99	-89.97
Less: Deposits for Ferry and Norfolk run	-750
Less: Cash in hand	-300
Closing bank balances after run April 2016	<u>£5,288.25</u>

DEPOSITS IN HAND	
D Martin re Irish run 9/1/14	184
D Martin re Irish run - re Ferry	500
R Parish re Norfolk April 2017	250