



# The Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Villiers Hotel

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009.

1) **Apologies for Absence:** Dennis Bates, William Colquhoun, Peter Agg, Mike Jackson, Michael Evans, Peter Sheen, David O'Neill, Tom Waterer, Simon Hill, David Dixon, Richard Davies, Keith Blair, Gerald Davison, John Nelson, Mike Russell de Clifford, Greg Elson, Peter Bolton, Bob McMillan.

2) **Approval of Minutes** of the general Meeting, Daventry 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

**Proposed:**

**Seconded:** Keith Davies

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

4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman again thanked the organisers of this run saying that they had done a great job which was very much appreciated. Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we had sold motorcycling to the general public.

The Chairman also thanked the following for their generous donations: Peter Sheen, William Colquhoun, Peter Bolton, Andrew Smith, Tom Waterer, Tony Dawson, Nick Hopkins, David O'Neill, Graham Goodman, Nick Jeffery, Geoff Selvidge, Rick Parish, Tony Jakeman, Peter Meek.

The Chairman continued with, the question we could ask is, 'How is the Club going?' Judged by this week-end we could say that it is going in the right direction and the values and part of the Club's ethos is being retained absolutely.

Looking ahead the Chairman said we had a well catered for and well organised future Run activity and ideally should try to keep to a four Run ahead schedule if possible, any more than that would be slightly ambitious. We should get the dates out to members as soon as possible.

From the Chairman's point of view everything is on track with no issues or problems.

The Chairman reported the continued support of the Club by Dennis under very difficult personal circumstances at present and felt we should address some of those difficulties in committee to reduce his workload particularly during the next few months as he recovers.

- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Acting Treasurer Rick Parish reported that we have approximately £7000 in the bank placing the Club in a healthy position. Rick also explained the difficulty of predicting Run costs due to variation in bar expenses but indicated that this run should make a small surplus. From the Daventry accounts David Martin queried the organiser's costs stating that organisers enjoy a free Run which should cover any expenses. The Chairman confirmed that organisers should not claim expenses in addition to the free Run, and thought that there had been some confusion in the build up to Daventry as to what could be claimed, possibly due to communication difficulties and a late change of Treasurer. Rick explained that on arrival he was not aware on any of the run costings. The Chairman said that as a committee we would like to help the organisers as much as we can by enhancing the communication between Treasurer and organiser and at the same time help Dennis by the organisers taking on some core responsibilities. This would hopefully take out some of the misunderstandings that have been experienced. Ray Battersby raised the question of interest earned on Club funds and Rick reported that he has, as yet, no knowledge of the Club's financial arrangements. The Secretary stated that Dennis, in his usual report, always gave the total amount held, the amount in interest bearing accounts together with interest earned, and the amount in a current account.

6) **Future Runs:**

<b>Autumn 2009 Organisers</b>	David Dew David Taylor	Date 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> September Location Goodwood
<b>Spring 2010 Organisers</b>	Graham Matcham Keith Davies	Date TBA Location Tintagel
<b>Autumn 2010 Organisers</b>	David Martin Andrew Smith	Date 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> September Location Inverness
<b>Spring 2011 Organiser</b>	Keith Blair	Date TBA Location TBA

David Taylor advised that we would be staying at the five star Goodwood Park Hotel. The route has yet to be decided but would finish at the Rolls Royce manufacturing plant where we are to be received as if we were collecting our new car. Following this pre dinner cocktails will served at Goodwood House, which is a short walk from the hotel, where we will be given a formal tour of the museum, this being followed by a Black Tie dinner.

Cost will be £250 single and £140 shared. The Club will enjoy sponsorship from at least three Japanese manufacturers in addition to others. Norman Hyde suggested guests should not enjoy the level of sponsorship accorded to members.

It is planned to place all details on a small Club only website so members can get a feel for the event beforehand. David Dew will advise details in due course.

The meeting approved both the costs and the Black Tie request.

Graham Matcham informed the meeting that the Spring 2010 run would be based at Tintagel with the mid point on Saturday embracing a visit to Lands End.

David Martin outlined the Autumn 2010 run as being based in Inverness, taking in John O Groats with the usual stop at Kirkby Lonsdale on the way up. There was also the option of taking a further day to travel down the west coast.

- 7) **New Members:** The Chairman said that over the last couple of years we had made a number of decisions regarding possible new members and hoped that the procedure was now very clear. We have attached brief CVs to the agenda to assist members in their decision on two possible new members who had passed the committee stage of eligibility, Craig Carey Clinch and Geoff Travell. The Secretary advised the meeting that he was unaware that Mr Travell would not be on this run together with his sponsor so his CV could be ignored at this meeting, as a vote could not be taken.

The election of Mr Clinch was:

**Proposed:** Tony Jakeman (in the unavoidable absence of Tom Waterer)

**Seconded:** Keith Davies

**Approved:** 1 Against 1 Abstention

A brief general discussion followed regarding the timing of any objections to new members. The Chairman confirmed that any Member who voted against at the meeting, or any Member not present, had the opportunity to present their objection in writing to the Secretary within fourteen days of the publication of the Minutes of the Meeting in which the vote took place. The objection would be considered by the committee who would then take a final decision. In the event of any queries the committee would refer back to the sponsor(s).

- 8) **A.O.B.:** A question from the floor concerned the timing of the Presidency and Chairmanship which had begun to slip from time to time. The Chairman said this would be discussed in committee.

Alan Blake suggested some form of recognition for Dennis Bates's long years of service to the Club with contributions from members. This was seen as a good idea and the Chairman said that the committee would discuss this.

Nick Jeffery once again raised the question of organisers using a credit card to confirm a booking with a hotel rather than a Club cheque, particularly in these times of credit crunch with a hotel going bust with Club money.

Meeting closed 10.00

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Note: Following this meeting a Committee meeting was held where it was decided that a standard spreadsheet would be designed for use by all Run organisers to include room bookings and all costs etc. In future all bookings will be sent to the organisers. This would ease the workload of the Treasurer and reduce the line of communication.