

# Minutes of the General Meeting of The Club

20<sup>th</sup> September 2015,

Glebe Hotel, Barford

- 1) **Apologies:** Dave Martin, Frank Finch, David O'Neil, Bob Trigg, Nick Jeffery, Tom Waterer, Simon Hill, Ray Battersby, Craig Carey Clinch, Greg Elson, Geoff Selvidge, Maurice Knight, Dennis Bates, Jon Martin
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** (Tavistock)                      **Proposed:** Andrew Smith  
**Seconded:** Alan Blake
- 3) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman commented that we had now enjoyed two runs under his Chairmanship and congratulated the organisers of the current Run for their efforts in producing yet another memorable weekend, much appreciated by those attending.  
(Applause).The Chairman went on to say that he is happy with the way things are going – we have a busy year coming up next and feels the Club is in a good position.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Rick thanked the current run organisers for their excellent communications during the run-up to this run. Rick then ran through the accounts for the Tavistock run saying that all runs are budgeted to cover costs with a small surplus. On this run however, various items were allowed for in the planning which did not materialise, resulting in a healthy surplus in excess of £800, which leaves us with a current account balance of just over £7000. It is felt that this is about the right amount to have behind us to allow for one disastrous run should such an event occur.

Rick raised the question of refunds to members who have to cancel for various reasons outside their control. At Tavistock four people had to cancel, and although the run made a profit and we could have made refunds in spite of the hotel charging for the rooms, the dilemma arises when someone has to cancel but the run does not make a surplus. The policy at present is - **if the hotel refunds the Club, the Member will be refunded**. After some discussion and contributions from the floor it was agreed that this policy should be continued.

Donations for this run were received from, Peter Sheen, Keith Davies, Tony Jakeman, Rick Parish, Andrew Smith, Frank Finch, Nick Hopkins, Tom Waterer.

Tavistock Accounts are attached.

**6) Future Runs:**

<b>Spring 2016</b>	Jonathan Martin	Date	<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
Organisers	Adam Kelley	Location	<b>Inverness</b>

**See notes attached.**

<b>Autumn 2016</b>	Dave Martin	Date	<b>21<sup>st</sup> September 2016</b>
Organisers	Frank Finch	Location	<b>Southern Ireland</b>

**See notes attached.**

<b>Spring 2017</b>	Steve Callahan	Date	<b>TBA</b>
Organisers	Rick Parish	Location	<b>Suffolk</b>

Autumn	Tony Dawson	Date	<b>TBA</b>
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**7) Website:** In the absence of DRM, Rick Parish reported that the website was running well with no problems.

**8) New Members:** Standing in for Geoff Selvidge, Ian Kerr proposed Roy Pinto. Roy has been involved in the M/c industry since 1990, becoming Marketing Manager for Kawasaki, then in the same role for Harley Davidson followed by Marketing Director for Harley. After 11 years with Harley, Roy was contracted by Triumph to write their merchandising manual and deliver training on it to their global partners. Following Geoff's retirement Roy now is now running 'Shop Tuner'. Roy was unanimously voted in as a Member of the Club.

- 9) **AOB.** Graham Matcham passed on a query from Frank Finch regarding Members' guests on a run. Frank is keen to introduce some younger guests and was under the impression that the rule was 'one member one guest.' It was pointed out that there is nothing in the rules to confirm this, and Andrew Smith added that on a previous run to Scotland people had been encouraged to bring more than one guest on the basis that only one guest could use the run as a qualifying run for eligibility purposes.

Tony Jakeman raised the possibility of Members' profiles being updated on the website and it was suggested that a form could go out with the run invitation for members to complete and return. Tony agreed to liaise with DRM on this matter.

Alan Blake asked that **Run Organisers**, in order to assist elderly members using cars, include the full address including post codes for coffee, lunch and tea stops. This could in some cases avoid cars using some of the very narrow lanes on some runs. This was agreed.

**Inverness Run.** Andrew Smith advised the meeting of the possibility of loan bikes being available from Scottish dealers for members who wish to fly to Scotland. Interested parties should make themselves **known to the organisers as soon as possible**.

Meeting closed 09.35

**Dave Martin** has asked me to request members who are not able to attend a run to please let the organisers know in order that rooms etc. can be confirmed. It seems that some did not even reply to a chase-up email for this run. (I omitted to mention this during the meeting. Hon.Sec.)

**Subsequent** to the meeting Peter Sheen has contacted me to advise that he has booked a flight to Inverness for the Run and would like other non-riding members to join him in a hire car at Peter's expense with Peter as navigator. Those interested please contact Peter direct.(Hon.Sec)

## Club Run in Tavistock Run Date 18th April 2015

Total Number Attending	37
Members	21
Retired Members	10
Guests	6

### INCOME

Bookings	£ 9,590.00
Donations	£ 150.00
Sgt @ Arms	£ 42.30

### EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£ 6,610.00
Friday Bar & wine	£ 836.00
Saturday Bar & wine	£ 682.95
Morning tea	£ 126.00
Lunch	£ 340.85
Prizes	£ 247.00
Afternoon coffee	£ 76.00

Total	£9,782.30	Total	£8,918.80
		<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£863.50</b>

<b>BANK BALANCES</b>	
Opening balance brought forward 30th September 2014	£6,789.24
<b>Run surplus/(deficit) above</b>	<b>£863.50</b>
<b>Other non-run income and expenses in period:</b>	
Sale of ties	£0.00
Paypal charges	- 178.65
Other expenses - secretaries expenses	-
Other expenses - Donation Woking Hospice	- 100.00
Other expenses - Web site renewal	- 360.00
Interest received	£1.34
<b>Closing bank balances after run and @ 30th September 2014</b>	<b>£ 7,015.43</b>

<b>DEPOSITS IN HAND</b>	
D Martin re Irish run 9/1/14	184
Norman Hyde/ Tom Waterer	100
	<u>£ 284</u>



### Inverness, Highland to Inverness, Highland, UK

Drive 264 miles, 6 h 18 min

We will be staying at the Palace Hotel & Spa on the bank of the River Ness in central Inverness.

We will arrive on Friday 8th April with the Club Run taking place on Saturday 9th April, departing from home on Sunday 10th April.

The actual run will be 264 miles with lunch being taken on The Isle Of Skye, a first for a Club Run we believe.

Total cost of this run will be £255 for members, £225 for retired members and £275 for guests plus an optional overnight stay on Thursday 7th April at Whoop Hall near Kirkby Lonsdale.

The ride up to Inverness on Friday 8th April will take us through the Cairngormes National Park.

Jonathan and Adam very much you will be able to join them on what will be a very memorable Scottish run.



Map data ©2015 Google 10 km

via A835 and A832  
6 h 18 min without traffic

6 h 18 min  
264 miles

#### Details

There is the possibility of loan bikes being available from Scottish dealers. Interested parties should contact the organisers as soon as possible.

# Autumn 2016 Run

## Southern Ireland

22nd – 25th September 2016

As the Club has never been to Ireland before, we are keen for members to have the maximum possible opportunity to make the most of the beautiful area and roads and to make this a very memorable and enjoyable Club Run. Therefore, this Run is planned to be a two-day event with ferry departure on the Thursday afternoon and return on the Sunday morning. Due to the additional cost of the ferry, we are being very careful with budgeting and aim to keep costs down to a very reasonable level and there are good “bulk booking” rates available. Should you wish to extend- or reduce – the trip length then that is fine but the ferry booking will be for your own account.

Our hotel is the Danby Lodge in Rosslare – less than 5 minutes away from the ferry port. Day one we will head North, the next day we will travel West, around 200 miles each day.

The ferry will be from Pembroke and leaves at 14.45 which should allow a leisurely ride through Wales on the Thursday. It arrives in Rosslare at 18.46 so there will be plenty of time to get to the hotel, change and meet in the bar as per normal. The ferry leaves Rosslare on the Sunday morning at 08.45 and arrives in Pembroke at 12.46 – so everyone will be home in time for tea (except perhaps David O'Neill!).

By the way, a couple of members have said they probably won't be coming because it is too far to 'get there'. We'd like to remind everyone however that it's no different to Tony Jakeman's and Nick Hopkins' recent Pembroke Run in terms of riding distance to the hotel.

We hope this whets Members' appetites for a very special Run.

David Martin Frank Finch