



# The Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Farncombe Conference Centre, Broadway.

27<sup>th</sup> April 2014

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** Graham Matcham, Adam Kelley, Norman Hyde, David O'Neill, Maurice Knight, Dennis Bates, M Jackson, Bill Colquhoun, Dave Plummer, Luke Plummer, David Dew.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of the General Meeting, Pembroke, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

**Proposed:** Dave Martin

**Seconded:** Peter Sheen

- 3) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** Frank opened by saying his report would be brief as it has been a quiet period for The Club and the committee. The Chairman continued by saying we had just enjoyed a fabulous Run yesterday, it being one of the highlights of the motorcycling year for him and no doubt for many other people. The Chairman then thanked Ben Matthews and Dan Sager for organising a brilliant weekend. (Applause)  
The Chairman added that after this meeting there would be a brief Committee meeting to ensure we are covering all bases concerning security of deposits paid to hotels etc. Nick Jeffery, Dave Martin and Rick Parish are working to ensure that Club funds are exposed to as small a risk as possible.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Rick opened by offering thanks to Dave Martin for the website as this is dramatically changing the way the Runs are organised – run leaders are aware early on as to who is attending, what they need etc., making things much slicker for the organisers.  
The cost of a Run is now stabilising at around £8000 and we have about £7000 in the bank, which sounds a lot but with runs coming in at a £8000 and hotels increasingly asking for more money up front to cover their expenses in the event of people cancelling a large booking at the last moment, the balance is about right. Rick commented on hotels taking a large payment and then going into liquidation. If that situation were to occur with us it would wipe us out.  
The last Run at Pembroke made a £300 profit and this size of margin helps to provide a buffer for Runs which may run into a problem.

6) **Future Runs:**

<b>Autumn 2014</b>	David Martin	Date	12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Organisers</b>	Jonathan Martin	Location	Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Dave explained that due to the original hotel going into liquidation we would now be staying in a Holiday Inn just off the A1. As a result the first part of the ride will be revised. About a third of the Run will be in Scotland returning through the Kielder Forest, over all about 230 miles. Lunch will consist of shellfish so would those who prefer not to eat this food please advise on the booking form.

<b>Spring 2015</b>	Craig C Clinch	Date	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Organisers</b>	Graham Matcham	Location	Tavistock, Devon

Craig advised that we have the whole of the Bedford Hotel with the Run including Dartmoor, Exmoor and Bodmin Moor with a good mix of roads covering just under 200 miles.

<b>Autumn 2015</b>	Tom Waterer	Date	T.B.A.
<b>Organisers</b>	Martyn Roberts, Norman Hyde	Location	Warwick

Tom reported that we will stay at the Glebe Hotel at Barford just outside Warwick Tom will be assisted by Martyn Roberts and Norman Hyde, with Tom and Martyn looking after the route and Norman the hotel arrangements.

<b>Spring 2016</b>	Jonathan Martin	Date	T.B.A.
<b>Organisers</b>	Adam Kelley	Location	Scotland

Jonathan advised that once again we will stay at the Whoop Hall Hotel on the way up and the organisers will be looking at three hotels in the Inverness area towards the end of this year

<b>Autumn 2016</b>	Dave Martin	Date	T.B.A.
<b>Organisers</b>	Frank Finch	Location	Eire

7) **Club Website:** As noted above, the website is working well to the benefit of organisers, Treasurer and members alike. Ben Matthews asked that members noted the considerable assistance afforded to himself and Dan on all aspects. (Applause)

8) **New Members:** Geoff Selvidge proposed Ian Ker MBE who has been on the requisite Number of qualifying Runs. It was noted that Ian had been instrumental in driving forward improvements such as Bikesafe and had thus been a valuable ambassador for motorcycling. Since 2009 Ian has been Police bike development manager for Yamaha covering U.K. and Europe, liaising with Police, Military, Local and National Government etc.

**Proposed:** Geoff Selvidge

**Seconded:** Tom Waterer

**Approved**

- 9) **A.O.B.** The Chairman raised the matter of how The Club can be made aware of Members that may be in ill health, so that messages and offers of support (if needed) could be communicated. It was agreed that the usual informal networking between Members (e.g. Dennis had been in touch with Peter Bolton) worked well and would no doubt continue. It was also agreed that a field would be added to the Club Website in order that members unable to attend a Run could indicate this online when Run invitations were issued. **Action DRM**

Craig Carey Clinch enquired whether members would welcome the opportunity to meet for dinner at the Houses of Parliament. Such an event would enable Club members to meet socially with selected parliamentary individuals from the All Party Motorcycling Group (currently chaired by Steve Baker who had been a guest on this Run) This suggestion was warmly welcomed by members present and Craig agreed to make arrangements and relay details to the Club accordingly. **Action CCC**

Peter Sheen reported that Irene Yedd's speech and general health had now very much improved but she was still bedridden. Members thanked Peter for this update and asked that he relay the Club's best wishes to Irene. **Action PRTS**

Members noted the usual procedure for members accompanying Runs by car would be that the vehicle would normally run behind tail end Charlie with the R.A.C. van. It was agreed that this procedure should continue to be followed on future Runs.

Members reviewed the procedure for inviting guests (irrespective of whether they are eligible or not for membership) It was noted that there was no formal pre approval process and neither did the Club Rules bar anyone from attending (e.g. There are no age, gender, race or disability restrictions). The overall member consensus was firmly that the rules were appropriate for The Club and therefore any guest could be invited. It was however, noted that The Club relied largely on Member's judgement in deciding on the suitability of proposed guests in terms of their motorcycle industry, business or other credentials and likely contribution to a Run. It was agreed that if any Member had any queries, they should discuss this with a Committee member before booking.

***(Secretary's note: The Club Rules for non-eligible guests states, "The Club welcomes members guests falling outside the basic tenets of membership provided they have a sufficiently strong connection with the industry to ensure they will make convivial and informed company."***

***Due to difficulties in obtaining accurate invoicing from the Hotel the Accounts for this Run will be uploaded to the website at a later date together with a list of donations received.)***

***1-6-14***