



The Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Goodwood Park Hotel, Goodwood.

18th October 2009.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** William Colquhoun, Mike Jackson, Simon Hill, Craig Carey-Clinch, John Nelson, Peter Bolton, Keith Blair, Peter Fraser.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting, Buckingham, 3rd May 2009.

Proposed: Alan Blake

Seconded: Wilf Harrison

Approved

- 3) **Matters Arising :** There were no matters arising.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman opened by expressing special thanks to David Dew and David Taylor for an exceptional run (applause). They promised a unique, special and memorable run and achieved all three, and then some. Considering it was the first run, as organisers, for both of them they took on an enormous task, pulled in a lot of favours, and nearly broke a number of Club rules small and large. That said, it was a very, very special event that will be remembered for many years to come. It was also memorable because this area of the country is not known for it's traffic free roads, but somehow we travelled on various types of highway meeting relatively little traffic. This will remain as one of *the* events the Club has run so far.

The Chairman said he would also like to say a special thanks to Dennis who has returned as Treasurer for this run. With the help of Dave Martin, David Taylor and others we have designed a new spreadsheet for the run which meant more regular contact with the Treasurer on a day to day basis making things a little easier for those involved.

The Chairman also thanked Frank Finch and Dave Plummer for orchestrating the raffle on Friday, which was almost twice as large a task as usual looking after 60 people. Also thanks to Dave Martin, Martin Lambert and Dave

Plummer for an exceptional Sergeant at Arms on Saturday, and Wilf Harrison and Tony Dawson for the quiz night special which proved very popular.

- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Acting Treasurer for the Buckingham Run, Rick Parish, passed round the figures for Buckingham (attached) reporting that we had made a small profit and bar costs etc. were normal.

Dennis Bates advised the meeting that Club funds prior to Goodwood stood £6190. Details attached.

Bar costs for Goodwood were: Friday £908.10, Saturday £564.75. Extra donations via Dave Martin's enterprises, raffle etc. were very generous helping to offset these. It was not possible to determine whether we had made a profit at this stage but with the help of the above and the sponsorship organised by the two Davids we should have a satisfactory result. The results will be proved after the calculations to come.

Dennis remarked that the co-operation of the organisers has been excellent with questions being answered by return, even from Portugal.

Donations for this run were received with thanks from: Peter Agg, Greg Elson, Peter Sheen, Peter Meek, David O'Neil, Frank Finch, Tony Jakeman, Craig Carey-Clinch, Nick Jeffery, Keith Davies, Keith Blair, Graham Goodman, Peter Bolton, Nick Hopkins, John Nelson, William Colquhoun.

6) **Future Runs:**

Spring 2010	Graham Matcham	Date	16 th -18 th April
Organisers	Keith Davies	Location	Tintagel

Graham Matcham advised that we will be based at the Camelot House Hotel, Tintagel from 16th April 2010. The route is planned to include a visit to Lands End. The castle like hotel, built in Victorian times is perched on the cliffs, and was the setting for the filming of Count Dracula in 1979 and promises to be an interesting stay.

Autumn 2010	David Martin	Date	9 th -11 th Sept.
Organisers	Andrew Smith	Location	Inverness

Dave Martin advised that we will be based in the Newton Hotel, Nairn Just on the coast. We will be stopping at the Whoop Hall Hotel, Kirkby Lonsdale on the way up on Thursday 9th Sept., with lunch on the last leg to Nairn on Friday 10th. The run will be around 200 miles on Saturday 11th. Keen types will be welcome to stay on and enjoy a run up to John O Groats and Dunnet Head on Sunday 12th, this being about 300 miles, returning to the Newton Hotel for the night. Greg Elson is arranging R.A.C. cover as petrol is hard to come by in those regions. Andrew added that there will be some logistical support, maybe to take some bikes up or arrange loan bikes in Scotland for those short of time.

Spring 2011	Keith Blair	Date	TBA
Organiser		Location	TBA

Keith Blair has advised the Chairman that all is in order and he will inform the Hon. Sec. of details as they become available.

Autumn 2011	Steve Callahan	Date	TBA
Organiser		Location	Kent

Steve, having done some initial research kindly offered to organise this run.

7) **New Members:**

The Chairman announced that Mr Luke Plummer was being proposed by his brother Dave following his third run, and Luke's career history was attached to the Agenda.

Proposed: Dave Plummer

Seconded: Dave Martin The Chairman asked for a vote on this application.

Approved.

8) **A.O.B.**

Alan Blake indicated his desire to relinquish the position of Club Archivist after 15 years. He felt it was more satisfactory to hand over the task rather than have someone inherit the job as he had done.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee for the hard work Alan has put into this role which is much appreciated.

The Chairman then asked if any member present would be in a position to take on the job, with Nick Jeffery immediately proposing that Ray Battersby was the ideal candidate. Ray graciously accepted, with thanks from the meeting.

Wilf Harrison requested that run dates were published as soon as possible.

David Taylor outlined the difficulties that BEN are having during this recession asking if the Club could make a one off contribution this year.

Tony Dawson suggested that any profit from this run might be donated.

Tom Waterer proposed that this matter should be discussed in committee.

The meeting agreed with this proposal.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the meeting the fact that Dennis had completed 25 years as Treasurer, and following discussion at the last meeting it has been decided to make a presentation to mark this achievement. This will take place at the next run.

It was also agreed that Dennis should take up the position of President, and following a discussion with him he was honoured to accept. Mike Jackson having readily agreed previously to step down. The Membership Card will be updated accordingly.

Dennis thanked the Chairman and the meeting. *Meeting closed 09.30*

Club Accounts

Accounts for May 2009 Run

Buckingham		£
Room Paid		5,085
Donations		290
Room Supplement		850
Whip Contributions		240
Raffle Incomw		53
Sergeant at Arms		20
Total Income		<u>6538</u>
Costs		
Hotel	Accommodation	3,975
	Room Hire	200
	Wine	401
	Bar	805
	Total Hotel Costs	<u>5,381</u>
Gratuities		50
Morning Coffee		90
Lunch	Food	323
	Drink	28
Museum & War Event		110
Afternoon Tea		50
Fuel Costs foe Organisers		41
Total Costs		<u>6,073</u>
Surplus		<u>465</u>

The current state of the Club's finances prior to income for Goodwood was:

	Current Account	£5,792.88
	Deposit Account	<u>1,397.7</u>
		<u>7,190.60</u>
	Hotel Deposit for Scotland Autumn 2009	- 1000.00
Total Funds Available		<u>£6,190.60</u>