



The Club

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern

23rd September 2012

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Andrew Smith, Gerald Davison, Bob McMillan, Maurice Knight, Dennis Bates, Keith Davies, Dan Sager, Steve Callahan.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held at Sherborne, 29th April 2012.
Proposed: Norman Hyde
Seconded: Ray Battersby **Approved**
- 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Tony Dawson said that some interesting and delicate items were debated during his term in office and he had found the two years extremely interesting and enjoyable, hard work but enjoyable. It had given him a much better insight into how the Club was operated and financed, finance being an item that Frank would discuss during his time in the post. Tony was confident that Frank would make a good Chairman. Tony concluded his report saying he hoped he had done his best by the Committee and the Club and thanked the Committee for their support during the term. Tony then handed over to Frank Finch.

Frank thanked Tony for his two years in office but did not believe it had been a pleasure and could see all the smiles of the ex-Chairman in the room knowing what lay ahead. Frank said it was a privilege to stand in front of everyone and looked forward to serving the Club.

- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Rick Parish opened by saying that the last two or three Runs had shown some interesting comparisons, going from high costs and barely breaking even, to Sherborne where we made a surplus of £1500. Rick said that the Committee in principal is uncomfortable making such a large surplus and the idea is to put that money back into future Runs.
- The Treasurer voiced his concern that more hotels are near the edge of insolvency and in some cases where, say, a wedding had been booked the hotel had gone bust taking the pre-paid deposit money with them. The arrangement whereby Yamaha confirms the booking only avoids us having to pay a deposit at time of booking, with the full payment then due about a month before we arrive.
- With the last two Runs we had to effectively pay for everything in advance and with Runs costing up to £8-9000, this has the potential to be a major worry. The use of a personal credit card, which is how we pay at currently, would be unlikely to protect us in the event of the hotel going down. For this reason the Treasurer is keen for our reserves to be at a sufficient level for us to take one hit without causing too much difficulty.
- Rick said in the run-up to this Run he was quite worried that we would go over budget, but in the event this was not the case helped in no small measure by the speeches. The Friday bar bill was one of the lowest we have had! Rick apologised to those concerned for his worries during the run-up.
- In response to a question the Treasurer agreed to prepare a complete reconciliation of the accounts to go out with these Minutes.
- In answer to a question from Nick Jeffery, Rick advised that the Bank were taking an age to set up the new internet banking arrangements, losing signed forms etc.
- The Hon.Sec., referring to a problem a couple of Runs ago where a guest or guests had seemingly not paid, asked if monies had been received from all attendees on this Run. The Treasurer replied that a couple of people need a phone call to clarify who is paying for whom. Some debate followed regarding why people were on the Run if money had not been received. It was the feeling of the meeting that to assist the Organiser with room bookings, there should be a strict cut-off point for entries.

Accounts for Sherborne and Malvern attached below.

Donations for this run were received from: Nick Jeffery, Tony Dawson, Craig Carey-Clinch, Graham Goodman, Bob Trigg, Rick Parish, Jon Taylor (Guest), Tony Jakeman, Keith Davies, Charles Smart, Frank Finch, Peter Meek, Bill Colquhoun, Dan Sager.

6. Future Runs:

Spring 2013	Bob McMillan	Date	19 th -20 th April
Organisers		Location	Snowdonia

Autumn 2013 Organisers	Tony Jakeman Nick Hopkins	Date Location	27th- 29 th Sept. Pembrokeshire
Spring 2014 Organisers	Ben Matthews Dan Sager	Date Location	TBA Cotswolds
Autumn 2014	Dave Martin	Date Location	26 th -28 th Sept.. Ravenscar
Spring 2015	Craig Carey-Clinch	Date Location	T.B.A. T.B.A.
Autumn 2015	Tom Waterer	Date Location	T.B.A. Central

No news had been received regarding Spring 2013. Rick Parish had written to Dave Dew two weeks ago for information but no reply as yet. Hon Sec to follow up.

Subsequent to this meeting contact was established with Bob McMillan on his return from abroad who confirmed that the Run will be based in The Waterloo Hotel, Betws-y-Coed, LI24-0AR, on the above dates. This venue was chosen for the central Snowdonia location together with the Waterloo Hotel for the ambience and quality of accommodation. We have exclusive use of the Bridge Restaurant. The choice of route is varied and will suit all riding Members.

Tony Jakeman advised that he had chosen Pembrokeshire as the location for his Run and currently has a shortlist of three hotels that seem to fit our requirements with a couple of them located in Tenby. Tony said he would make his decision on the hotel in the next month or so and had already begun to select some of the route and that Nick Hopkins had kindly agreed to assist in the organization.

Ben Matthews had only put his name forward a couple of weeks ago for Spring 2014 so did not have much to say at present, other than the Run would probably be based in the Cotswolds where Enfield had used several hotels for dealer meetings.

Three Members kindly offered to organise further Runs as detailed above, so we are now covered until 2016.

- 7. Website:** Dave Martin explained that although it was the intention to have the site up and running by the end of Tony's chairmanship this had proved impossible due to pressure of work.

Three quarters of the work had been done with the uploading of Run Reports etc. nearly complete. Dave promised to try and finish it off as soon as possible. In response to a question regarding the slide show this weekend Tony Dawson replied that John Noble, who had done the filming, recording etc. this weekend very generously free of charge, would make available a DVD which could be put on the site. Geoff Selvidge said that it was extremely difficult to take accurate notes of the speeches this weekend and it would be very useful in his report to have a link direct to the DVD on the website.

Ray Battersby asked particularly that our indebtedness to our President, Dennis Bates, be recorded in the Minutes. Dennis is an incredible historian of The Club with a brilliant memory and has written many reports going back many years. These will, of course, feature on the website.

8. **New Members:** David Martin proposed his son Jonathan saying that he had been on several Runs as a guest, but only the last three qualifying for Membership. Jonathan began his career in the motorcycle industry by joining Yamaha in 2001 as Area Sales Manager. In 2008 he became Area Sales Manager for Suzuki and this was followed by promotion to National Sales manager in 2011. He has been a keen motorcyclist for many years and intends to stay in the business.

Full proposal below.

Proposed: David Martin

Seconded: Tony Dawson

Approved

9. **A.O.B.** Alan Blake asked if we had received the group picture taken in front of the Swordfish at Yeovil on the last Run. This has not been received and it was suggested that Gerald may be able to help. This prompted a question regarding the group picture taken at Lands End. Graham Matcham has now sent this to the Hon.Sec. Nick Jeffery queried the lack of announcement regarding donations. This is normally done during Friday evening but on this occasion became neglected due to pressure of events. They are included above as usual. Nick also pointed out that the standard of corner marking was sometimes not of the usual standard with people standing around with helmets off etc. causing delays. Tony Jakeman told us that he was standing with his hand out and the local bus stopped for him! Replying to a comment from the floor regarding timing of Runs, Rick pointed out that there was a dramatic fall off in hotel prices after schools etc. return from the summer break

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking Tom and Norman for putting together a great weekend with great roads and special evenings. (Applause)

Meeting closed at 09.30

Club Run at Great Malvern Run Date 22nd September 2012

Total Number Attending	37
Members	25
Retired Members	7
Guests	5

INCOME

Bookings	£	8,033.00
Donations	£	280.00
Raffle	£	-
Sgt @ Arms	£	18.07

Total £8,331.07

EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£6,346.50
Friday Bar	£350.40
Friday Wine	£339.00
Saturday Bar	£438.85
Saturday Wine	£369.00
Tea/Lunch/Coffee	£503.55
Point of Interest	£100.00

Total £8,447.30

Surplus **(£116.23)**

Drink/Head = £ 40.47

BANK BALANCES

Opening balance before run	£8,809.70
Run surplus/(deficit)	(£116.23)
Other expenses - web site, secretaries expenses etc	-43.67
Sale of club tie	10
Deposit paid re Spring 2013	-1250
Closing balances after run (incl deposit a/c £1,400.04)	£ 7,409.80

Club Run at Sherbourne

Run Date 29th April 2012

Total Number Attending	37
Members	24
Retired Members	10
Guests	3

INCOME

Bookings	£	7,549.00
Donations	£	380.00
Raffle	£	48.05
Sgt @ Arms	£	28.99

Total £8,006.04

EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£4,498.00
Friday Bar	£271.75
Friday Wine	£230.00
Saturday Bar	£350.40
Saturday Wine	£195.50
Tea/Lunch/Coffee	£823.50
Point of Interest	£100.00

Total £6,469.15

Surplus £1,536.89

Drink/Head = £ 28.31

BANK BALANCES

Opening balance before run	£7,272.81
Run surplus	£1,536.89
Closing balance after run	£ 8,809.70

Proposal for Membership

Jonathan Martin

National Sales Manager, Suzuki GB

Jonathan has been on quite a few runs over the past 12 years, and some members have asked why I didn't just propose Jonathan for membership when he was promoted to National Sales Manager at Suzuki. I had not classed Jonathan as an "Eligible Guest" so I kept his invites to the "2 runs in 3 years clause" and only invited him accordingly. I have not applied any of these previous runs as part of his 3 runs as an "Eligible Guest" because I didn't wish to put him, me or The Club in an awkward situation that may have occurred had I done so.

Jonathan has now been completed his third run as an Eligible Guest in his new position as National Sales Manager for Suzuki GB.

Jonathan started work at JJB Sports in Gloucester when he left school, realised the retail wasn't probably for him and then moved onto a position of "Area Sales Manager" for a Gloucestershire firm, Gardiner Bros & Co (Leathers) Ltd. selling footwear in the Midlands and in Northern Ireland.

He first attended a Club Run as a non-eligible guest at Fort William and after that run a position of Area Sales Manager at Yamaha UK became available, for which he applied and was successful. So he started his career in the Motorcycle Industry with Yamaha, in May 2001.

In August 2008 he joined Suzuki as an Area Sales Manager. After David Taylor moved on to pastures new, Jonathan was promoted to National Sales Manager of Suzuki GB in August 2011

Apart from the fact it's always fun to have a weekend riding motorcycles with ones son, I think Jonathan makes good membership material. Having grown up on the back of a Harley – he frequently came to events, country wide, with me in my Harley-days in the 80's (primarily to escape his Mother I think) & he has been a motorcyclist ever since - even owning his own motorcycles over the years!

I therefore propose Jonathan for Club Membership

David Martin