



# The Club

## Minutes of the General Meeting of The Club

Holiday Inn, Newcastle, 14 September 2014

**1) Apologies for Absence:** David O'Neil, Bob McMillan, Tom Waterer, Maurice Knight, Dennis Bates, Ray Battersby, Mike Jackson, Craig Carey Clinch, Keith Davies, Ian Kerr.

**2) Approval of Minutes:** Farncombe 27 April 2014      **Proposed:** Andrew Smith  
**Seconded:** Graham Matcham

**3) Matters Arising:** The Chairman mentioned that Craig Carey Clinch offered to try to organise a dinner at the House of Commons but understood that this could take some time.

**4) Chairman's Report:** Frank once again thanked Dave and Jonathan Martin for a superb Run. Frank said he had very little to add to the report he made at dinner the previous evening other than to thank Dave Martin for arranging for curry to be available at breakfast on the Sunday morning.

Frank said it now gave him great pleasure to vacate his seat for the new chairman – Graham Matcham. Applause.

**5) Chairman Graham Matcham** thanked Frank for his efforts over the past couple of years and felt it was a great honour to take over the Chair. Graham indicated that his aim is to keep The Club running smoothly during his tenure also that the Club Runs were among the highlights of his year.

**6) Treasurer's Report:** Rick apologised for not having figures available as a connection was not available for his laptop. Rick reiterated that we have been worried for a couple of years regarding a hotel going bust with our money and it happened. The original hotel for this run went bust having taken our deposit of £690. Dave and Jonathan had to do an enormous amount of work to find a new hotel and re-route the entire run. Massive thanks were due to Nick Jeffery who went to great lengths to find out who owned what and where and we got our money back. Applause.

The Holiday Inn required a pre-payment of £4000 2 weeks prior to The Run which is why we need a balance in our account of £7-8000 to guard against other hotels running into difficulties with our money and leaving us broke.

We are still trying to get a final correct invoice from Farncombe for the last run but it looks like will finish with about £180 surplus leaving us with about £7200 in the bank with three future run deposits paid.

Following a question from Graham Matcham, Rick advised that future deposits at this stage are anything from £2-500 but hotels require a large payment covering all the accommodation about four weeks before the event as most have experience of people making a large booking and not turning up on the day.

*Accounts and Donations covering Farncombe and Newcastle Have been added at the end of these minutes (Hon.Sec).*

**7) Future Runs:**

<b>Spring 2015 Organisers</b>	Craig Carey Clinch Graham Matcham	Location	Tavistock, Devon 17-19 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
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Graham advised that our hotel is the Bedford situated in the middle of the town. We have the whole hotel. The run will take us on a circular tour including the three moors, Bodmin Moor, Exmoor and Dartmoor.

<b>Autumn 2015 Organisers</b>	T. Waterer Norman Hyde, Martyn Roberts	Location	Barford, Warwick 18-20 <sup>th</sup> September
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The hotel will be the Glebe Hotel, Barford with the run being about 180 miles incorporating either or both National M/cycle Museum and Mallory Park.

<b>Spring 2016 Organisers</b>	Jonathan Martin Adam Kelley	Location	Inverness 7-8-9-10 <sup>th</sup> April
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Jonathan reported that a provisional booking had been made with the Palace Hotel in the centre of town which has all the usual facilities of a 4star hotel. There will be the usual option of an overnight stay at Kirkby Lonsdale on the way up.

<b>Autumn 2016 Organisers</b>	Dave Martin Frank Finch	Location	Eire 22-25 <sup>th</sup> September
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Dave advised that the Danby Lodge Hotel (a Best Western hotel), Rosslare has been booked and deposit paid and both he and Frank he will make a trip next year to finalise the route.

<b>Spring 2017 Organisers</b>	Steve Callahan Rick Parish	Location	T.B.A.
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Graham Matcham thanked all Run organisers past and future for their efforts without which none of this would happen.

**8) Website:** Graham thanked Dave Martin for organising the website so efficiently and for making the booking system so easy to use. Dave pointed out that there are two logins – one to get into the site, which keeps the public out, and another which the Member has chosen which is used as a **customer** when booking a run. The **customer login** may not be the same as that used to get into the site as the **customer** has arranged this.

**9) New Members:** Graham asked that we all think about getting some new members or guests from current manufacturers and importers etc.

**10) A.O.B.** Some discussion took place regarding the demise of the raffle which drew somewhat mixed feelings from the meeting, with many pointing out that it was a highlight of the weekend generating much humour and banter amongst members, whilst others pointed to the extremely poor quality of **some** of the prizes, despite many pleas over the years, leading to some discontent from members.

It was felt that the monetary raffle prizes introduced this weekend were good, but the Chairman felt that the raffle could return but with a different set of rules with fewer bottles of wine, better value prizes etc. and appealed to members to come forward with ideas as to how this element of the weekend can be improved.

The Raffle prize at Newcastle was divided into 3 donations to be used on future runs, 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £60 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £40. The three winners – Andrew Smith, Rick Parish and David Martin – have all donated 50% of their prizes to the Woking Cancer Charity and donated the remaining 50% back to club funds.

*Norman Hyde again raised the question of female membership of The Club but it is felt that some of the comments from the floor would be inappropriate for a family publication such as this. (Hon.Sec.)*

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking Frank Finch for his chairmanship and congratulating once again this weekend's run organisers.

Meeting closed 09.40

*Ray Battersby has expressed his thanks to members for their kind messages of goodwill on receipt of the signed menu card from the Newcastle run. (Hon.Sec.)*

## Club Run in Newcastle Run Date 13th September 2014

Total Number Attending	28
Members	22
Retired Members	5
Guests	1

### INCOME

Bookings	£ 6,105.00
Donations	£ 180.00
Sgt @ Arms	£ 40.30

### EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£ 4,101.70
Friday Bar & wine	£ 699.20
Saturday Bar & wine	£ 633.80
Morning tea	£ 85.55
Lunch	£ 526.40
Afternoon coffee	£ 90.00

Total	£6,325.30	Total	£6,136.65
	<b>Surplus</b>		<b>£188.65</b>

### BANK BALANCES

Opening balance brought forward 26th April 2014 £6,430.45

**Run surplus/(deficit) above £188.65**

#### Other non-run income and expenses in period:

Sale of ties	£25.00
Paypal charges	- 46.31
Other expenses - secretaries expenses	-
Other expenses - Tony Dawson purchase of awards	-
Expenses on Spring 2014 accrued but not needed	191.45

**Closing bank balances after run and @ 30th September 2014 £ 6,789.24**

### DEPOSITS IN HAND

D Martin re Irish run 9/1/14	184
Rowan Public affairs 20/2/14	600
Norman Hyde/ Tom Waterer	100
	<u>£ 884</u>

## Club Run in Farncombe Run Date 26th April 2014

Total Number Attending	35
Members	23
Retired Members	9
Guests	3

### INCOME

Bookings	£9,100.00
Donations	£ 205.00
Raffle	£ 35.00
Sgt @ Arms	£ 28.35

### EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£ 6,127.00
Friday Bar & wine	£ 765.80
Saturday Bar & win	£ 1,168.40
Morning tea	£ 87.50
Lunch	£ 291.60
Afternoon coffee	£ 126.00

Total £9,368.35

Total £8,566.30

**Surplus**

**£802.05**