



The Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Club

Sherborne Hotel, Dorset

29th April 2012

1) **Apologies:** Tony Jakeman, Richard Davies, Lester Harris, Dave Plummer, Bill Colquhoun, Wilf Harrison, Bob McMillan, Mike Jackson, Martyn Roberts, David O'Neill, John Wakefield, Simon Hill, Adam Kelly. Mike Evans.

2) **Approval of Minutes:** General Meeting, Brands Hatch, September 2011

Proposed: Frank Finch

Seconded: Dennis Bates

Approved

3) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman said that it had been an interesting year, learning on the job, so to speak. Items under discussion during the year had included progress of the Club's website, organisers Run Notes, Club Run rules, improvements in the way the Run spread sheet is applied and operated thanks to Dave Martin, the retirement of the Treasurer together with a presentation made to Dennis at Brands Hatch, and the appointment of a successor to mention a few.

The Chairman mentioned that he would like to see the completion of the Goodwood report before his term of office ended at the next Run. Also, it was his intention to re-introduce the position of Vice-Chairman and would discuss this in Committee following this meeting. Moving on to the current Run the Chairman summed up the feeling of Members by saying the Gerald had done a first class job of organising this Run, assisted by Keith, with slick timings, excellent choice of Hotel, roads and locations. (Applause).

5) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer opened by thanking Dave Martin for developing the spread sheet which has been a great help to all concerned over the last couple of runs. David has summarised figures over a number of runs enabling organisers to make accurate predictions of likely costs to good effect.

The Brands Hatch run was always going to be expensive, but with an element of ducking and diving with regards to the supplies of wine etc., managed to return a modest surplus.

With regard to our current position, we have £6300 in the bank. The Treasurer pointed out that although we are not in the business of making profits it is useful to have a reserve fund to cover a disaster or special event etc. (Accounts attached)

Rick emphasised for future organisers that he was always available to help with the spread sheet or any other financial aspect of run organisation.

In answer to a question from the floor Rick also explained that he was having difficulties with the Bank with regard to obtaining on-line access, and had still not heard back regarding change of signatories, the form for which had been sent several weeks ago. He thought this may be due to ours not being a business account and having two departments dealing with us. Full summary of accounts to follow.

Donations for this run had been received from: Gerald Davison, Keith Davies, Craig Carey Clinch, Graham Goodman, Peter Sheen, Adam Kelley, Andrew Smith, Simon Hill, Martin Lambert, Tony Dawson, Nick Jeffery, Nick Hopkins, Frank Finch, Norman Hyde, Rick Parish, Nich Brown, Bill Colquhoun, Wilf Harrison.

6) Future Runs:

Autumn 2012		Date	21st-23rd Sept.
Organisers	Tom Waterer/Nick Jeffery	Location	Malvern
Spring 2013		Date	TBA
Organiser	Bob McMillan	Location	Wales
Autumn 2013		Date	TBA
Organiser	Tony Jakeman	Location	West Wales

Tom thanked Nick for his help and advised that we would be based at the large Abbey Hotel in Malvern which had been used on a previous run. (1978). Tom briefly outlined the route which will include Bromyard, Ludlow, Knighton, Monmouth. and Newent. It is hoped to include a visit to a cider production facility but this is to be confirmed. Total mileage will be about 160.

No news as yet regarding Spring and Autumn 2013. **Volunteers required for Autumn 2014.**

7) Club Website: Dave Martin reported that he, Ray and Rick had met twice to move things on and had now moved away from a bespoke site to an 'off the shelf' system. We were on the point of purchase, when the original business we were dealing with was sold, meaning that we had go to new suppliers who have a different way of working and this has meant a new learning curve and obviously delayed things somewhat.

The website team is still working on how to facilitate on-line payment but members will be able to download the entry form and send it with a cheque. The bank Account details will be on the site for members to make a direct transfer if they so wish, or by credit card.

Ray is proceeding with the conversion of Run Reports and other documents to PDF files etc. And now believes he has 77% of the reports done, but there are quite a few missing, in particular the Goodwood run.*

The Chairman thanked Dave, Ray and Rick for their continuing efforts to get the site up and running. (Applause)

8) New Members: There were no new Member proposals.

9) A.O.B. Keith Davies took the opportunity to thank Greg Elson for continuing to supply the RAC back up patrol for our runs.

Dave Martin suggested that each new member should be officially welcomed on his first run after being voted in. **Approved**

Andrew Smith asked that consideration be given to Members who would like to attend Runs but were unable to ride for various reasons. This would be particularly important with the upcoming anniversary Runs.

The Chairman replied that this would be discussed in committee.

Meeting closed 09.20

At the Committee meeting following the AGM it was agreed that older Members no longer able to ride should be invited to attend Runs in a car, joining us at coffee, lunch, visit etc., but not following the exact route. They would stay at the hotel as usual and pay normal rate.

The Committee also re-affirmed that the retired rate would apply to those aged 65 or over and not working.

**(The Hon.Sec. has some original hard copy Run reports together with other documents and is still awaiting the much promised invitation to a very expensive lunch where these would be handed over to the Club Archivist!)*