

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Club

Bedford Hotel, Tavistock. 19th April 2015

1) **Apologies for Absence:** Maurice Knight, Alan Blake, Tony Jakeman, Peter Sheen, Dennis Bates. Frank Finch.

2) **Approval of Minutes**: Newcastle, Sept. 2014. **Proposed:** Geoff Selvidge **Seconded:** Nick Jeffery

3) Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

4) Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance this weekend and hoped everyone had enjoyed their time here. Graham said it was his first full meeting and all seemed to be going well and thanked the committee for their assistance. Graham continued: 'We've sailed seamlessly through the first part of the year and we have got the first run of the year under our belts and it has gone well. The Club is strong and we are always looking for new people, so if Members know of anyone who would like to come and enjoy the things we do, and fit the joining criteria, please think hard about that as we would like to see some new faces which would keep the Club strong moving forwards'. The Chairman reported on the Committee Meeting held at Newcastle last year where there was a brief discussion concerning the structure of the committee which consists of five members. There had been indications of interest from some members to become more involved with the Club and expressed an interest in joining the committee. The Chairman was now pleased to announce that Mr Nick Hopkins and Mr Geoff Selvidge will now be part of the committee.

Two gentlemen had stepped down from the committee – Mr David Martin and Mr Andrew Smith. Graham thanked Andrew and Dave for their efforts over the years on behalf of the Club. The Chairman also thanked Dave Martin for the website which has made booking a run not only easier for the participants but particularly for the organisers, in that they know where they are at any stage in the procedure

5) **Treasurer's Report:** Rick Parish reported that after an exciting couple of years with one of the hotels going bust and Farncombe getting their accounts in a muddle, which has all been sorted out, we have no problems at present.

We currently have around £6500 in the bank with deposits for Eire and the Autumn run paid, and runs now making about £150 - £200 surplus.

Donations for this run were received from: Peter Sheen, Keith Davies, Tony Jakeman, Adam Kelley, Bob McMillan, Rick Parish, Andrew Smith, Craig Carey Clinch, Tony Dawson, Frank Finch, Nick Hopkins, Dan Sager.

6) **Future Runs:**

Autumn 2015Martyn RobertsLocationBarford, WarwickOrganisersNorman Hyde,18-20th September

The hotel will be the Glebe Hotel, Barford. The route will be south to Broadway, including Fish Hill then north to lunch near Rugby, then into Leicestershire.

Spring 2016Jonathan MartinLocationInvernessOrganisersAdam Kelley7-10th April

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.

Autumn 2016 Dave Martin Location Eire

Organisers Frank Finch 21-25th September

Dave said that the ferry company were giving a good discount and the Best Western, Rosslare was booked and deposit paid.

Spring 2017 Steve Callahan Location Norfolk

Organisers Rick Parish

The Chairman again thanked all Organisers for the efforts which make this Club strong.

- 7) **Website:** There were no matters to report regarding the website which is operating well.
- 8) **New Members:** There were no new member proposals at present and the Chairman said that it would be good if we could get one representative from every major marque of motorcycle in the UK. Perhaps we could review our contact lists with a view of inviting others along to enjoy our fantastic weekends with us and broaden the strength of the Club for the future.
- 8) **A.O.B.:** The Chairman distributed 'Devon' car stickers to all and sundry having described the convoluted efforts required to obtain a sufficient quantity bearing in mind that gift shops mainly stock only one, at most two, of the said item.

Graham then again thanked Craig and his lady for the work put in on organising the run so successfully. (Thunderous applause)

Meeting closed 09.20