

# Minutes of the General Meeting of The Club

## Tankersley Manor Hotel, Tankersley

10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked members for their prompt arrival.

- 1) **Apologies:** Bob MacMillan, David O'Neil, Martin Lambert, Tony Jakeman, Jonathan Martin, Roy Pinto, Ben Matthews, Frank Finch, Graham Matcham, Andy Mayo Dave Plummer, Peter Meek.
  
- 2) **Donations:** Received from: Frank Finch, Rick Parish, Peter Sheen, Andy Mayo, Nick Jeffery, Roy Pinto, Keith Davies, Andrew Smith, Tony Jakeman, Nick Hopkins, Graham Matcham
  
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Thetford.   **Proposed** - Ian Kerr  

**Seconded**- Norman Hyde
  
- 4) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

### 5) **Chairman's Report:**

Before commencing his report the Chairman mentioned that word had reached him that it was a Member's birthday today, the Member being Maurice Knight celebrating his 89<sup>th</sup>. Warm applause followed this announcement. (*Sadly, Maurice lost his lovely wife Joyce shortly before this Run, following a long illness. Hon.Sec.*)

The Chairman thanked Nick and Tom for a fantastic Run with accommodation, route, food, stops and everything else falling into place smoothly. A special note of thanks was due to Tony Dawson for the large amount of planning work done for this Run prior to his recent illness which prevented his attendance. (*Norman and Andrew visited Tony on Friday and gave him a severe talking to regarding his lack of food intake.*)

*Norman received a text from Marie on Saturday night had now partaken of a bacon cob and a bowl of soup).*

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming on this Run from far and near, some even from overseas, and especially thanked the older members for coming along and flying the flag – much appreciated.

The Chairman also thanked the Hon.Treasurer and Hon.Sec together with the Committee for help behind the scenes.

The Chairman said he had previously asked for greater attendance on Runs together with more eligible guests to be invited. The situation has improved and Members were asked to keep on talking to each other so we can continue this monster which is our Club.

## **6) Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer mentioned again that the consumption of drink is the largest unknown when assessing the likely cost of a Run and can hugely effect the financial outcome – a couple of extra pints can easily put another £400 to £500 onto costs. Delays arriving Friday evening or back from the Run, can reduce available drinking time, which can significantly influence the finances of a Run. The cost of lunches can also have a big impact, with a modest lunch helping the overall budget.

Overall, we're generally covering costs with some Runs losing small amounts and others making a modest profit.

PayPal has been dropped as a payment method to reduce costs.

Norfolk in Spring 2017 had 35 attending – 21 Members, 9 retired, 5 guests. Surplus of £587.

The bank balance would therefore have been £4685.88 after the Spring 2017 Run, but a deposit of £1100 had to be paid re Autumn 2017, leaving the bank balance at £3585.88 at 15<sup>th</sup> July (the date where the Spring Run finances were closed but before Autumn 2017 bookings). Accounts attached.

## **7) Future Runs:**

**Spring 2018. Date 13-14<sup>th</sup> April. Location. Albrighton Hotel, Shrewsbury.**

**Organisers:** Andrew Smith Martin Lambert

Andrew advised that we will stay in the above hotel and that most of the route, about 180 miles, has been planned taking us into Wales. If the weather is bad there are a number of escape routes back to the hotel. Andrew also asked that as the hotel is more or less in the centre of the country, we actively try and get more non riding Members to attend when it would be possible to arrange mini bus transport for the Run itself.

**Autumn 2018. Date 7-8<sup>th</sup> September. Location Little Clifton, Cumbria.**

**Organisers:** Geoff Selvidge David O'Neil

Geoff Selvidge reported that we would be staying at the Melgrove Hotel in Little Clifton, which is just outside the Lake District Nation Park and offered good value for money. The family run hotel is currently undergoing an expensive refurbishment which will be completed this year.

The route will be roughly 150 miles which is about as long as one would want in the Lake District with a lunch stop with a point of interest. The hotel will arrange for proper beer to be available!

**Spring 2019. Simon Hill**

Simon Hill has kindly offered to organise this Run. Thanks from the meeting.

## **7) Club Website:**

Dave Martin said all seems to be running smoothly with a couple of changes including the dropping of PayPal as a payment method and an up-dating of the Run Organisers notes. The Chairman thanked David Martin for his ongoing efforts regarding the website. Applause.

## **8) New Members:**

Norman Hyde reported that Tim Macebee completed his third Run this weekend. The Committee had already approved Tim's eligibility and Norman read a brief career history to the meeting and then proposed Tim for Membership.

**Proposed: Norman Hyde**  
**Seconded: Martin Roberts**  
**Approved**

Norman also mentioned Neil Tuxworth who has now completed his second Run as a guest and will be proposed at a later date, his eligibility having been approved by the committee.

### **9) A.O.B.:**

The Chairman raised the question of Club Ties, or rather the lack of them in Club stock. To order new stock we would need to order 25 and at the current rate they would last about the same number of years. The question is 'do we want new ties', and if we do, what design do we want. Design and production would cost in the region of £700.

Ray Battersby suggested we go for a pin or clasp with the Club Logo which could be worn with anything. Following further suggestions from the floor the Chairman summarised as follows:

- 1, We should get some firm quotes to get ties made.
- 2, Investigate getting some pin badges made.
- 3, We could recycle some old ties until above points have been examined.

Nick Hopkins, in the light of this Run, highlighted the need for a back-up organiser as mentioned in the Run Organisers Notes on the website.

The Chairman also wished to thank S----- for providing the breakdown vehicle. The Hon. Sec. also advised that our friend Simon Hill had mentioned over breakfast that this generous assistance would be available on future Runs. The meeting offered thanks to S----

Tom Waterer raised the subject of Members drinking in the bar until late pointing out that if you have drunk 12 units you will likely still be over the limit the following morning. Ian Kerr added that any driving incident at any hour will result in being breathalysed. Also more people are caught

early in the morning than at any other time. It was agreed that Tom had made a good point.

Meeting closed 09.41

**Accounts for Spring 2017 Run (Thetford) below**

## Club Run in Thetford

### Run Date 22nd April 2017

Total Number Attending	35		
Members	21		
Retired Members	9		
Guests	5		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Bookings	£9,551.00	Accommodation/meals	£8,596.33
Donations	£190.00	Morning teas	£50.00
		Lunches	£230.00
		Afternoon coffees	£60.00
		Paypal/Bank charges	141.97
		Place of interest -donation	75
		Other expenses	0
Total Income	£9,741.00	Total Costs	£9,153.30
		<b>Surplus</b>	<u><b>£587.70</b></u>

<b>BANK BALANCES</b>	
Opening balance	£4,312.86
<b>Run surplus/(deficit) above</b>	<b>£587.70</b>
Ties and new member fees	55
Interest received	£0.23
Less: web site charges 9 mths x £29.99	-269.91
<b>Cash at bank before paying deposits for future runs</b>	<u><b>4685.88</b></u>
Less; Deposits for future runs - Sept 2017 Sheffield	-1100
<b>Closing bank balances 15th July 2017 (ie after run costs paid up)</b>	<u><b>£3,585.88</b></u>

<b>DEPOSITS IN HAND</b>	
T Dawson re September 2017 Sheffield	£1,100.00