



The Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Sherborne Hotel, Sherborne

29th April 2007

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Andrew Smith, Tony Jakeman, William Colquhoun, John Nelson, Michael Evans, Chris Ventress, Peter Bolton, Greg Elson, Steve Male, Frank Finch, Richard Davies, Martin Lambert, Bob McMillan, Dave Plummer, Geoff Selvidge, David Dew, David Taylor, Nich Brown, Ken Sprayson.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** of the General Meeting held at Llandrindod Wells,
1st Oct. 2006
Proposed: Wilf Harrison
Seconded: Tom Waterer **Approved**
- 3. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman said that since taking over the role little of significance had occurred until this run where we have all had a splendid time. Everything has been good, Hotel, scenery, roads and the weather. Martyn thanked Gerald Davison for a great run, thanks also to Keith Davies for his role as TEC.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Dennis thanked Nick Jeffery for an excellent set of figures for Welsh run last October showing a small excess of expenditure over income. (Accounts attached) Dennis pointed out that it is no reflection on the organiser if we make a profit or loss on a run as it is extraordinarily difficult to draw all elements together.
The reserves of the Club continue to be in good order, now standing at £6437.

This strength enables us to meet a changing market where organisers have to pay significant deposits in advance – the next two runs for example have paid nearly £900 in deposits.

We are also moving towards our 50th anniversary and good funding will allow us to prepare for that in addition to other on going expenditure.

Dennis reported that although most members made their bookings for this run in good time, some didn't and this makes negotiating with the hotel extremely difficult in some cases with lots of extra e-mails, phone calls etc. Dennis asked that all members keep to the time scale when booking as the mechanics for the next run may change. There was nothing sinister in this but be warned.

Donations for this run were received from: Ray Battersby, Greg Elson, Graham Goodman, Maurice Knight, Peter Meek, Wilf Harrison, Martin Lambert, Peter Sheen, Nick Hopkins, Nick Jeffery, Andrew Smith, Frank Finch, Tony Jakeman, Steve Callahan, Rick Parish, William Colquhoun, Chris Ventress, Peter Agg, Peter Bolton, Steve Male, Nich Brown

6. **New President:** Maurice Knight said that it is time for retirement as one can't go on for ever, and felt that long term member Mike Jackson would be the right man for the job.

Proposed: Maurice Knight

Seconded: Keith Davies

Approved

Mike Jackson replied that when Maurice suggested this to him he was uncharacteristically lost for words and then thought that the Club must be in serious trouble. Mike said he would do his best to uphold members' confidence in making him president.

7. **Future Runs:**

Autumn 2007

Organiser	Dan Sager	Date	TBA
		Location	Oxfordshire

Spring 2008

Organisers	Dave Martin	Date	25-27 April
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Andrew Smith	Location	Ballachulish
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Autumn 2008

Organiser	Greg Elson	Date	TBA
		Location	Warwickshire

Dan Sager advised that the hotel was booked just outside Banbury with a figure of eight run west in the morning and east in the afternoon. We have 33 beds

at the Wroxton House Hotel. If numbers are high there is the possibility of out posting.

Dave Martin advised that the run would be about 250 miles. A stopover on the way up would be arranged in the area of Kirkby Lonsdale on the Thursday. For those who would rather not ride that far there may be the option of flying up and collecting a loan machine, or delivering their machine to Brooklands as previously, for onward delivery. There would probably be a charge for this.

8. New Members: No new proposals

9. A.O.B. Dennis Bates read out a letter from our friend Peter Bolton. Peter expressed his dismay at not being permitted to bring his wife to the run as his driver.

Peter wishes to come on Club Runs and members agreed that he should be with us after such long service to the industry. Dennis explained that Peter is not able to drive or ride so transport is the major problem and the question implicit in Peter's letter is 'can he bring his wife'.

Gerald Davison reported that Peter had spoken to him regarding the situation and Gerald suggested that his wife drive Peter to the venue but could not be part of the weekend, further suggesting that Mrs Bolton could stay in another excellent hotel in Sherborne. It seemed Peter would not accept his wife not being part of the weekend.

The Chairman pointed out that he could not remember a Club run that did not have a 4wheel vehicle of some kind involved, be it the RAC van or John Nelson etc. If Peter could make his own arrangements to get to the hotel, he would be assured of transport for the run itself and everyone would be happy.

Alan Blake mentioned that we had a similar problem several years ago regarding members in cars, some of which proved less than reliable causing delays.

Dennis pointed out that John Nelson uses direct routes to coffee and lunch stops when not in the RAC van keeping the organiser's route clear.

After further discussion the Chairman again suggested that Peter make his own domestic arrangements to get to and from the venue where transport for the run would be provided. After all we seem always to have an RAC van with us.

Wilf Harrison suggested that we write to Peter to that effect. This action was accepted by members and the secretary agreed to do this.

Keith Davies raised the question of new club ties. Dave Martin has taken over the task of sourcing from Andrew and was hoping to have had a sample with him but this had not arrived in time. As we have a number in stock it was agreed this was not a pressing matter.

Alan Blake raised the subject of Member's CVs. and pointed out that the system had broken down. Alan suggested that he send the Hon. Sec. a supply of forms that could be sent out to new members with the welcome letter in order that records can be kept up to date. Agreed.

In answer to a question from Maurice Alan reported that the end of the tunnel was in sight regarding the history of the Club and Members and the finish is now fairly close.

Tony Dawson asked for some guidance regarding a possible guest who is involved with Chinese motorcycles and wondered if this would be a political issue. The Chairman asked for the views of members who were involved when Japanese machines arrived. Gerald said the same conversation took place in the early seventies when he joined the Club. The general opinion was that provided the company was a member of the Association and the machines were marketed in a proper manner there should be no problem. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Tony for raising the matter in front of members before inviting the guest.

Nick Jeffery raised the question of deposit being paid up front with the possibility of the hotel folding subsequently. Dan Sager said that it had been decided the organiser would pay by Visa and be re-imbursed by the Club as private individuals were covered.

Meeting closed at 09.30

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