

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**The Club**  
**Albrighton Hotel Shrewsbury**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

1) **Apologies:** Peter Meek, Maurice Knight, Craig Carey-Clinch, Adam Kelley, David Taylor. Tony Jakeman.

2) **Approval of Minutes:** General Meeting held at Tankersly-----

**Proposed: Andrew Smith**

**Seconded: Ian Kerr**

**Approved**

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

4) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Members for coming from far and wide, and it was particularly encouraging to see new members together with returning familiar faces too.

Dan Sager had previously asked for greater attendance on runs, together with eligible guests. He was not used to people following his instructions so was bowled over by the attendance on this Run – probably the highest for an English Run for 10 years, indicating that The Club seems to be in fine fettle.

The Chairman thanked Andrew Smith and Martin Lambert again for this Run (applause) and all the other players on the stage – Sergeant at Arms, Steve Callahan – Quizmaster, Nick Jeffery and our scribe Geoff Selvidge.

Also a note of continued thanks to Dave Martin (applause) for his webmastery in dragging The Club in to the digital age. Dave is now handing over the Club mouse to the very capable Alan Halford.

The Chairman also thanked the Hon.Sec, Treasurer, and the Committee for behind the scenes work which keeps the good ship Club on an even keel.

Dan's predecessor, Graham Matcham, had now finished his 'parole' as Vice Chairman, to be replaced by Martin Lambert who will become our new Chairman following the Autumn Run, continuing the PR dynasty!

The Chairman continued by saying with the sad passing of Denis Bates we lost not only a good friend and staunch supporter of The Club, but also our President. One of the many wonderful aspects of our Club is that there is no shortage of talent and he was delighted to formally welcome our new President, Keith Davies, a man of considerable standing in our industry (applause).

The Chairman advised Members that the Committee had decided that in order to establish some consistency the President would remain in post for four years, the Chairman for two years and the Vice Chairman for one year.

**5)Treasurer's Report:** Rick Parish opened by introducing the Tankersly Run accounts explaining that there were some difficulties resulting from Tony Dawson's illness, but overall the Run showed a surplus of over £450. Rick again pointed out that the bar costs are absolutely critical with regard to a Run making a surplus or a loss. Bar costs are usually between £500 and £800 a night. Our bank balance is running on average between £3500 to £4000, which is needed to allow for unexpected emergencies, such as a hotel closing etc.

Rick said that while the website is brilliant at keeping Run organisers informed of numbers booking, there have been some problems with people not paying in a timely manner, which leaves organisers unable to confirm numbers with hotels. Hotels usually require this information at least a month in advance. Rick said that in the past the booking made on the website was accepted as confirmation. If the meeting is in agreement Rick would like the new system to be as follows:

**Booking on the website would be an indication only of your *intention* to attend the Run. If payment is not received by the closing date, (usually one month before the Run) the booking is *not confirmed*, and a room at the hotel cannot be guaranteed.** This was agreed by the meeting.

Following a point from the floor some discussion followed regarding the method of payment for a Club run. It was felt that cheque payment was very time consuming. Rick advised that PayPal charge us £12 per transaction, and, with 12 -15 people choosing that method it obviously had an effect on the Run accounts. Following further points from the floor it was decided to ask Members who chose to pay by Paypal or Credit Card to make a 'voluntary' donation of £10 towards the associated costs of this method. This, and the booking details above, will be made clear on the website when making a booking.

There are no charges involved with payment by Debit Card or, the preferred, Bank Transfer.

**Donations:** Thanks to the following – Andrew, Martin Lambert, Peter Sheen, Kevin Howell, Tony Jakeman, Adam Kelley, Frank Finch, Rick Parish, Nick Hopkins, Nick Jeffery, Geoff Selvidge, Keith Davies, Tony Dawson.

## **6)Future Runs:**

**Autumn 2018  
Organisers**

Geoff Selvidge  
David O'Neil

Date 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Location Cumbria

<b>Spring 2019 Organisers</b>	Simon Hill Stephen Burgess	Date T.B.A. Location Northants.
<b>Autumn 2019 Organisers</b>	Norman Hyde Martyn Roberts	Date T.B.A. Location ,Warwickshire

**7)Club Ties:** The Chairman outlined the difficulties with the supply of Club ties as we only order every ten years or so and we have been out of stock for some time. A sample of a new tie was passed round the room and approved.

**8)Club Website:** Dave Martin advised the room that an agreeable meeting took place in a fine Curry House in Newbury where the control of the website was handed over to Alan Halford. Alan reported that he understood some were having problems logging in would investigate. He would also ensure that the new payment arrangements were in place.

**9)New Members:** Simon Hill proposed Stephen Burgess whose involvement with motorcycles goes back a long way. His previous company distributed motorcycles throughout Europe, and his new company distributes new BMW motorcycles and also reconditions previously owned BM's. Stephen owns several classic motorcycles which, as a qualified engineer, he restores himself.

**Proposed:** Simon Hill

**Seconded:** Keith Davies

**Approved**

**10)A.O.B.** Andrew Smith raised yet again the problem of some Members not responding to Run invitations which make booking hotels very difficult for organisers. Andrew said there is a group of Members who never attend a Run for whatever reason, which we have to respect, but do not let the organiser know.

Some discussion took place resulting in a suggestion from the floor that we need to know which Members are inactive but still wish to be kept informed of Club activities, via email, Minutes, Website or whatever.

The Chairman offered to send out a questionnaire to all Members in order to determine whether Members wish to be categorised as: Active, (wish to attend Runs and occasionally just dinners) Inactive, (but wish to receive Club news, email and Minutes etc).

Members agreed this suggestion but recognised that the questions needed much care.

Meeting closed 09.30 Hon. Sec. 17-4-18