



# The Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Waterloo Hotel, Betws-y-Coed

21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

**Apologies for Absence.** Mike Jackson, Bill Colquhoun, Nich Brown, Ray Battersby, Adam Kelley, Alan Halford, Martin Lambert, Dave Plummer, Luke Plummer, Dave Dew, Craig Carey Clinch, Andrew Smith, Tony Dawson, Dave Hancock, Steve Callahan, Bob McMillan, Maurice Knight, Dennis Bates.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting (23 September 2012)**

**Proposed:** Tony Jakeman

**Seconded:** Graham Matcham

The Chairman advised that we had received a generous donation from Dennis which had not been recorded in the Malvern Minutes.

**2. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**3. Chairman's Report:** Frank said that we were all saddened to learn of Wilf Harrison's Death on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and it is always sad when the Club loses a member. As usual the Committee and structure of the Club swung into action, with a letter to the family from our president Dennis followed by a good turnout of Members to pay their respects at the funeral. The Club made a donation to the chosen charity, The British Heart Foundation, and it was felt that the Club did what was expected of it on that occasion.

Frank thanked Bob McMillan and Dave Dew for an excellent run which was blessed with super weather, good roads and scenery. Frank mentioned that being new to the Chairmanship he realises that it is not just the run organisers but also Dave, Graham, and Rick, raffle master, quiz master, sergeant at arms. The run is a credit to all involved and it's a privilege to see it in action together with the smiling faces that result.

Frank offered a big 'thank you' to Dave Martin for the work undertaken to get the Club website up and running. Dave had support from Ray Battersby, Dennis, Rick,

Dave Plummer etc. and thanks were due to them also. The Chairman urged Members to have a proper look at the website as there is a wealth of information about the Club, including run reports, photos, history etc. and is well worth a good look.

Frank also thanked Geoff Selvidge for his excellent run reports and looked forward to the report for this run

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met in November and ran through a few basics around communications, details concerning special runs and procedures as to how they would be organised. The Committee also had a look at the club rules because they don't truly reflect how things are done and a slight tweak to the rules will be carried out to match what actually happens.

The main change will be that the vice-chairman will serve on the committee for a year, and then take over the position of chairman for two years, followed by a further year on the committee before stepping down.

- 4. Treasurers Report:** Rick advised that the accounts for the last couple of runs had gone out with the minutes and as a result of the club spreadsheet it is becoming easier to predict cost more accurately. Rick commented that he strives to keep run costs reasonable at £230 - £250 whilst retaining quality. Rick apologised for being conservative on bar timings but explained that with forty odd people it only takes a couple or so extra drinks per person per night to throw the run into a loss situation which over a relatively short time could deplete our capital.

The last few runs had more or less covered themselves with a little subsidy for the special events and our current balance stood at around £7000.

Rick said the website had made life much easier as the run organiser is aware of how many attendees he will have early on, this being very important now with hotels demanding a large, if not full, payment at least a month in advance. Previously organisers had been dealing with late bookings up to two days before the run leading to many problems.

It would be a great help if members could pay at least a month ahead by credit card, PayPal, or bank transfer as this made the whole thing seamless. It could happen that if payment has not been received from a member by the time payment is due to the hotel the shutters could come down and the member excluded.

A member queried that entries had been accepted without payment with order and Rick explained that a couple of people encountered difficulties with the website saying they had pressed the button but the payment did not go through.

Rick confirmed that some financial anomalies from the Brands Hatch run had now been resolved satisfactorily.

It was noted that Graham Matcham had generously and personally covered some costs for those members that had been out-posted that otherwise would have been paid for by The Club.

**Donations** for this Run were received from: Dave Martin, Nick Jeffery, Ray Battersby, Tony Dawson, Roger Boss, Andrew Smith, Keith Davies, Rick Parish, Frank Finch, Graham Goodman, Adam Kelley, Tony Jakeman, Bill Colquhoun, Martyn Roberts, Dennis Bates, Graham Matcham.

<b>5. Future Runs:</b>	<b>Autumn 2013</b>	Tony Jakeman Nick Hopkins	Date Location	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> October Pembrokeshire
	<b>Spring 2014</b>	Ben Matthews Dan Sager	Date Location	25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> April Cotswolds
	<b>Aut. 2014</b>	Dave Martin Jonathan Martin	Date Location	26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Sept Morpeth
	<b>Spring 2015</b>	CC Clinch Graham Matcham	Date Location	TBA West Country
	<b>Aut. 2015</b>	Tom Waterer	Date Location	TBA Central England
	<b>Spring 2006</b>	Jonathan Martin Adam Kelley	Date Location	TBA Scotland
	<b>Autumn 2016</b>	Dave Martin Frank Finch	Date Location	TBA Southern Ireland

Tony Jakeman advised the meeting that the hotel is booked and single room allocation has been tweaked to allow for the increasing demand. Nick Hopkins will be visiting the area shortly to further develop arrangements, and all being well things should be finalised for booking by mid-summer. As Tony has a hip problem it may be necessary for a deputy to stand in for him and Nick Jeffery has offered to do this.

Ben Matthews confirmed that the Cotswold Conference Centre has been booked with the cost being just under £250. The run route will be southwest into the Forest of Dean and the Severn Estuary rather than the middle of England as this would clash with Tom's run in the Autumn.

Dave Martin said he has changed from the original hotel to a new location in Morpeth. The route is more or less done and will just touch Scotland.

In the absence of Craig, co-organiser Graham Matcham outlined that it is planned to include the three moors from a base near Minehead.

Tom Waterer has started on the route which will go south into the Cotswolds with a hotel hopefully in the Warwick Leamington Spa area

Jonathan Martin – with Adam Kelley in absentia - offered to Organise a run Spring 2016.

[NB: Post meeting - Dave Martin and Frank Finch volunteered for Autumn 2016]

6. **Website:** Dave Martin wished to thank Ray Battersby for his assistance in building the website particularly with regard to converting the older run reports into PDF files etc. Dave also thanked Rick, Dennis and Graham for their help.  
Dave asked that anyone who has some of the missing reports to please spare a moment to dig them out.  
Also, could everyone please use the website to make their run bookings as this makes everything much easier for everyone involved, especially for Rick who has a busy day job.  
Dave pointed out that members do not have to wait for an email to tell them to book – keep your eye on the next run on the website and it will let you know if booking for the run is “open”.
7. **New Members:** A member put forward a name but it was pointed out that the correct procedure as per the club rules had not been followed so we could not proceed until this had happened.
8. **A.O.B.** The Hon.Sec.advised the meeting that although Ray Battersby was not with us this weekend and may not be in future, he was more than happy to continue to look after the archive and to assist with the website as and when required.

Some discussion took place regarding the sometimes poor quality of the raffle prizes even when members have been specifically asked to bring something worth in the region of £10. Sometimes prizes have appeared for the second or even third time which is hardly in the spirit of things.

There were several comments regarding the sometimes poor quality of corner marking where two or three riders were standing around talking not paying attention to following riders. It was also noted that TEC overtook riders which led to much confusion. The suggestion was made once again that TEC should wear a hi-viz bib or similar. The Chairman confirmed the TEC should always be the last bike. Comments were also made regarding the need to maintain good riding standards. A comment from the floor suggested that the marker should remove his helmet in order to be recognised at the roadside particularly when a large number of bike were on the road as yesterday

The Chairman said how good it was to see Roger Boss and Peter Britton with us once again and hoped they had enjoyed the weekend. Frank also mentioned the longest ride to join us undertaken by David O'Neill.

Meeting closed 09.40

*Modified Accounts for Great Malvern and Accounts for Snowdonia are shown below.*

## Club Run at Great Malvern Run Date 22nd September 2012

Total Number Attending	37
Members	25
Retired Members	7
Guests	5

### INCOME

Bookings	£ 8,549.67
Donations	£ 280.00
Raffle	£ -
Sgt @ Arms	£ 18.07

Total £8,847.74

### EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£6,346.50
Friday Bar	£350.40
Friday Wine	£339.00
Saturday Bar	£438.85
Saturday Wine	£369.00
Tea/Lunch/Coffee	£503.55
Point of Interest	£100.00

Total £8,447.30

**Surplus £400.44**

Drink/Head = £ 40.47

### BANK BALANCES

Opening balance before run	8,809.70
<b>Run surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>400.44</b>
Other expenses - web site, secretaries expenses etc	- 43.67
Sale of club tie	10.00
Deposit paid re Spring 2013	- 1,250.00
<b>Closing balances after run (incl deposit a/c £1,400.04)</b>	<b>£ 7,409.80</b>
<b>Monies received after run</b>	<b>516.67</b>

# Club Run at Snowdonia

## Run Date 20th April 2013

Total Number Attending	41
Members	31
Retired Members	8
Guests	2

### INCOME

Bookings	£ 10,202.40
Donations	£ 215.00
Raffle	£ 50.00
Sgt @ Arms	£ 24.00

### EXPENDITURE

Accommodation	£7,675.05
Friday Bar	£291.05
Friday Wine	£239.00
Saturday Bar	£718.30
Saturday Wine	£308.00
Port	£84.00
Choir	£200.00
Tea/Lunch/Coffee	£720.85

Total £10,491.40

Total £10,236.25

**Surplus**

**£255.15**

Drink/Head = £ 37.96

### BANK BALANCES

Opening balance brought forward September 2012 £7,409.80

**Run surplus/(deficit) £255.15**

### Other non-run income and expenses in period:

Adjustment to Malvern run -additional income & donations	£516.67
Paypal charges	-£84.31
Notebooks re 50th Anniversary	-£600.00
Other expenses - secretaries expenses, meeting room etc	-£154.50
Web site - set up charges, plus 2012 and 2013 charges	-£527.78
Sale of club tie	£25
Deposit claimed re Waterloo	£1,250
Deposit paid re T Jakeman run	-£500.00
Deposit paid re D Martin run	-£639.00

**Closing bank balances after run and @ 20th May 2013** £ 6,951.03

