

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Yarm Motorcycling Club
Held at the Cleveland Bay Public House, Eaglescliffe, Yarm
On Wednesday 14 January 2009

1. The AGM was opened at 8.30pm by the Secretary, who confirmed that members had copies of the following documents to hand for reference during business: Agenda; Minutes of the 2008 AGM and the Balance Sheet for 2008. The Secretary stated that Club Membership Cards and BMF Membership cards would be available at the February meeting.
 - 1a. The Minutes of the 2008 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Bob Arnett and seconded by G. Coverdale.
2. Chairman's Report. The Chairman gave his report for 2008, covering many of the activities by members such as touring abroad and the UK, Ridewell and Boundary 500 events. A special thanks to the ladies who worked hard at Ridewell supplying food and drinks. Their endeavours resulted in a cheque for £85 being presented to the NE Air Ambulance. Ideas were sought to improve the turnout for the club rideouts on Friday evenings and Sundays. The membership number has remained fairly static throughout the year. The nadir of the year was the untimely passing away of Eddie Fox, one of the longest serving members of the club. His funeral was very well attended, along with 2 members of the Cleveland Police Motorcycle Section. A letter of thanks to the Chief Constable had been prepared and was read to the members. A full transcript of the Chairman's Report is at Enclosure 1.
3. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer covered the main items of expenditure and income for the year, emphasising that the Ridewell event had incurred higher expenditure than usual due to the one-off purchase of a Gazebo and supporting items – pots/pans etc. The club Current account ended the year down £16.76. The Reserve account was untouched and stood at £1225.85. A copy of the balance sheet is at Enclosure 2.
4. Appointment of Auditors. R Arnett volunteered to audit the 2008 accounts.
5. Appointment of Officers. The posts of Vice Chairman and all Committee Officers were due for election. Allan Coverdale agreed to continue in the role of Vice Chairman. Norman Simpson, Steve Watts and Bob Arnett agreed to continue as Committee Officers.

It was agreed that four more posts for Committee Officers were permitted in the Club Rules and volunteers were sought from the floor. The following were elected:

Christine Robinson; Proposed by Nigel Smith, Seconded by Harry Christie.
Tony Aitchison; Proposed by Steve Watts, Seconded by Harry Christie.
Brian Taylor; Proposed by John Angus, Seconded by Bill Robinson.
Gloria Coverdale; Proposed by Harry Christie, Seconded by Brian Burke

Secretary's Note: For the record, the following posts are due on the dates stated in accordance with Club Rules:

Chairman: Jan 2010. Vice Chairman: Jan 2011. Treasurer: Jan 2011.

Vice Treasurer: Jan 2010. Secretary: Jan 2011.

6. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.
7. Any Other Business. The Chairman covered the following matters:

Scottish Motorcycle Show. Confirmed for 14 March. Due to an error on several websites the original booking was for 7 March. Anyone booked on 7 March but unable to attend the 14 March run would receive a full refund. It was confirmed that the coach was currently 50% booked and payment in full should be made to Norman Simpson at the earliest opportunity.

Ridewell 2nd August 2009. The date for the event was now confirmed. Sponsorship would be provided by Wynns Solicitors, reducing financial pressure on the Cleveland Constabulary.

Off-Road Training Course. A 2-day course in of-road riding would be provided in the Helmsley area during the year. The dates and further information would be announced as soon as possible.

Membership Renewal. The Treasurer will be accepting annual renewal fees after the meeting.

Rideouts. It was announced that 2 of the Sunday Rideouts would include a café stop, where the Club would fund 'tea and bacon-butties' (or equivalent!) for participants.

Letter from Margaret Fox. A letter from Margaret, widow of Eddie Fox, was read to the members. Margaret thanked the members for their support during her bereavement.

8. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Brian Burke
Secretary
Yarm Motorcycling Club

Attachments:

1. Chairman's Report for the 2009 AGM
2. Balance Sheet Year 2008