

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Yarm Motorcycling Club
Held at the Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe, on 13 January 2010**

1. Item 1. The meeting opened at 8.50pm. The Secretary confirmed that the members had copies available of the 2009 AGM Minutes and the Agenda for this meeting. The members were informed that there was a correction to the Agenda: the vice Treasurer was due for re-election not the vice-Chairman. The correct agenda is at Annex A.

2. Apologies for non-attendance were accepted from D. Kay, A. Long and R. Arnett.

3. It was confirmed that the minutes of the 2009 AGM were a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: B. Taylor. Seconded: J. Angus

4. Item 2. The Chairman's Report is at Annex B. The membership, bike shows, support for the air ambulance and the 'Santa Run' in support of Zoe's Place were all covered. The Chairman closed with the statement that he would not be standing for re-election as he felt it was time for someone else to take the reins. He thanked everyone for their support.

The club members were sorry to see Les stand down and thanked him for all the hard work he had put in over the past 6 years.

Proposed: A. Coverdale. Seconded: T. Aitchison

5. Item 3. The Treasurer's Report is at Annex C. The Treasurer covered all aspects of the incomings and outgoings throughout the year. The club made a small profit at the end of the year: – £294.90 although £100 of this was a gift from the Boundary 500 Group.

Proposed: L. Wright. Seconded: P. Venis

6. Item 4. Appointment of Auditor(s). B. Taylor agreed to audit the accounts for 2009.

Secretary's Note: Audit completed.

7. Item 5. Appointment of Officers. The posts of Chairman, Vice-Treasurer and all the Committee officers were due for election. With the current Chairman standing down the post was open. Brian Taylor volunteered to act as Chairman for the next term (3 years). There were no other candidates put forward.

Proposed: R. Barber. Seconded: K. Vidgen

J. Angus agreed to continue the role of Vice-Treasurer. No other candidates were put forward.

Proposed: G. Coverdale. Seconded: Bill Robinson

Of the remaining Committee members T. Aitchison was standing down due to other commitments and B. Taylor was now in the post of Chairman. No names were put forward to replace the 2 outgoing members. It was agreed that there were sufficient members of the Committee to comprise a working quorum.

Proposed: D. Angus Seconded: A.

8. Item 6. Matters Arising.

a. Proposal to change weekend Rideouts from Sunday to Saturday. The proposal resulted in quite a discussion on the pros and cons of Rideouts on Sundays versus Saturdays. The main reason for the proposal was to avoid much of the traffic that invaded the countryside on Sundays in particular. A show of hands produced FOR: 3 AGAINST: 12. After further discussion it was proposed that the Rideouts alternate between Saturdays and Sundays. When put to the vote this proposal had FOR: 10 AGAINST: 5. This proposal was carried. Individual members would be asked to plan 1 Rideout each month.

Proposed: N. Simpson Seconded: B. Burke.

b. Proposal to change the 'Club Rules' to 'Club Constitution'. The word 'rules' would be substituted with the word 'constitution' throughout the document. There would be no change to the meaning or intent of the original document. The purpose of this proposal is to meet the insurance requirements of the BMF Affiliation whereby clubs are required to lodge a copy of their constitution document with them.

Proposed: B. Burke Seconded: L. Wright
Carried unanimously.

c. Boundary 500. Proposal to dispose of the £100 gift from the Boundary 500 Group to 'double it' and return it for use by the Great North Air Ambulance. There was some discussion regarding giving the money to other charities, although the original proposal was put to the members.

Proposed: L. Wright Seconded: Bill Robinson
Carried unanimously

9. Item 7. Any Other Business.

a. Norton Factory Visit. Norman Simpson informed the members that he had approached a representative of the Norton stand at the NEC with regards to a possible visit this year. The response was positive although it was not yet possible to determine a date as the factory and staff were still building up the business and gaining experience. Norman had contacted Norton by email and it would seem that after March the Norton team would be in a better position to be more positive about dates and other

requirements. Names for attendance would be taken by Norman (up to a maximum of 30 persons). Further details would be emailed to members as soon as it became available.

- b. German Bike Club Visit. Chris Robinson confirmed that a letter had been drafted to the bike club at The letter had been translated into German by Harry Christie's wife. We await a response before making further plans.
- c. Speakers and Quizzes. The Secretary stated that the matter of involvement by the members into raising the profile of the club and attracting more younger members was discussed at length at the committee meeting held the previous week. It was felt that more could and should be done to make the club more attractive to the current membership. Previous highlights, such as the Barbeques and 'Chip Shop' runs had fallen into disuse and apart from Ridewell and the 2 bike shows each year, very little else happened.
- d. Photography Course. Steve Watts informed the membership that a course on photography would be running later this year at Cummings premises. The course would be in the evenings. Anyone interested to give their names to Steve.
- e. Scottish Bike Show. It was confirmed that the show would take place over the weekend of 20/21 March. Norman would be taking names and deposits at the close of this meeting.

10. Close of Business. There being no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2150.

B Burke
Secretary

28 January 2010