

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Yarm Motorcycling Club
Held at the Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe, on 12 January 2011

1. Item 1. The meeting opened at 8.45pm. The Secretary confirmed that the members had copies available of: the 2010 AGM Minutes: the Agenda for this meeting; copies of the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, and a proposal by Committee Member Norman Simpson, were available on each table. The agenda is at Annex A.
2. Apologies for late-attendance by Bob Arnett. (The Secretary had been nominated by Bob Arnett to vote on his behalf should Item 7 be discussed before his arrival)
3. Item 2. The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted unanimously as a true record of that meeting. Matters Arising from the 2010 AGM would be covered under Item 8: Any Other Business.

Proposer: Bill Robinson
Seconded: Peter Venis
All Agreed
4. Item 3. The Chairman asked that the membership to address remarks or questions through the chair. In summary, a number of events had been cancelled through the year due to lack of support. The membership number had remained steady. The NEC trip had been a great success. There will be an 'organised rideout plan' for 2011. Details will be updated in the newsletters. The possibility of a different venue for the Christmas party will be explored. Family membership is encouraged as it only £5 per additional person. The full report is at Annex B.
5. Item 4. The Treasurer covered all aspects of the incomings and outgoings throughout the year. The Treasurer pointed out that membership had actually declined through the year from 63 to 50 fully paid up members. The BMF Affiliation had been paid for 2011, amounting to £201, an increase on the previous year. The club made a small profit at the end of the year: £55.16. (Secretary's Note: Following the Audit by Nigel Smith the profit at the year ending December 2010 was in fact £105.61). The question was asked if the BMF Club Insurance covered non-members attending club events. It was confirmed that it did not. The 2010 Financial Overview is at Annex C.
6. Item 5. Appointment of Auditor(s). Nigel Smith agreed to audit the accounts for 2010. (Secretary's Note: Audit completed – see comment at paragraph 5.)
7. Item 6. Appointment of Officers. The posts of Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and all the Committee officers were due for election. The Vice Chairman Allan Coverdale, the Treasurer Harry Christie and the Secretary Brian Burke, agreed to continue in their current roles for the full terms of office. The following proposals were put before the membership:

That Allan Coverdale continue as Vice Chairman: Proposed by Bill Robinson
Seconded by Steve Watts. Carried unanimously;

That Harry Christie continue as Treasurer: Proposed by Ken Vidgen.
Seconded by Colin Wincup. Carried unanimously;

That Brian Burke continue as Secretary: Proposed by Steve Watts.
Seconded by John Angus. Carried unanimously.

The following Committee members agreed to stand for 2011: Norman Simpson;
Bob Arnett, and Gloria Coverdale. The following Committee members were standing
down: Steve Watts and Chris Robinson. There was one proposal for a new Committee
member; that for Steve Laughton, a former Club Chairman.

Proposed by John Angus and Seconded by Brian Taylor. The motion was carried
unanimously. Steve Laughton is hereby appointed to the post of Committee member for
a term of 1 year.

No other proposals/names were put forward. It was agreed that there were
sufficient members of the Committee to comprise a working quorum.

8. Item 7. Proposal by Norman Simpson, Seconded by Allan Coverdale and
Gloria Coverdale, to remove Rule 17 of the Club Constitution in its entirety. Rule 17 was
read out in full by the Chairman. The Rule concerns the attendance at 3 club events in
any one year by non-members and the requirement that they apply for membership before
attending further events. (The proposal in full, with signatures, is held on file by the
Secretary).

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Norman Simpson gave his reasons for the proposal, stating that it placed both
members and non-members in a difficult position. The case for the proposal was that the
aim of the club is to encourage motorcycling and attendance at club events. Rideouts
were generally poorly attended – why penalise a rider who has attended 3 of them? The
case against the proposal was that club members had paid an annual fee which entitled
them to be part of the fraternity which is the Yarm Motorcycling Club. Why should
anyone pay if people could attend as and when they felt like it? The Club would
'collapse' if no one paid their dues. After further discussion covering insurance cover
and break-down in camaraderie, a compromise was discussed. There was a proposal to
leave matters exactly as they are and a further proposal that the Committee should discuss
the matter and report to the membership at an Extraordinary General Meeting. It was
agreed to vote on the 3 proposals. The following ensued:

a. Proposed by Norman Simpson, Seconded by Allan Coverdale and Gloria
Coverdale: 'That Rule 17 of the current constitution is removed in its entirety.'
For: 4. Against: Majority. Proposal not carried.

b. Proposed by John Angus that there is no change to the constitution.

For: 10. Against: 15. Abstentions: 1. Proposal not carried.

c. Proposed by Alan Wren, Seconded by Glynn Jones: 'That Rule 17 be reviewed by the Committee and recommend changes as necessary to suit current practices and procedures'.

For: 19. Against: 6. Abstentions: 1 Proposal carried.

All to Note: Committee will review Rule 17 to the Club Constitution at the next Committee Meeting and report to the members at the Extraordinary General meeting to be held on 9 March.

10. Item. Any Other Business.

- a. Organised Events. The Chairman hoped that there would be a better response to any organized event this year than the previous year. For starter, the Chairman proposed to investigate a weekend in the Lake District riding the passes and possibly staying in a barn. He would report as soon as details were available.
- b. Scottish Bike Show. The list is now open for the trip on 12 March. If there was enough support an appropriate coach would be hired and it was expected to drop off anyone who wanted to shop in Edinburgh for the day. Pick up would be about 5pm. Names to Norman Simpson.
- c. Norton Visit. Norman Simpson stated that any visit would be mid-week and limited to 20 persons. The tour would last for about 5 hours and be at no cost. Transport would need to be investigated; a 24-seater would be very expensive. It may be better to share cars.
- d. Speakers. The Secretary stated that a Financial Advisor would be able to give a talk on various products at the May meeting. The Chairman was also looking into representatives from 3M Protective Film and NGK Spark Plugs.
- e. German Bike Club. Despite sending a letter in German introducing the Club there has been no response. It was agreed that the matter is closed.
- f. Membership Cards. The Secretary stated that the Membership Cards would be ready for the February meeting with the updated list of committee members and the **bmf** discount code.
- g. Christmas Party. An alternative venue will be investigated. The committee will report progress as soon as practicable.

- h. Website. Steve Watts confirmed that he would continue to maintain the Club website.
- i. Auction of Club Trophy. A trophy, donated by Colin Wincup, was auctioned on behalf of a charity (tbc). The trophy would be held for one year. Allan Coverdale won the trophy, having bid £5.

11. Close of Business. There being no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2205.

B Burke
Secretary

24 January 2011

Annexes: A. Agenda
B. Chairman's Report
C. Treasurer's Report

Yarm Motorcycling Club

Annual General Meeting

12 January 2011

Cleveland Bay Public House, Eaglescliffe, Yarm

AGENDA

1. Meeting opened by Secretary:
 - a. Distribution of papers;
 - b. Minutes of the AGM of 13 Jan 2010.
2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM – Corrections/Acceptance
 - a. Matters Arising – (covered under Item 8 – AOB)
3. Chairman’s Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Appointment of Auditor(s)
6. Appointment of Officers. Chairman, Vice Treasurer and All Committee Officers due.
7. Proposal to remove Rule 17 of the Club Constitution. Rule 17 concerns attendance at 3 club events by non-members. The wording of the proposal is thus: “It is proposed by the undersigned that Rule 17 of the current constitution is removed in its entirety.”

The reasons for the proposal will be stated by the Proposer.

Proposer: Norman Simpson.

Seconded: Allan Coverdale, G Coverdale.

(Secretary’s Note: The original document with signatures is held on file).

8. Any Other Business:

YARM MC AGM 2011. Chairman`s Report

1. Good evening ladies & gentlemen. Thanks for attending the AGM, and for your support over 2010.
2. About conduct of proceedings tonight, could members not chat separately, nor make personal remarks about other members when speaking and to address remarks or questions through the chair. If you hold up a hand I will get to you

3. A brief summary of 2010: The membership has remained steady Harry will give you the details . Edinburgh bus trip was saved by sharing with the Christian riders. Ridewell at its new location of Wyniard Park was a great success , new ideas for this Year for raising funds for charity will be welcome. The organised ride outs were successful, although it was a shame not more people volunteered to lead.

We did organise some events but unfortunately these were cancelled due to lack of support. This year we will announce a potential event hopefully three months prior, to allow people more time to organise diaries. So come on it`s your club volunteer to organise an event or commit support to those who do.

Our annual trip to the NEC bike show was enjoyed by all in spite of the adverse weather. Finally thanks are due to our excellent speakers. We intend to continue with this theme and are currently organising speakers to take us through to May4. Rideouts: Sunday after club meeting will be an organised ride out volunteers still needed so don`t all rush but do see Alan or Brian later to book your date

5. Christmas party: I would like you all to note that seats for the 2011 Christmas party will again be first come first served and that club members will get first chance.

You will remember that we charge £5.00 for guests, so if you want to take your wife or partner it is easier to get a joint membership which strangely enough only costs £5.00 more than for a single.

6. Don`t forget subs are now due

Handover to Treasurer

Under Any Other Business raise:

1. Is there any support for a weekend away one suggestion is the Lakes to do all the passes.
2. Would the members wish to consider another venue for the Christmas party
3. Edinburgh bus trip names & deposits to Norman, noting that we have opened the bus to non members now, to try to raise more support as Christian bikers are not going this year.
4. Finally before the raffle, We are auctioning the club trophy for Charity.

The winning member, or even better, syndicate, will have the honour of holding this magnificent trophy until the next AGM.