

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLEVELAND BAY, EAGLESCLIFFE, ON  
11 JANUARY 2012**

1. Item 1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 2110 and confirmed that sufficient copies of last year's AGM minutes and the current Agenda were available. He requested that all questions were passed through the chair.
2. Item 2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM. The Secretary asked the members for any comments or corrections to the minutes of the 2011 AGM. There were no outstanding actions. There being no comments or corrections the Secretary asked that they be agreed as a true record of that meeting. It was proposed by Bill Robinson, seconded by Ken Vidgen, and carried unanimously, that the minutes were a true record of the 2011 AGM.
3. Item 3. Chairman's Report. The Chairman summarised the Club events for the past year and thanked everyone for their contributions. In particular he thanked those members who had organised and contributed to many of the events: the rideouts and rallies; Ridewell; the coach trips and visits, the raffles and the Christmas party. He reminded the members that annual subscriptions are now due and that, as the fee for the 2012 Christmas party is just £5, suggested that joint membership would be beneficial. The Chairman's Report is at Annex A.
4. Item 4. The Treasurer covered the financial highlights for the year and thanked Gloria Coverdale for organising the Christmas Raffle and Dot Angus for the 'bank runs'. The membership currently stands at 61. The Treasurer then explained the items on the balance sheet. The Current Account as of 22 Dec 11 was £1980.96. The Reserve Account stood at £1232.23, accruing just £0.46 interest over the year. It was deemed not feasible to move the account to gain more interest because of the type of account (Club) was covered by specific regulations. The profit for the year stood at £290.15. A copy of the financial overview is at Annex B.
5. Item 5. Appointment of Auditor(s). The Secretary stated that, as the Club was not a Limited Company it was not necessary for a formal audit to take place. However, it was a function that was always carried out in order to give peace of mind to the membership. Chris Robinson agreed to conduct an audit of the Club Accounts, and would liaise directly with the Treasurer for access to the books. Proposed by Les Wright, seconded by John Angus, and carried unanimously, that Chris Robinson would undertake an audit of the Club accounts.
6. Item 6. Appointment of Officers. The Secretary confirmed that the post of Vice Treasurer and all committee officers were due for re-election. There were no proposals put forward for the post of Vice Treasurer although John Angus had agreed to continue in the role prior to the meeting. The posts of Committee officers were discussed next. Committee members present were: Norman Simpson; Bob Arnett and Gloria Coverdale, Steve Laughton was absent. There were no proposals from the floor and all three present agreed to continue for the year. The Secretary would contact Steve Laughton to determine his status regarding the Committee. The posts of Vice Treasurer and Committee officers was proposed by Norman Simpson, seconded by Ken Vidgen, carried unanimously.

7. Item 7. Any Other Business.

Edinburgh Trip. It was confirmed that 5 members had booked for the Scottish Motorcycle Show. Unless more persons were forthcoming it was likely that the trip would be cancelled. The trip was now open to non-members as well as members. The decision to go ahead or cancel would be made at the February meeting.

Speakers. The Secretary stated that Speakers were needed for February, March, April and May. Bob Arnett has a contact in a police traffic unit and would try to arrange a talk for one of the evenings. Steve Laughton had made contact with Teasdale Motorcycles of Thirsk who were willing to bring a few Moto Guzzi and Aprilia demonstrator machines and talk about their products. The Secretary, in the light of no firm appointments, would give a talk at the February meeting on the latest GPS technology, Bluetooth and Laser attacks on aircraft.

Rideouts. The Rideout programme with assigned leaders for 2011 had proved to be very successful, with as many as 16 riders participating. Allan Coverdale had produced a schedule for 2012, starting in March after the clocks are set for BST. The leader-assigned Rideouts would take place the Sunday after the club meeting apart from August, when the rideout would be to Cadwell Park on 27 Aug. A request was put to the floor for volunteers to lead these rideouts. A proposal to move the start time from 1000 to 0900 was not supported. The Secretary would publish the Rideout schedule in the next newsletter (February).

BMF Kelso. There was a possibility of the Club putting on a stand at the BMF Show at Kelso in July. The Secretary would find out the requirements for Club participation at the BMF Council meeting at the end of January.

Les Cairns. Les Cairns has produced a book of poems and is for sale at £4.99 a copy. Several members have already had the opportunity to review the book and have been impressed. All proceeds from sales will go to the Butterwick Hospice.

Rider of the Year Award. After a break of several years due to the trophy being missing, the Rider of the Year Award has been re-instated. At the Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January it was agreed that the award should go to the person who has shown the most commitment to the Rideouts. The Chairman, Committee and the Members had the greatest pleasure in presenting the award to Alan Wren. Alan Wren's dedication to Sunday Rideouts is unmatched; a most deserving winner of the trophy.

Rider Trophy. The final event of the evening was an auction for the Rider Trophy. The trophy is held by the winner for 1 year; the proceeds from the auction are given to charity – Zoe's Place or the Great North Air Ambulance. After a slow start the bidding reached £10; the winner was Bill Robinson.

8. Close of business. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2140.

B Burke, Secretary

15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Annex A. Chairman's Report

Annex B. Treasurer's Report