

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB HELD AT THE  
CLEVELAND BAY PUBLIC HOUSE ON 9 JANUARY 2013**

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 2100 and bade everyone welcome. He requested that all questions and comments be passed through the chair so as to keep proceedings moving forward.
2. The Secretary confirmed that a copy of the agenda was available at each table and that all had had the opportunity to review the minutes of the 2012 AGM. The Secretary explained that there were no outstanding actions and asked if there were any items that the members would wish to be discussed under Any Other Business. There were no corrections or other comments and the Minutes were accepted as a true record of the 2012 AGM.

Proposed by: Ken Vidgeon. Seconded by: Paul Kay.

3. Chairman's Report. The Chairman gave a brief summary of events of 2012. Highlights were the weekend trips away, the Rideout programme, the NEC visit and the resurrection of the club website. The full report is at Annex A.
4. Treasurer's Report. John Angus, Vice Treasurer, was standing in for Harry Christie, Treasurer, who was on vacation. Thanks were passed on to John Angus and Gloria Coverdale for their commitment and support to the Treasurer and the club. Although expressing a wish to stand down from the post, Harry agreed to carry on the job if no one stepped forward at the AGM. The full report and 2012 Financial Overview is at Annex B.
5. Appointment of Auditor(s). The Secretary explained that as the club was not a Limited Company it was not essential to have a formal audit. However, for peace of mind it was customary to conduct an 'in-house' audit by a volunteer from the membership.

Secretary's Note: It will be necessary to formally accept the Financial Statement once the audit is complete.

6. Appointment of Officers. The posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and all Committee Officers were due. The Chairman, Brian Taylor, and Vice Chairman Allan Coverdale, were happy to continue in their positions for a further 3 and 2 years respectively. No club member volunteered for the post of Treasurer; it was therefore assumed that Harry Christie would continue in the role for the next 3 years as stated in his report. The Secretary would let Harry know of the outcome. The following officers agreed to continue in their roles as Committee Members: Norman Simpson; Bob Arnett, and Gloria Coverdale. Steve Laughton agreed to continue (email received by Sec) if the membership so wished. Nigel Sigsworth volunteered to join the Committee; this was agreed by a unanimous vote in favour by all present. Because of his particular organisational and management skills, the membership felt that it would be useful to invite Steve Laughton on a 'co-opted' basis. The Secretary would contact Steve Laughton to inform him of the decision.

Action: Secretary to contact Harry Christie and Steve Laughton with the results and decisions regarding the election of officers to the club.

7. Any Other Business.

- a. Club Website. The members are delighted with the work done by Allan Wren to resurrect the club website and make it a fully functional and up-to-date 'window to the club' for the rest of the world to look in on. The members were reminded that it was their website and they send any material they wish to be published to Allan Wren, who is the website moderator as well as designer.
- b. Business Cards. The Chairman, Brian Taylor has produced two versions of a business card for the club. The purpose of the business card is for members to carry several about their person to distribute as they see fit, thus generating interest in the club. The examples brought to the meeting differed only in the background colour – pale blue or white. After a 50/50 decision by Committee the Chairman asked the members to decide which colour background should we use for the first print run? In the final analysis the overwhelming wish was for cards with a white background.
- c. BMF Affiliation. The Secretary responded to questions from the floor regarding the relationship between BMF and FEMA. The BMF was indeed in arrears to FEMA and was barred from holding a casting vote until the annual payment was completed. In the meantime the BMF was making monthly payments. The other matter raised concerned the benefits of being affiliated. The Secretary stated that we were supporting an organisation in lobbying for bikers rights. Also we benefited through various discounts – (Rider Magazine for details). A major benefit was the club insurance scheme which would help protect the members in the event of a claim against us.
- d. Attendance at Weekend Events. The Chairman mentioned two events; The Cumbria Bike Show and the Festival of a 1000 Bikes. The Cumbria Bike Show would take place over 10-12 May at Kirkbride Airfields near Carlisle and persons wishing to attend should contact Brian at the earliest opportunity. The Festival of a 100 Bikes would take place at Mallory Park on 13/14 July. A person to lead this event would be needed soonest so that planning could go ahead.
- e. Scottish Bike Show. The Chairman said that a number of persons had shown an interest in the club putting on a coach to Edinburgh instead of sharing with the Christian Motorcycling Association. Allan Coverdale explained that 40 persons would make a coach viable. As the coach would travel through Edinburgh enroute to the show it would be possible to drop off anyone

wishing to go shopping; this would be on Princes Street. Names and deposits to Allan Coverdale as soon as possible.

- f.                   Speakers. It is traditional for the club to invite speakers to give a talk on club nights through the winter, spring and autumn evenings. To date no speakers had been engaged although Bill Robinson had a possible contact lined up and would let the Committee know as soon as possible. All present were asked to consider possible contacts and subjects for the Speaker programme.
  
- g.                   Rideouts. It is hoped to run the Rideout programme on similar lines to last year whereby the Rideout would take place on the Sunday after the club meeting. A Leader would be nominated well in advance so that the route could be briefed at the regular club meeting. Other Rideouts would take place on all other Sundays, with the 'leader' and route decided on the day. Allan Coverdale would plan the calendar of Rideouts and pass to the Secretary for publication in the Newsletter. Volunteers to lead the Rideouts are requested to pass their names to the Secretary.
  
- h.                   Rider of the Year Award. The award is given to the person deemed to have given outstanding support to the Sunday Rideouts. The winner this year was Ken Vidgeon.
  
- i.                   Rider Trophy Auction. It is now becoming a tradition to auction the Rider Trophy each year, with the highest bidder holding the trophy at home until the next AGM. The highest bidder was Nigel Sigsworth.
  
- 8.                   Close of Business. There being no further business the Annual General Meeting was closed at 10.05pm.

Brian Burke  
Secretary  
Yarm Motorcycling Club

15 January 2013

## YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB AGM 2013 Chairman`s Report

### Annex A

9. Good evening ladies & gentlemen and thanks for attending the AGM, and for your support over 2012.

About conduct of proceedings tonight, could we have good order with no separate chatting & please will you make remarks or ask questions through the chair. If you hold up a hand I will get to you. Hopefully this will allow us to complete the meeting without delay.

10. Handover to Secretary for 2012 minutes acceptance.

3. A brief summary of 2012:

- The membership has remained steady & we welcomed some new members. Harry will give you the details.
- Edinburgh bus trip was cancelled due to lack of support, however we intend to try to run the trip this year so please see Norman or Allan to book a place. If there is not enough support we may have the option to join the Christian bikers. This trip is already open to non members.
- Ridewell was cancelled, but the event returns this year. More details later
- The organised ride outs (on the Sunday after club night) were very well attended & we will be running these again this year, we need volunteers to cover Mar to Oct. so please see Brian if you wish to volunteer to lead.
- Successful weekend rallies took place, visiting Scotland & Mallory Festival of 1000 Bikes. This year our first rally is to the Cumbria Bike Show 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Anyone interested please see me. Let's have some more proposals to cover the rest of the season & please give two or three months notice so members can organise diaries.
- Our annual trip to the NEC bike show was enjoyed by all; good coach, breakfast, raffle, films & the show wasn't bad either
- Thanks are due to our excellent speakers. We intend to continue with this theme and are currently organising speakers to take us through to May.
- Sorry for my disappearance for a great part of last year. I will try to be more diligent in the current year

4. Don't forget subs are now due & don't forget such as the 2013 Christmas party where subs may be £10.00 for guests ( at present). It costs less for joint membership and as members come first for the Xmas function, why not take out joint membership.

Handover to Treasurer

Under any other business raise:

1. Edinburgh bus trip is open to non members
2. The club shield was awarded to Ken Vidgeon (at the Xmas party) in recognition of attending the most club rideouts.
3. However we have saved the Raffle of rider trophy.

Brian Taylor

Chairman

Yarm Motorcycling Club

