

**MINUTES OF THE YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB AGM HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2014 AT THE
CLEVELAND BAY, EAGLESCLIFFE**

- 1. Opening Address.** The Chairman welcomed the members to the AGM. He asked that members address all matters through the Chair.
- 2. Minutes of the Previous AGM.** The Secretary confirmed that all had copies of the Agenda for the meeting and that they had seen the Minutes of the AGM held on 9 January 2013. There were no comments on the Minutes and they were accepted as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by: Les Wright; Seconded by Mark Sigsworth.
- 3. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman's Report covered the major events of 2013. The membership had remained steady, losing some members but gaining new members. Ridewell was a great success although its future remained doubtful because of the financial constraints being place on the police budget. Successful rallies took place and the Committee are open to ideas for rallies through 2014. The trip to the NEC was enjoyed by all and thanks were expressed to Norman Simpson and Allan Coverdale for their work in making it such a success. Speakers for the period February to May are required and volunteers are most welcome. The Club's website is proving to be very popular, with over 2000 separate hits through the year. The licence has recently been renewed. Thanks were passed on to the Webmaster, Allan Wren for his excellent work. Finally, there was a reminder that annual subs are now due. The full report is at Annex A.
- 4. Treasurer's 2013 Review.** The Treasurer reviewed the Club accounts for 2013. Copies of the Income and Expenditure for 2013 had been placed at all the tables for members to view. In essence, it had been a good year, although membership had dropped slightly. Currently the membership stood at 57. The Treasurer covered the Income and Expenditure; detailed accounts were available to members on request. The total Income for the year was £1804.60, Expenditure was £1586.56. Committee members currently authorised to sign for expenditure from the Current and Business accounts are: Treasurer; Vice Treasurer, and the Secretary. The Treasurer thanked the Vice Treasurer – John Angus, for getting raffle prizes for the monthly meetings and for banking the monies over the past year. Gloria Coverdale was thanked for her sterling work in stalking the members to encourage them to buy raffle tickets! Finally, the Treasurer would be available for members to renew their membership for 2014. The Treasurer's Report is at Annex B. Members may view the full accounts on request.
- 5. Appointment of Auditor(s).** The Secretary explained that, as the Club is not a Limited Company it was not necessary to have the accounts audited by an external agency. However, the accounts are always checked by a member in order to satisfy the membership that the accounts are being operated correctly. There were volunteers from those present; it was therefore deemed that Committee members would resolve the matter between themselves.

6. Appointment of Officers and Committee Members. The posts of Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary and all Committee Members' posts were due for appointment. It was noted that Nigel Sigsworth, Committee member, was standing down due to other commitments. The officers confirmed that they were happy to continue in their posts; these were unopposed. The following Committee Members agreed to continue in their current posts: Norman Simpson; Bob Arnett, and Gloria Coverdale. Nominations were sought from the floor to bolster the Committee. Bill Robinson agreed to stand for the Committee. All appointments were agreed by the membership. Proposed by: Ken Vidgeon; Seconded by Bob Donaldson.

7. Any Other Business.

- a. Website. The licence for the website had recently been renewed at a cost of £59.12. Members were urged to send their inputs to Allan Wren. The website is a fantastic club resource and needs support from the members.
- b. BMF Affiliation. The Secretary, being also the club representative, briefed the members on the current state of play. The club has renewed its affiliation to the BMF, which provided a number of benefits/discounts as well as covering the club for any legal proceedings following any event that the club has sponsored e.g. Rideouts. The cost of renewal was £230.
- c. Attendance at Weekend Events. The Chairman had already covered this item during his report. It was reiterated that proposals for weekend rallies would be most welcome from the members.
- d. Scottish Bike Show. The show will take place over the weekend 8/9 March. It was unfortunate that support for this event had waned over the past few years. However, if the Christian Motorcyclists were going to run a bus for the event the details would be passed on to the members.
- e. Speakers. This item was covered in the Chairman's Report. Volunteers are needed as soon as possible!
- f. Rideouts. These will begin at the start of British Summer Time and continue until the clocks go back in October. A table for the 'Leader Nominated' Rideouts has been prepared by Allan Coverdale and passed to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletters.
- g. Rider of the Year Award. The winner for 2013 was not present at the meeting, therefore the presentation was deferred.
- h. Rider Trophy. The Rider Trophy, donated by Colin Whincup, was offered to the members for the highest bidder to hold for one year. After some swift exchanges the highest bidder was Gloria Coverdale, with a bid of £10.
- i. Auction of Club Property. It was agreed at the Committee meeting of 6 January 2014 that the club property held by the Secretary viz: 2 books and a DVD, would be auctioned at this AGM and the proceeds would be passed on to a charity. It was

proposed by Chris Robinson that the Teenage Cancer Trust would be a worthy cause; particularly as a close friend was lost to cancer recently. This was agreed by all present.

The Secretary donated a number of books and DVDs to complement the club property. The Chairman ran the auction; details are as follows: (N.B. books unless stated otherwise

Parallel Coast and DVD: Harry Christie	£3	
Roadcraft	Bob Arnett	£4.

The remaining items were donated by the Secretary, raising a total of £43.00 including the sale of the club property. The following members kindly donated money to the cause: Colin Whincup; Brian Taylor, and Albert Higgins. The £10 raised from the auction of the Rider Trophy was added, making a total of £59. A cheque for this amount was made out to the Teenage Cancer Trust and passed on to Chris Robinson.

- 8. Close of Business.** There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for their participation and declared the AGM now closed at 2150.

Brian Burke

Secretary

20 January 2014

Annexes:

- A. Chairman's Report
 - B. Treasurer's 2013 Review
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YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB AGM 2014 Chairman's Report

Annex A

- C. Good evening ladies & gentlemen and thanks for attending the AGM, and for your support over 2013.

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.

- D. Handover to Secretary for 2013 minutes acceptance.

3. A brief summary of 2013:

- 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, but we were invited to share with the Christian Bikers; an offer which hopefully will be repeated this year
- Ridewell returned & was a great success, but we are unsure if it will continue, but will let you know
- 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 Allan if you wish to volunteer to lead. The weekly rideouts remain popular & will continue
- Successful weekend rallies took place, visiting a wet Cumbria Bike show & Mallory Festival of 1000 Bikes, I have yet to find out if this will be run this year, as the future of Mallory has only recently been confirmed

A party toured the South visiting motorcycle & war museums & several hostelrys. If there is any interest for a late spring rally when the weather warms up please let me know & I will propose a venue, possibly a Welsh bunkhouse but I can't guarantee the weather. 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. We intend to run the bus again this year & look forward to more of you wishing to go.
- Thanks are due to our excellent speakers. We intend to continue with this theme and we are hoping to get speakers to take us through to May. If anyone wishes to volunteer, please see the secretary
- Thanks to our webmaster Allan Wren, the club now has an excellent web site which has received over 2000 separate hits. We have renewed our licence for a further year so contact Allan with your contributions

4. Don't forget subs are now due & it costs less for joint membership and as members come first for the Xmas function, why not take out joint membership ready for the 2014 Christmas party.

5. Handover to Treasurer

6. Appointment of auditors

7. Election of officers

8. Rider of the year award was deferred by the Chairman until the next club meeting where hopefully more members will be present

9. The annual raffle of the Colin Whincup rider trophy

10. Auction of books & DVDs

11. Close & raffle

Brian Taylor

Chairman

Yarm Motorcycling Club

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- Financially, 2013 has proved to be another good year for the club.

- The club had its last Xmas dinner in Yarm 85, that was well attended by 60 club members and guests.

- Club nights have been well attended.

- The Club membership has gone down slightly to 57 members. As 11x members didn't renew their membership for 2013. On a positive note we have had 6 new members join, 3 as a result of what could be the last Rid well.

- I have put copies of the yearly income & expenditure on the tables for members to look at. I also have a comprehensive breakdown of the year's accounts if anyone would like to view them.

- Explain I &E

- Current /Business account: Brain Burke, John Angus and myself are the only names on the club accounts.

- John Angus will be taking money tonight for the Xmas lunch 2014 for those who have not paid yet!

- I will be taking money for 2014 membership.

- Lastly I would like to thank John Angus for getting the raffle prizes and banking the money over the past year. And to Gloria for stalking you all for door and raffle money.

HT Christie

YMCC Treasurer