

**Motorcycling YarmClub**

**Annual General Meeting**

**14 January 2015**

**Cleveland Bay Public House, Eaglescliffe, Yarm**

**AGENDA**

**1. Meeting opened by Chairman: Welcome**

- a. Distribution of Agenda and Minutes of the AGM of 8 Jan 2014.

**2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM – Corrections/Acceptance.**

- a. Matters Arising.

Are there any items that members would like to be covered under

Item 7 – Any Other Business? Items already listed cover ‘standard’ matters for the forthcoming year.

Are there any proposals for the posts of Committee officers or members?

**3. Chairman’s Report.**

**4. Treasurer’s Report.**

**5. Appointment of Auditor(s).** The club is not a Limited Company therefore a formal audit is not necessary. However, for peace of mind we have always conducted an informal audit and for this we ask for a volunteer or volunteers to assist.

**6. Appointment of Officers:** Vice Chairman and All Committee Officers due.

**7. Any Other Business:**

- a. Club Website. Annual renewal completed
- b. BMF Affiliation. Annual renewal submitted to BMF.
- c. Attendance at Weekend Event(s) for 2015.
- d. Scottish Bike Show 8/9<sup>th</sup> March.
- e. Speakers. Required for February to May.
- f. Rideouts. During Start and End of British Summer Time
- g. Rider of the Year Award.
- h. Rider Trophy – Auction.
- i. Club Property? – Auction.

**MINUTES OF THE YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB AGM HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2015 AT THE  
CLEVELAND BAY, EAGLESCLIFFE**

1. **Opening Address.** The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming 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 8 January 2014. There were no comments on the Minutes and they were accepted as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by: Bill Robinson; Seconded by Glynn Jones. The Secretary asked if there were any additional items required for Item 7: Any Other Business. None were submitted. The Secretary then asked for any proposals for Item 5: Appointment of Officers. There was one self-proposal: Roger Barber. This was noted. The Secretary then handed over the meeting to the Chairman for his report. The Agenda for the meeting is at Annex A.
3. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman's Report was a summary of 2014. The membership had remained steady, losing some members but gaining new members. Organisers of the Christmas/New Year party were thanked for their efforts. Successful rallies had taken place and the Committee were open to ideas for rallies through 2015. The Rider of the Year was John Angus and Colin Whincup's trophy was successfully bid for by John Hutton. 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 licence for the Club's website has recently been renewed and inputs from the members would be gratefully received. Thanks were passed on to the Webmaster, Allan Wren for his excellent work. We had a successful series of Speakers throughout the year and it is hoped this year will be as good. Finally, there was a reminder that annual subs are now due. Two new members were welcomed: Peter Swain and Paul Wilson. The full report is at Annex B.
4. **Treasurer's 2014 Review.** The Treasurer reviewed the Club accounts for 2014. Copies of the Income and Expenditure 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 55 as 13 did not renew for 2014. The Treasurer covered the Income and Expenditure; detailed accounts were available to members on request. 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 excellent 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 C. Members may view the full accounts on request to the Treasurer.
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. Ken Vidgeon kindly volunteered to audit the accounts, and would liaise directly with the Treasurer. This was unanimously agreed by all present.
6. **Appointment of Officers.** The Vice Chairman and all Committee Members' posts were due for appointment. The Vice Chairman – Allan Coverdale, confirmed that he was happy to continue in the post for the next 2 years. All the current Committee Members confirmed that they were happy to continue in their posts (Bob Arnett was confirmed later in the evening). There being vacancies for 3 more members the Secretary asked if there were any other volunteers/proposals, apart from Roger Barber, to join the committee. None were forthcoming. Roger Barber's proposition was welcomed, with the post agreed unanimously by the members: proposed by Norman Simpson; seconded by John Angus.

## **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 club has renewed its affiliation to the BMF for 2015. The affiliation 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. Suggestions included at BBQ at the Pot and Glass or the Cleveland Bay; and a weekend at Corris in Snowdonia.

**d. Scottish Bike Show.** The show will take place over the weekend 7/8 March. It was unfortunate that support for this event had waned over the past few years. Club members wishing to attend the event and travel by coach could contact the Christian Motorcyclists' Association. Contact details would be passed on to the members on request to the Secretary.

**e. Speakers.** This item was covered in the Chairman's Report. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact the Secretary with details.

**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 will be prepared by Allan Coverdale and passed to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletters.

**g. Rider of the Year Award.** This was presented to John Angus at the Christmas/New Year party. Congratulations to John for his exemplary attendance at Rideouts.

**h. Rider Trophy.** The Rider Trophy, donated by Colin Whincup, was offered to the members at the Christmas/New Year Party for the highest bidder to hold for one year. The highest bidder was John Hutton.

**i. Auction of Club Property.** There was no property to auction! However, the raffle would take place after the Close of Business.

**8. Close of Business.** There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for their participation and declared the AGM now closed at 2130.

Annex B.

## **YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB AGM JAN 2015 Chairman's Report.**

1. Good evening ladies & gentlemen and thanks for attending the AGM, and for your support over 2014.

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.

2. Handover to Secretary for 2014 minutes acceptance.

3. A brief summary of 2014.

- ☐ Some members did not renew their membership for the year but we have welcomed new members so we remain at a steady level of support. Harry will give you the details.

□ Thanks are due to Harry, Bill & John for organising a great Christmas party & raffle which I trust was enjoyed by all. John Angus was awarded the Rider of the Year trophy which was presented at the party. Colin Whincup's trophy was also successfully auctioned, with John Hutton being the lucky bidder to have the privilege of displaying it all this year.

□ 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 Coverdale if you wish to volunteer to lead. The weekly ride outs on a Sunday also remained popular & will continue.

□ Successful weekend rallies took place through the year. Visits were made to Corris in southern Snowdonia, Scotland & a very successful trip was made to the battlefields in France, no doubt reinforcing the "entente cordiale".

There appears to be an interest in a spring rally to Derbyshire; anyone wishing to join in please see me later & if we have enough numbers I will try to have a firm proposal for you at the February meeting. 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 once again to Norman & Allen. We intend to run the bus again this year & look forward to more of you wishing to go.

□ Thanks are due to the excellent speakers we have enjoyed. 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, who continues to do an excellent job of running your website. Don't be shy to contact him with any ideas or contributions. This year I think we should try to extend the club photo library of both old & new images. We have renewed the web site licence for a further year.

□ 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 2015 Christmas party.

4. Handover to Treasurer

5. Appointment of auditors

6. Election of officers

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

8. Close & raffle

Brian Taylor

Chairman