

**MINUTES OF THE YARM MOTORCYCLING CLUB AGM HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2017 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 access to copies of the Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda is at Annex A. The Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 13 January 2016, had been circulated by email the previous week and a hard copy was available to view at the front table. There were no comments on the Minutes and they were accepted as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Bill Robinson, Seconded by Paul Wilson, that the Minutes of the 2016 AGM were a true record of that meeting. The Secretary asked if there were any additional items required for Item 7 - Any Other Business. None were submitted. The Secretary handed over the meeting to the Chairman for his report.
  
3. Chairman's Report. The Chairman's Report was a summary of 2016. The membership had remained steady, losing some members but gaining new members. The membership now stood at 68 as of December 2016. Gloria Coverdale was thanked for her sterling work collecting the door money and selling raffle tickets. Jeff Percival had done a great job in getting the wide range of raffle prizes for every meeting. The Sunday Rideouts were proving successful, with double-figures regularly turning up. The Drop-off system was working to good effect. 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. Breakfast at Morrison's proved again to be a good choice. The full report is at Annex B.
  
4. Treasurer's 2016 Review. The Treasurer reviewed the Club accounts for 2016. 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. The Treasurer covered the Income and Expenditure; detailed accounts were available to members on request. The Treasurer's Report is at Annex C. Proposed by Allan Coverdale, Seconded by Albert Higgins, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
  
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. Brian Taylor kindly volunteered to audit the accounts, and would liaise directly with the Treasurer.

6. Appointment of Officers. The Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary's positions and all Committee Officers' posts were up for election. The Vice Chairman – Allan Coverdale, confirmed that he was happy to continue in the post for the next 2 years. Harry Christie, Treasurer, wished to stand down from the role he had held for many years. Jeff Percival, currently Vice Treasurer, volunteered to take on the position of Treasurer. The Secretary asked those present for nominations for the position of Vice Treasurer; none were forthcoming. There were no nominations for the post of Secretary; the Secretary agreed to continue for a further 3 years. All current Committee Officers confirmed that they were happy to continue in their posts. There being vacancies for one more member the Secretary asked if there were any volunteers/proposals for to join the committee. Peter Rochester agreed to fill the remaining post and was thanked by all for stepping up to the mark. The Secretary noted that the vacant post of Vice Treasurer would continue to be advertised at subsequent meetings and in the newsletter.

Agreement to the appointments were proposed by Robert Slosarczyk, seconded by Bill Robinson.

7. Any Other Business.

- a. Website. Allan Wren, the club's Webmaster, confirmed that the licence had been renewed. Members were urged to send their inputs to Allan Wren. The website is a fantastic club resource and needs support from the members in terms of inputs such as stories and pictures.
- b. BMF Affiliation. The club has renewed its affiliation to the BMF for 2017. 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 or attended. The cost of renewal was £237.00, the same as for 2016. The Secretary asked that members note that Individual Membership was increased by £2 per annum.
- c. Weekend Events for 2017. A number of weekend events had been discussed at the committee meeting earlier. The Chairman proposed a day-run to the Lakeland Motor Museum on the A590, south-west of Lake Windemere. The museum has over 140 classic and vintage cars and motorcycles, including the Donald Campbell Bluebird Display and a tribute to the IoM TT and a '50s style café. Bob Arnett suggested that a visit to the Planet Knox Body Armour Factory at Cockermouth, Cumbria, would be a good rideout and an educational visit. Brian Taylor proposed a weekend at Bellingham Camp Site, Northumberland, given 5-Star rating by the Caravan and Camping Club. Allan Coverdale suggested rideout to Craster (kipperland) on the Northumbeland coast and a series of Rideouts visiting castles in the north east. The BMF-sponsored Dambusters Rally on 11-13 August at Thorpe Camp in Lincolnshire is also a possibility – this is a camping-only event (i.e. tents) so may not be popular for some! Bill Robinson would look into the Middlesbrough Motor

Club programme for items to be included in the events and/or rideout venues, for example, Coulby Newham and Kirkleatham Hall.

- d. Scottish Bike Show. The Scottish Bike Show will take place over the weekend 11/12 March. Club members wishing to attend the event and travel by coach should contact the Christian Motorcyclists' Association. Contact details would be passed on to the members on request to the Vice Chairman - Allan Coverdale or the Secretary.
- e. Speakers. Speakers are always needed in the February to May period and in the autumn. Roger Barber has a speaker lined up to give a talk on classic and vintage buses. The Chairman has contacted MSG Bike Gear; the business has new clothing and accessories to promote.
- f. Rideouts. These will begin at the start of British Summer Time and continue until the clocks go back in October. There will be Rideouts on Bank Holidays in addition to the regular Sunday outings. A table for the Rideouts has been prepared by Allan Coverdale and passed to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletters.
- g. Close of Business. In wrapping-up the meeting the Chairman passed on congratulations to the Rider of the Year – Peter Rochester, and Pillion of the Year, May Tucker. Allan Wren proposed a 'Vote of Thanks' for the work Harry Christie had done over the years for the Club; all expressed their appreciation. There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for their participation and declared the AGM closed at 2120.

Brian Burke

Secretary

30 January 2017

Annexes:

- A. Agenda
- B. Chairman's Report
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