The BMW Club

Annual General Meeting

21st April 2012

1 President's Welcome/Report

2 Apologies for Absence: 3 Approval of minutes of 2010 Annual general Meeting. 4 Matters arising from those minutes: None

5 Count of numbers present by Sections and appoint tellers:

| East Anglia | 2 | Ireland | 2 |
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| London | 3 | Mercia | 4 |
| Midland | 8 | North East | 7 |
| Northern | 29 | Oxford | 7 |
| Scotland | 34 | South East | 1 |
| Southern | 4 | South West | 5 |
| Ulster | 1 | Western | 3 |
| Yorkshire | 12 | HQ and Oversea | s 0 |

Total including associates 122

Tellers appointed: Bill Smithson, Steve Shepley.

6 Reports (in writing) from:

General Secretary: Report as published. No questions.

National Social Secretary: Report as published. No questions.

Editor: Report as published. **Membership Secretary:** Report as published. No questions. The Membership Secretary thanked his assistant, Liz Sandland, for taking on most of the work, since circumstances had prevented him from doing so.

Sporting Register Secretary: Report as published. **Vintage Register Secretary:** Report as published. Robin was not able to be present at the meeting for personal reasons but hopes soon to be able to produce the next Register Newsletter.

Merchandise Secretary: Report as published. Additionally, prices will have to be increased owing to the VAT increase; a new line of base layers will become available shortly.

Tool Hire Secretaries: Reports as published. Service equipment for later models will become available in due course.

- 7 Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
- 8 Appointment of accountants for the ensuing year:

9 Confirm Subscription fee for 2012/2013: agreed no change.

10. Election of Club National Officers for 2010/2011.

President: Dick Boyd 94 votes Elected

General Secretary: David Cooper 95 votes Elected

Treasurer: Jim Lepley 106 votes Elected

Membership Secretary: Les Madge 102 votes Elected

National Social Secretary: Mark Dutton 106 votes Elected

Editor: Stewart Lothian 106 votes Elected

Vintage Register Secretary: Robin Walker 101 votes Elected

Sporting Register Secretary: Robert Bensley 106 votes Elected

Sidecar Secretary: no nomination

GS Register Secretary: no nomination

Vice Presidents 3 years: Cliff Batley 106 votes Elected

11 Presentation of trophies:

Sporting Spirit Trophy: Barry Warner

Max Deubel Trophy: Brian Shears

Mary Dudgeon Trophy: Margaret Shears

Bill Woollin 'Spirit of the Club' Award: George Barlow

Val Joslyn Trophy: Mick Williams

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14 AGM 2013: Saturday April th 2013

15 Any other business: There was none.

Social Secretary was asked (T Cartmel, P McCrombie, Northern) to make clear the charge of £20 for the National Rally. Soc Sec explained that the venue hire, with added attractions, was £5,500 and that the charge was to cover this provision. Day visitors would be charged £10 per day. Soc. Sec. will takes

steps to make this clear to all. Editor was asked (S Moxey, Oxford) what might be done to further improve the Journal. Editor hopes to broaden the content to appeal to a wider audience and would like contributions from Sections and active Club members. The question of an on-line Journal was raised (D Johnson, Oxford) and Editor explained that although a new range of skills would be required, it is a concept which could save money especially in view of the pending and considerable postage cost increases. Provision for non computer users must be retained (Cath Broughton, Midland) and the Editor suggested there might be a case for parallel provision of both formats. Membership Secretary was asked for current full member numbers (Hugh Reid, London); these are 3,349, approx. the same as last year. 5 years ago, membership was approx.6,000. It was suggested (Dave Ensor, London) that the behavior of a minority of forum users might be responsible for some of this reduction, a point of view shared by several other speakers.