

The BMW Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

26 April 2014

1 President's Welcome/Report

Good morning everyone and welcome to this 63rd AGM . Thank you for making the effort to attend.

Over the past year I hope that you have all enjoyed club life and the camaraderie that brings, when participating in adventures alongside your fellow rider.

The AGM will allow you to meet and socialize with the volunteers and members that help to run this club and will also allow the transfer of ideas and thoughts as to which way the club might develop in the future.

The Club depends totally on the efforts of a large number of volunteers and I would like to extended both my and the thanks of the membership to all concerned. Whilst volunteers are pleased to receive constructive suggestions about how the Club is run, they are entitled to courtesy at all times.

Now, a few ground rules for the meeting today. If you wish to speak during the AGM please raise your hand to gain attention, then when you have the microphone please state your name and section and make sure that the Secretary has recorded this for the minutes.

2 Apologies for Absence:

Martin Padgett, Paul Nadin, Helen Beer, John Winn, Janet Winn, Mark Dutton, Mike Davies, Peter Dutton, Bob Townley, Ann Townley, Harvey Garton, Dorrie Garton, Bob Denman, John Elvidge, Marjorie Burnett, Eric Burnett, Bruce Lepley, John Brown, Colin Ainsworth, Reg Moule, Rob Allin, Marion Allin, Alan Orme, all members from the Isle of Man

3 Approval of minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes were approved, Proposed: Mick Williams, Seconded: John Chandler
In Favour – 121 Against – 0 Abstentions – 5

4 Matters arising from those minutes: None

5 Count of numbers present by Sections and appoint tellers:

East Anglia	10	Ireland	2	London
5				
Mercia	4	Midland	12	North East
7				
Northern	8	Oxford	61	Scotland
4				

South East	2	Southern	21	South West
3				
Ulster	1	Western	5	Yorkshire
5				
HQ and Overseas	2			

Total including associates 152

Tellers appointed: xxxx

6 Reports (in writing) from:

General Secretary: Report as published. No questions.

National Social Secretary: Report as published.

There are a few places left at the Spring National and the August Kelso event.

Achievements during the past 12 months have included turning up at meetings, Metzler have come on board and are supporting the club events, Moto-go-Loco have supported the club and as such we have the opportunity to have a draw at the AGM and would like to invite you to put £5 in an envelope with your name on, the winner will then be drawn and will be able to choose a Moto-go-Loco hotel event, the proceeds from the draw will be given to the Air Ambulance. Carrying on with my report the club is to attend the BMW Car Club event in Haydon and free entry is for those who bring their bikes to put on display in the marquee. The club's twitter account is up and running, most sections have their own as well, this is a new way forward and is working well. 2015 dates so far are the AGM in Harrogate, August National is planned for just outside Winchester at the Agricultural College, negotiations are ongoing for this event. A venue for the 2016 AGM is needed. Before I close can I just give a big thanks to everyone who has helped me through the past year.

Editor: Report as published.

Membership Secretary: No report published.

May I firstly apologise for their not being a report, I will now give some figures for membership.

23.1.14 – of 4220 members 2741 have renewed, 373 are new with 1106 still to renew

1.2.14 – 3297 have now renewed with 393 new, 916 have lapsed – 60 more members than this time in 2013

16.4.13 we had 3701 members, on 16.4.14 we had 3555, this is 146 less than the previous year, 799 have lapsed

Sporting Register Secretary: No report.

Vintage Register Secretary: At Stafford Bike Show

Merchandise Secretary: Report as published. A new T-shirt is now available priced at £8.50.

Tool Hire Secretar: Reports as published. 2014 has been a very busy year.

7 Treasurer's Report and Accounts:

The Treasurer referred the meeting to his published report and that the clubs financial position is firmly under control. Having turned around 3 years of losses into a small profit this year. At the last 2 AGMs questions were raised concerning the Accountancy and Bookeeping costs. The Treasurer has looked at previous years' figures and these show that we are paying less Accountant fees that we did in the period 2006 to 2009. The Book keeping fees have stayed very much the same for the last 10 years

The accounts were accepted, proposed Dik Langam, seconded: Geoff Clough

In Favour – 146 Against – 0 Abstentions – 1

8 Appointment of accountants for the ensuing year: The present accountants to continue: there were no objections - carried.

9 Confirm Subscription fee for 2015/2016: Agreed – no change.

10 Election of Club National Officers for 2014/2015.

President:	Mike Warrilow	134 votes Elected
General Secretary:	Anita Johnson	144 votes Elected
Treasurer:	Jim Lepley	135 votes Elected
Membership Secretary:	Bob Barker	0 votes Elected
National Social Secretary:	Jim Bettley	144 votes Elected
Editor:	Stewart Lowthian	144 votes Elected
Vintage Register Secretary:	John Winn	146 votes Elected
Sporting Register Secretary:	Robert Bensley	143 votes Elected
Sidecar Secretary:	no nomination	
GS Register Secretary:	no nomination	
Vice Presidents 3 years:	Cliff Batley	137 votes Elected

On returning to the chair, the president addressed the meeting, the Club is in need of someone to come forward as the National Membership Secretary and Bob Barker has agreed to take on the position, he will be assisted by Dick Boyd who is more than willing to pass on his vast knowledge of the duties having stood down at this AGM. At this point I would like to make a presentation to Dick in thanks for all the years of dedication and hard work he has put into the club. I would also like to thank all officers both concluding and continuing their terms, as well as the AGM venue organisers. We all look forward to the changes that the club has to go through to prosper.

11 Presentation of trophies:

BMW Sporting Spirit Trophy: Nigel Richardson

Max Deubel Trophy: Greg Smith

Mary Dudgon Trophy: Jenny Batley

Bill Woollin 'Spirit of the Club' Award: John Chandler

Val Joslyn Trophy:

Additional presentation of flowers was made to Cath Broughton in recognition of the work that she has put in looking after the club regalia.

12 Special Resolutions proposed by the National Committee

SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO ALTER ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE B.M.W. MOTORCYCLE CLUB LIMITED

Incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 with Registration Number: 4261129

THAT the articles of association of the company be altered as follows:

1. By inserting in Article 10 after the final sentence the words: "The Company may by ordinary resolution at a National Committee Meeting amend the format for annual subscriptions so that each individual subscription terminates at a date 1 year from its commencement so that by way of example a subscription commencing in April will terminate the following April."

The amended Memorandum and Articles of Association are already prepared, a copy of which has been initialled "BMW1" for the purpose of identification, and the secretary be directed immediately to register them with the Registrar of Companies.

Discussions both for and against the proposal were put forward.

In favour – 116

Against – 12

Abstentions – 12

The motion was carried with a 86.6% majority to allow the National Committee to amend the format for annual subscription to expire on the date 1 year after joining, existing members will be unaffected by this resolution.

That the Journal format be changed from A5 to A4 from January 2015

We have looked at the cost of changing to an A4 magazine and were surprised to find that printing *The Journal* as an A4 size rather than A5 would actually cost less:- the club would save about £1000 per year by having an A4 *Journal*. The A4 *Journal* would fall within the same weight and size band as the A5 *Journal* so there is no increase in postage costs.

Stewart made up an A4 version of *The Journal* and having seen it, the national committee unanimously agreed that this was the way forward. The postal vote resulted in less than 20 % of the membership voting so apathy ruled and we stayed with the A5. This time it will be decided by a vote at the AGM and have your vote counted Yes or No it's up to you the member to decide. The A4 magazine will push the club forward into the future, with a bright, airy, more readable and visually attractive monthly magazine.

Discussions both for and against the proposal were put forward.

In favour – 115

Against – 10

Abstentions – 8

The was carried with a 86.5% majority to allow the Journal format to be changed from A5 to A4 from January 2015

13 AGM 2015: Saturday April 18 2015 at the Cairn Hotel in Harrogate.

14 Any other business:

The president closed the meeting at 3.00 pm.