

The BMW Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

18 April 2015

1 President's Welcome/Report

Good morning everyone and welcome to the 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:

Reg Moule, Barry Winter, Mick Welch, Martin Pagett, Paul Nadin, Mike Fabling, Bill McCready, Tom & Rose Murtagh, Rob Allin, Marion Allin, Steve Moxey, Chris Wallace, Phil & Karen, Colverston, Bob Denman, Nick Dulk, Nick Fearn, Mark Dutton, Peter Dutton, Helen Beer, Keith Humphries, Steven Sheard, Chris Rogers, Mike Dorking

At this point we realised that we needed to appoint the tellers for the vote approving the following minutes. Tellers appointed.

3 Approval of minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes were approved, Proposed: Bill Smithson, Seconded: John Chandler In Favour-125 Against-0 Abstentions-7

4 Matters arising from those minutes: None

5 Count of numbers present by Sections and appoint tellers:

East Anglia	8	Ireland	2	London	2
Mercia	9	Midland	14	North East	13
Northern	26	Oxford	7	Scotland	16
South East	1	Southern	13	South West	3
Ulster	1	Western	7	Yorkshire	30
HQ and Overseas	1				

Total including associates 153

6 Reports (in writing) from:

General Secretary: Report as published. No questions.

National Social Secretary: Report as published.

Reminder that there are still places on the National, the National Committee are to test to see if these are to continue in the future.

August 16 — BMW Car Club at Gaydon is on facebook etc, see Jim for details if you want to attend, must be on a BMW Mercia have stepped forward to hold the 2016 AGM

No National for 2016 yet

An open invite to run the 100th anniversary with Motorrad in 2016 — need someone to organise

Editor: Report as published.

Need someone to step forward for the post of Editor or sub out the Journal to a publisher, costings in report

Membership Secretary: Report at published.

Keeping going with admin duties, a bit down on the 2014 numbers (3792 Sept 14)

Database - new one going to be put out to tender, struggling to get anyone to take on the old system

Q Jim Isherwood, SW What is happening with direct debit

A This is being looked at in the design of the new database

Sporting Register Secretary: Report as published. Sorry got the date for Snetterton wrong, my mistake

Vintage Register Secretary: John Wheeler is going to take over the register, he is not interested in the politics of the club just wants to get on with riding bikes, any support would be welcomed.

Merchandise Secretary: Report as published. Plenty of new items available, have a look

Tool Hire Secretary: Reports as published.

7 Treasurer's Report and Accounts:

Before we get down to the Accounts there are quite a few volunteers on the financial side of the Club who deserve our thanks. Mike Delacoe for the excellent and efficient way he runs the Tool hire service. Cath Broughton for her very efficient and excellent handling of Regalia ordering and sales. Chas Knight and Jim Bruce who handle the advertising accounts. Lynn Sumner the Club Capitation Officer who keeps me on my toes and all the section membership processors. Also Geoff Clough for his support and assistance. And finally but definitely not least the Section Treasurers who have the unenviable and difficult job of balancing the books. I know I am repeating myself but feel it is important to recognise the efforts of all these people who work behind the scenes.

Our ongoing financial controls are working well and the Club's financial position is stable. The small profit of just over £1000 made in 2012/13 has increased this year to just over £9000

I have my cash flow chart here which show that in August of 2014 we were within approximately £2000 of August 2012 and 2013. September surprisingly showed an increase of approx £10,000 more than the previous 2 years. This is because in 2012 and 2013 we had collected considerable sums for the national rally and paid that money out in September. Last year was very similar and although the national rally lost a similar sum to previous years the overall cost of the rally was far less.

The National Committee have been discussing and currently we are sourcing assistance with our membership database. I foresee this being fairly expensive and in order to protect the clubs financial position recommend an increase of £3 to £30 for full membership of the club. I am also aware of the constraints that a falling membership is placing on sections funds and propose that capitation would increase by £1 at the same time as this increase.

Q Nev Jones as there is a surplus this year, is this enough to not have an increase in subs

A JL no

Q Cohn Ross why is there a difference in the income from track days and other events

A Geoff Clough net income from the raffle shown separate, the year before it was included

The accounts were accepted, proposed Cohn Ross, seconded: Bill Smithson In Favour - 142
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 2016/2017: The proposal was to increase the subscription by £3 to £30 and increase the capitation by £1

Q Tony Alcock when was the last increase

A JL 5 years ago

Q Mike Wooton database, is it a single cost and not a recurring one

A JL 1 off cost to design and ongoing maintenance charges, approx £5k + 10% for amendments

Bill Smithson stated that he was happy to support the increase, saw it as reasonable, not happy to support the increase in capitation as looking at section finances that are high

Cliff Batley - not supporting the increase, advertising in the journal needs to increase this will help with finances, dc not need any more capitation

Cohn Ross - section bank balances have money in for events, not surplus

Brian Price - in support of the increase, concerned that making overheads more expensive, what would happen if membership levels returned to same as 20 years ago

Bill Foster - £3 is the cost of a pint of beer, can't compare past, costs have increased £3 is nothing, vote to accept.

Bill Smithson - members deposits should not be shown in balances

Increase in subscriptions proposed by Jim Lepley, seconded by Cohn Bembridge In Favour-
129 Against - 21 Abstentions - 3

10 Election of Club National Officers for 2015/2016

President:	Mike Warrilow	129 votes Elected
General Secretary:	Anita Johnson	140 votes Elected
Treasurer:	Jim Lepley	143 votes Elected
Membership Secretary:	Bob Barker	152 votes Elected
National Social Secretary:	Jim Bettley	152 votes Elected
Editor:	Stewart Lowthian	154 votes Elected
Vintage Register Secretary:	John Wheeler	147 votes co-opted
Sporting Register Secretary:	Robert Bensley	154 votes Elected
Sidecar Secretary:	Keith Thomas	152 votes Elected
GS Register Secretary:	Neville Jones	152 votes Elected
Vice Presidents 3 years:	Graham Walker	148 votes Elected

On returning to the chair, the president continued with business of the meeting.

11 Presentation of trophies and award of Honorary Memberships:

BMW Sporting Spirit Trophy: not awarded

Max Deubel Trophy: not awarded

Mary Dudgon Trophy: Judy Lepley

Bill Woollin 'Spirit of the Club' Award: Cohn Ainsworth Val Joslyn Trophy: not awarded

Fred Secker: Graham Roberts

Honorary Memberships are awarded to Dick Boyd, Jim Bruce, Greg Smith

12 Special Resolutions proposed by the National Committee

12a In order to help streamline the process for nominating officers ahead of an AGM

Q John Chandler this process assumes all on PC

A DL the old process still stands, this just makes the process easier

ci Cynthia why was this not done 15 years ago

A DL exactly

0 Rob Bensley can you clarify which positions this affects

A DL all positions

Amendment proposed by Dik Langan, seconded by Jim Lepley In Favour - 137 Against -

21 Abstentions - 0

12b The Club should change the name of the monthly magazine (The Journal) to 'The Beemer, The monthly magazine of the BMW Club' from July 2015 onwards

Peirs gave a presentation on his reasoning for wishing to change

Bill Smithson 10 out of 10 for bravery, the name sounds like a Merseyside drug dealer car

Cynthia club members know what it is others don't matter

Ian Dobie Journal gives impression of exclusive

Ton Thackary I stand against the proposed change

Cliff Battley a Beemer has 4 wheels

Graham Walker I am in support of the change
Stewart Lowthian I am not in favour
Proposed by Peirs Morgan, seconded by Tony Robson

In Favour - 24 Against - 112 Abstentions - 10

12c Logo clarification wording

Ian Dobie apologised for not getting the wording correct, the procedure is correct, willing to accept the slight change and procedure

Q CB Can you please give clarification on what she can/cannot do with the logo, Cath gave examples.

There are too many logo's in circulation and things are getting lost in translation

A CR Flexibility needed in embroidery, the M&AA state that alternatives are permitted

O ID How much do we get from BMW for the logo

A ?? £0

O Do we leave the proposal as it stands, or approve option 2, allowing the NC to agree on a modified wording

Proposed by Nev Jones, seconded by Ian Dobie

In favour - 116 Against —0 Abstentions —6

13 Streamlining of the National Committee as Proposed by the Western Section

Cohn Ross gave an overview of the proposal

Q Dik Langan how would voting work, 3 sections into a region, loss of 2 votes

A CR suggestion to make voting more formal, make proposal in writing 4 weeks before meeting

Q Peter Dunn role of VP needed to work for club and be impartial, 1 person may not represent true views

A Jeff Clough VP's have experience and knowledge, NC meetings do not always run smoothly, get stuff out in plenty of time, regional representation

Q Brian Price would rep have 3 votes

A CR each section given opportunity to vote

Q Brian Johnson Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland - 3 different views how is this overcome

A CR need to streamline, presentation to highlight

Q Foster this is cost driven, alternative to use technology

A CR agree

Q Ian McCrombie what is point in having sections, why not have 1 person making all decisions, why cant sections help fund NC meetings

Q Cliff Battley trialled SKYPE, things changed, 3 meetings not enough, have 1 a month via video, need to grow membership not save money, figures are inaccurate

A CR Cliff clarified points agreed

Q ?? does video conference exclude club members from attending

Q Marjorie Burnett step back and look at where we are, we are a bike club after all

Q Cath Broughton there is a cost to running a club, look at cutting costs in various ways

A Jim L did this last year, at present most cost effective

Q Cath Broughton is there a cap on expenses

A Jim L no, example 3 days, 2 travelling 1 meeting cost

Q Andy Young reps giving up time, value for money

Q Graham Walker costs are necessary, have to be incurred, leave as is

Q Jim B JB & BB represent 2 sections as well as NATO

Proposed by Cohn Ross, seconded by xxxx

In Favour-9 Against-108

14 5 Year Plan

A document had been circulated during the meeting on the discussion

Q Is the Vintage Register going to be sacrificed

A No

A discussion took place regarding the way forward and the consensus of the meeting is that the Club needs to change its image and move forward

15 AGM 2016: Saturday April 16 2016 at the Best Western Premier Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth.

The president closed the meeting and thanked all those present for attending and wished them all a safe onward journey.