

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The BMW Motorcycle Club Limited held at the Best Western Premier Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth on 16th April 2016.

- 1) The President opened the meeting and welcomed the attending members.
- 2) The count of members attending was:

East Anglia	8
Irish	1
London	3
Mercia	27
Midland	19
North East	9
Northern	14
Oxford	27
Scottish	3
South East	5
Southern	8
South West	2
Ulster	1
Western	11
Yorkshire	13
HQ	1
Total	152

- 3) Apologies for absence were received from Barry Waters, James Hough, Ann Hough, Bob Ingram, Helen Beer, [Chris](#) Roughley, Phil & Karen Culverston and Robert Freeman.
- 4) Approval of the minutes of the 2015 meeting.
Proposed by Dik Langan, seconded by Dean Carpenter
For: 112, Against: 0, Abstaining: 1.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes.
Derek Johnson asked why the 2015 meeting was not told that they were voting for a convicted fraudster. Mike Warrilow advised that the matter would be dealt with later in the meeting.
- 6) Officers Reports.
Secretary: Anita Johnson had nothing to add to her report which was accepted without questions. Liz Elvidge expressed appreciation for her work at the NEC show.
Social Secretary: Jim Bettley had nothing to add to his report which was accepted without questions.
Editor: Stewart Lowthian added to his report by saying that he had a successor in Debbie Sampson assisted on technical matters by Bruce Lepley. Brian Price asked if the Journal would now return to A5 format, Stewart replied that it will not because it was a change

voted for by the membership rather than the editor's choice. Reg Moule proposed a vote of thanks to him. Mike Warrilow presented him with a thank-you gift of a GS-911 servicing tool.

Membership Secretary: Bob Barker added to his report by saying that a company had been engaged to implement a new membership database. He then answered questions regarding membership numbers. Steve Moxey asked how many had lapsed as a percentage, the answer is 1,120 so approximately 25% the same as previous years. Bob reminded the members that his role is not marketing but hopes the new booklet will help with publicity at shows and dealers. Cath Broughton asked if we follow up with leaving members to find out why, the answer was yes, and those that do respond mostly just reply that they were trying the Club and it was just not for them. Steve Moxey asked if any plan for promotions or incentives now that the rolling year membership is in place, the answer was that the National Committee are looking for ideas and are already considering joining fees or discount models. Derek Johnston asked if this would just create more work, the answer was no as it would be built in to the new database system. The conversation then deviated to the topics of Facebook and Forum so Mike brought the meeting back to the reports.

Sporting Register Secretary: Robert Bensley advised the meeting that he was considering stepping down unless all the track days were fully subscribed. Bob Denman asked if spectators were encouraged at track days, the answer was yes. Bob Denman suggested that this was advertised more prominently which Rob agreed with.

Vintage Register Secretary: Brian Price reminded the meeting that he was only holding the fort until a volunteer stepped forward and that his other commitments limited the time he was able to give to the position. Mike Warrilow reiterated the need for someone to take the position on. Brian agreed to continue monitoring the email address until a volunteer comes forth. There were no questions.

Sidecar Register Secretary: Keith Thomas' had nothing to add to his report. The suggestion was made that a first-timer day might be of interest to members.

Regalia Secretary: Cath Broughton's report was accepted. Cath thanked Dik Langan for his help in sorting the web shop. Telephone sales were going well, last year samples some nav in stock, local dealerships helping out with braces, dual approach for shirt with dealerships. She concluded by thanking those who had assisted her. Derek Johnson asked whether regalia sales were viable as we had £1800 income against £4600 spent and reduced stock levels. Mike said that this would be discussed as part of the Treasurer's report.

GS Register Secretary: Neville Jones added to his report by thanking those who had helped him through the year.. The Register had 850 members, most of whom use email. GS Register stickers are available from Cath Broughton and via the Register website. Four camping events are planned for this year. There is a need for members to assist in developing the Register. Entry forms for the GS Challenge are available.

Toolhire Secretary: Mike Delacoe had nothing to add to his report which was accepted without questions.

7) Treasurer's report and accounts.

Jim Lepley explained the reason for issuing draft accounts and an amendment sheet in The Journal. Questions were asked regarding the Irish Section's balance and the funds it owes the Club. These were answered by Jim Lepley and Chris Wright (Irish Section Social Secretary) who explained that the Club had been attempting with no success to open a Euro account to facilitate the transfer of funds. Jim Lepley stated that the Club had been paid compensation by its bankers following their inability to offer a Euro

account and Chris Wright stated that their bank would demand €2000 Euros to make the transfer, which was considered to be completely unreasonable. The suggestion made to “kick the Irish Section out” from the floor received no popular support. Other questions were answered regarding section profits. It was alleged from the floor that the accounts were in breach of various sections of the Companies Act. The sections were listed too quickly to minute and the member concerned left the meeting before the end without substantiating his concerns. Reg Moule asked Jim Lepley if the accountants were happy with the accounts. Jim confirmed that they were and Reg proposed that the meeting accepted the accounts. Jim gave an explanation of how he worked then replied to further questions regarding budget planning. Cath Broughton, seconded by Bill Smithson, proposed a vote of thanks for Jim. Jim confirmed that the accounts had been received only the day before the February NCM and stated that the accountants had agreed to provide future accounts by December of each year. The motion to accept the accounts was proposed by Reg Moule and seconded by Cath Broughton. For: 118, Against: 5, Abstaining: 11.

8) Appointment of Accountants.

The motion to retain Ross McConnel was proposed by Jim Lepley and seconded by Dik Langan. For 124, Against 2, Abstain 10.

9) Confirmation of subscription for 2017/2018. The subscription will be kept to its current level of £30 for United Kingdom members.

10) Election of Officers.

President: Alan Orme took the chair for the election of the President. At Mike Warrilow's request votes against and abstentions were counted. For: 119, Against: 8, Abstaining: 3. Mike was elected and resumed the chair.

Secretary: Anita Johnson 63, Stewart Lowthian 67. Stewart was therefore elected.

Treasurer: Jim Lepley was elected unopposed with 126 votes

Membership Secretary: Bob Barker was elected unopposed with 137 votes.

{At this point there was a break for lunch}

Social Secretary: Jim Bettley was elected unopposed with 121 votes.

Editor: Debbie Sampson was welcomed (not elected) to the position.

Vintage Register Secretary: No candidate.

Sporting Register Secretary: Robert Bensley was elected unopposed with 132 votes.

Sidecar Register Secretary: Keith Thomas was elected unopposed with 132 votes.

GS Register Secretary: Neville Jones was elected unopposed with 131 votes.

Vice-President: Alan Orme withdrew his nomination. Ian Dobie was elected with 101 votes.

Before the election of Vice-President, Graham Walker (elected VP in 2015) gave a brief explanation of personal circumstances not disclosed before his election. Although no Club rule had been broken, concern had been expressed regarding his position. After presentations for and against Graham staying in office, a vote of members showed 81 in favour of Graham stepping down, 18 for him remaining in office and 17 abstentions. Graham accepted the decision of the meeting and resigned as Vice-President. The co-option of a third Vice-President was deferred to the next National Committee Meeting and then two VP posts will be open for election at the next AGM.

11) Presentation of Awards.

Bill Smithson was awarded Honorary Life Membership for many years' service to the Club.

Piers Kurrein was awarded the Max Deubel Trophy.

Mike Delacoe was awarded the Fred Secker Trophy.

Best motorcycles: Best GS: Mark Carlin (Yorkshire Section) R 1100 GS

Best Airhead: Albert Connick (London Section) R75/5

Best Tourer: Simon Johnston (North-East Section) R 1100 RT

12) Special Resolution (requiring 75% of votes cast to succeed).

After a brief presentation by Dik Langan, followed by questions from members the vote was taken. For: 116 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstain: 0 votes. The Resolution was therefore carried and the MAA will be updated accordingly.

13) Any Other Business:

- a) Colin Ross presented the full details of the Summer National with great enthusiasm and gained much support. He reported that 55 people were booked already but hoped that everyone present would book as soon as they get a chance.
- b) Dik Langan, East Anglia Section Sec, was approached by the Framlingham College and asked whether the Club would be prepared to share the 2017 Summer National Rally with the GoldWing UK owners' Club. After a short discussion, asked for an unofficial vote to gauge response, vote was overwhelming support for concept (107 for, 1 against, 6 abstained). Dik promised to take this back to the College to see if GoldWing club were prepared to share.

14) Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd April 2017 at the Bedford Hotel, Tavistock.