

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

6th October 2010 20:30

Apologies: Dave and June Reeves, Peter & Valerie Webb, Tony and Sue Ware & Roger and Thelma Ware.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Eddie Pateman sec. John Bainbridge.)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2010 AGM and then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave a brief summary of the past year's events and said that it had been a packed calendar of events which began with the Dinner and Dance at the Quality Hotel. Other events were the Mistletoe Meander, the Devon weekend, the Aubrey Batt run to the 'Breamore Steam-Up'. We attended the Beaulieu Autojumble weekend with the club stand with the National MMOC and there was lots of interest in the Branch. The Dorset Rally was another successful event with over 120 vehicles in attendance. Other shows attended were the Lymington Rotary, Poole Bay Classics Show at Breamore. The Mid Summer Saunter was a new event for this year which went well and will hopefully be better attended next year. Many members attended the Frogham Fayre and Verwood Rustic Fayres over the August Bank Holiday weekend. A good contingent of members travelled over to IoW this year for their rally which made a good weekend. We helped out on the National MMOC stand at the Beaulieu Autojumble (Autumn) in September and much of our Regalia was sold to various parts of the world. The 3 in 1 run to SEB museum was very good as was the most recent run to Shaftesbury Carnival. Many members have attended other shows that I have not mentioned and if you know of any in the forthcoming season, please let us know so that we can publicise it. Looking ahead to 2011, the Devon Weekend is already almost fully booked. The dinner dance will now be in January at a new venue. The Mistletoe Meander will start and finish this year from the SEB club. It has been suggested that we attend the Ferndown Carnival for a Saturday pm activity at the July Branch Rally weekend. Congratulations to the members who have completed restorations this year and to those who have won prizes. Hopefully, this will encourage the completion of other restorations. To all the new members this year, hopefully, they have had an enjoyable time with us so far and will continue to do so for many years to come. (2011 marks the 25th Anniversary of Laurie joining the club). He finished by looking forward to another good year for the Branch to come.

Treasurers Report

The major expense for this year has been the purchase of another van to transport the club regalia and equipment. This is to temporarily replace our Minor Van. As you may know, the Austin Van which we bought in 2006 is now in need of too much work for us to do as a club. We have therefore decided to dispose of it, so at the moment, the list of major assets shows both vans. The outlay for the Vauxhall van was £763.75, which was below book price. The insurance was £425.86 for the first year, however, we are hoping for a significant no-claim discount next year. Other significant purchases for this year have been as follows: A feather flag with poles and base, for use at shows, etc: £235.00, Lining machine for marking the rally field. We found it difficult to find a suitable machine for hire. The cost of £86.46 was set against the Rally account. Petrol Generator (second hand): £10.00 Pop-up Gazebo: £65.00

Grille badges: £409.61. Our chosen charity for this year has been Julia's House. Two donations have been made amounting to £246.00. This was made up of £130.00 raised at our blind auction in April and £116.00 raised at the auction held at the Branch Rally by Roy Gale and Phil Traves. Due to the accounts being closed, the Rally sponsorship income of £145.25 has not been shown since it was not received in time. When it is received, it will be shown as a credit in next year's account. The Branch Rally showed a surplus of £277.93 and again, this would not have been achievable without the raffle, cakes and bric-a-brac which together raised £443.13 in total ensuring the financial success of the Rally. Accounts were made available and questions invited.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the President for his comments and said that he was looking forward to the 2011 season and would welcome some new ideas from the membership. The proposed Carnival attendance on the Rally weekend was discussed and it was suggested that we adopt a 'theme' – possibly related to Teddy Bears. He mentioned his recent visit to the Goodwood Revival and suggested a club visit – possibly in a classic bus. Whilst the entry is £50, this was considered good value in view of the extent of the display. He also spoke about the recent Kempton Juke Box Madness event which was also good and suggested another possible weekend visit incorporating a visit to Mercedes World at Brooklands also. He reminded members about the old Club Van viewing session which was to be held the following Saturday at 10:00. He also said that we have had feedback from the MMOC about our Branch now being one of the largest.

Editor's Report

He began by thanking everyone who has contributed to the newsletter with letters, articles etc. It really does make the job a whole lot easier and hopefully, the newsletter is a bit more interesting as a result. We have had a few ownership and restoration stories and these are probably the most popular. It doesn't necessarily have to be about a Morris Minor, since most of us have other classic interests and ownership of a Minor is not compulsory! Write ups from shows are also gratefully received. Also technical articles about jobs you have done on your car. He has been asked to provide some technical articles for 'Minor Monthly' and would be happy to participate in any member's 'technical activity' that may be appropriate. A reminder was given to renew newsletter advert subscriptions. This income subsidises the newsletter meaning that very little cost falls on the subscription income. A request was made for any local businesses that might like to take an advert, to put them in touch with John or me. We currently circulate about 120 newsletters per month, most of which are fairly local.

The website seems has achieved over 16,000 hits since it started in 2004. The current 'hit rate' is about 500 per month. We get regular queries for Minor enthusiasts all over the country and have had several from abroad We are making a few changes to the website from 1st November. Members will need to 'log-on' with a user name and password to access the member's area. The main reason for this is to restrict access to the newsletter to members only in future. User name and password will be printed on the back of new membership cards and an email will be issued with the details so that paid up members can access the next newsletter at the appropriate time.

Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis (President) thanked the Committee for all their efforts over the past year.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman: John Jenkinson – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
Secretary: Laurie Blewer - – prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware
Treasurer: Jacky Wood - – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
Membership Secretary: Des – prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware

Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – – prop. Sue Ware, sec. Thelma Ware
Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood – – prop. Thelma Ware, sec. Sue Ware
All elections carried on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

Dave Walker asked if the members would consider donating surplus neck ties in aid of rescuing Spanish Greyhounds and re-homing them in France.

Andy and Julie Wescott mentioned that the MMOC MOT (Overseas Trip) was looking for a large Dorset contingent and asked members to consider coming along if they could.

A question was raised about the updated Branch Spares list, and John Bainbridge replied that members should telephone him (number in newsletter) if they needed something. The list that used to appear in the newsletter has been withdrawn since it was difficult to keep it up to date.

No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 21:00

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary