

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

4th October 2011 20:30

Apologies: Bob and Betty Rees, Colin and Carol Archer, Dee and Peter Houghton.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Sue Blewer sec. Theresa Moxley.)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2011 AGM and then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

Laurie began by saying that that it was hard to believe that a year had passed since the last AGM. He also said he had received his 25 year award for membership of the MMOC which is the same length of time he had been in the Dorset Branch. It had been another busy year for the Branch starting with the Dinner and Dance which was a very enjoyable evening. The Mistletoe Meander was good and the pie and chip lunch proved to be very popular. Other highlights throughout the year were: the Devon Weekend, The Aubrey Batt Run, the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble, the Ferndown Carnival and the Dorset Branch Rally, the Midsummer Saunter, the Lymington Show, Verwood Rustic Fayre, The 3 in 1 Run, The Breamore End of Season Steam Up. These were just some of the events members had attended and there were many more not mentioned. He said that planning for next year's events had begun and any new ideas would be appreciated. He congratulated all those who had recently completed restorations and returned more Morris Minors back to the road. He made particular mention of John and 'Kinson Classics' gang who have done an outstanding job on Ann's convertible. He finished by expressing his hope that the next year would be just as good.

Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone. I hope you all have a copy of the accounts with this month's newsletter. As you can see, the Branch is looking very healthy financially with similar figures to last year. The Rally made a surplus of £8.20 this year, but as yet we have not received the sponsorship donation for the Rally Trophies from Bull Motif – amounting to £161.86. However we are still to make a donation to Avon Heath which is usually £100.00. The figures include the money collected for our chosen charity this year (Green Island Holiday Trust) ie £182 at the Blind Auction and £70 raised at the Rally – making a grand total of £252. This will be paid over soon.

There have been three trips organised through this past year; the Lord Mayor's Show (last November), the Sidmouth weekend (in April) and most recently the Isle of Wight Rally weekend. As the money for these events passed through the Club Accounts, the committee decided to open a separate "Number 2" account for this purpose. We have to be aware of the total amount going through the bank to avoid incurring bank charges. The account was opened with the rebate from the National MMOC made in relation to the National MMOC members who attend at least 4 clubnights during the year. So, National MMOC please remember to sign the BLUE book when you collect your newsletter since is the claim form which helps to support Branch funds.

The Committee decided to extend the range of new spares held by the Branch and invest some money into this activity. It seems to be going well so far as we had a surplus

of £213.88 this year. We do not make that sort of interest if that money is left in the bank – so this is a positive way to get funds for the Branch. I can vouch for the fact that Brian spends a considerable amount of time running this – almost a full time job, but he is enjoying it.

The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares and Regalia are also here if anyone wishes to see them.

Questions were then invited.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the President for his comments and said that he was looking forward to the 2012 season and would welcome some new ideas from the membership.

Editor's Report

Firstly, thanks to the contributors to the newsletter – as I always say, it does make the job a whole lot easier. Please keep them coming.

We have not been able to attend so many events this past season, due to family commitments and I am grateful for the photos and reports from those who have attended. Those who have adverts in the newsletter, will be approached by John with an invitation to renew for next year. It would be nice to know whether you have had much business as a result of your advertisement.

The website hit rate is fairly constant at about 5000 hits per year and still attracts interest from far and wide. How did the password system work – did anyone have any problems? The next volume will have a new password (same user name) and the current volume (14) ie up to October will have the access restriction removed.

As you all know, I have taken over the new spares operation from John Bainbridge. I would like to record the Club's thanks to JB for his efforts over the past (many) years with the spare parts. The range has been expanded and now stands at about 230 separate lines of stock. We only carry about 1 or 2 of each part, and they are mostly service items and small bits that will fit in the ever increasing number of plastic boxes! The stock list changes from month to month and I will try to put the current list on the website each month and produce a new printed one from time to time. There are some price lists tonight, so please take one if you need it.

The turnover has been quite healthy and we are currently making about 10% on sales – which of course goes back into club funds – although expanding the stock has absorbed some of the Branch reserves. As Jacky says, the return is better than the bank!

We have recently been sent a box of goodies from Bryan Gostling of the National MMOC to sell in the club spares. There are a lot of gaskets, brake parts, hoses etc. They are items that the MMOC had excess stock of and so the prices to us were very good. (Anyone need an engine back plate gasket or a 1098 adjuster and mask?)

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

Elections carried 'en-bloc' on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

Derek Shearman spoke briefly about the book club which now has about 60 books and other items for loan.

Jackie Walker mentioned the MMOC MOT trip next year which would be May/June next year. Minors and Modern cars would be welcome and the location is the Dordogne (380 miles from Caen). There will be another auction for Things that Money Cant Buy so any donations would be gratefully received. The price is 250Euros for accommodation. Speak to the Walkers for more information.

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

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. Blewer', written in black ink on a white background.

Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary