

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

3rd October 2012 20:30

Apologies: Nick and Val Palmer, Des and Tina Waller, Kate Noon and Helena Carr, John Trickett, Steve and Michelle Brown, Mark and Theresa Wetherall.

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 2012- AGM. He said that the previous year had been another good one and proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and especially the Chairman and then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

Here we are then again at another AGM. I think we'll all agree that this year has been dominated by the truly dreadful weather which has ruined and cancelled lots of events. Despite all that, we have had a very busy year once again. The Devon weekend to Sidmouth was very popular once again. The Aubrey Batt Memorial Run had to be rearranged at very short notice due to flooding and I think was still enjoyed by all those who came along. We had a very successful weekend at the Spring Beaulieu Autojumble with a very good display of vehicles on show to promote next year's big event. Our own Dorset Branch Rally was very nearly a disaster due to the 36 hours of solid rain which we endured. Despite the weather on Friday and Saturday, the sun shone on us on the Sunday and the Rally turned out to be an enormous success. The Mid Summer Saunter finishing at Dave and Jacky Walker's was very enjoyable despite more rain!. A few of us went to the MG Club show at Athelhampton House and enjoyed one of the few scorching hot days of this year's rally season. 37 Dorset Branch Cars went across the Isle of Wight for another very enjoyable weekend. Our final even of the year was the 3 in 1 Run to Dukes Auction Rooms in Dorchester and many thanks to Phil for inviting us along. Looking ahead to next year, plans for the big Centenary event at Beaulieu Spring Autojumble are coming together well with over 200 interested parties already registered. In fact, John and I have had another meeting with Beaulieu today. The National Rally next year is near Oxford, the home of Morris and the centenary event will not be one to miss!

Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone. I hope you all have a copy of the accounts with this month's newsletter. Once again, the Branch is looking very healthy financially – which is mainly due to the hard work of your committee members and those of you who help with their various activities and ideas. It was decided in March to purchase a rare left hand drive Minor which was worked on to bring up to a suitable standard for resale. The sale was achieved at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble to a German couple who have taken it back to the Black Forest. We understand that they are pleased with the car and the club made £1,351.89 towards club funds when all expenditure was deducted. The Club Spares, run by Brian have also done very well with a healthy surplus made over the year. I am sure that those of you who use the facility are very grateful to Brian for the rapid availability to most of the requests for parts. We had £100 rebate from the MMOC for those National

members who attend 4 or more clubnights. So please keep signing the blue folder at each clubnight and if you don't see your name on the list, please speak to Des.

Two holiday trips have been organised this year: Sidmouth in spring and Isle of Wight at the end of August. The Branch Rally this year made a surplus of £424.09 but this would not have been possible without the cake stall, raffle and bric-a-brac – so please continue to support these in future. We have purchased a good quality gazebo for club use at a cost of £200. The nominated charity for this year is the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and a cheque for £350 was presented to them at the September Clubnight. A further amount of £56.72, raised mostly by Norman Aish on the bus rides at the Rally, was also donated to them. 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.

The accounts were then accepted (p.Dave Walker, s. Lyn Gerry)

Editor's Report

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to the newsletter with short emails or longer articles with photos etc. As I said before, it does make the job a whole lot easier. I can usually include material straight away – such is the 'hand to mouth' nature of the editorship. I try to keep it mainly Morris Minor related, but often include other stuff as necessary. Please let me have any constructive criticism on the content if you feel the urge.

The new look website was started just over 2 years ago and we have had a good service from the hosting provider we joined about then. We got a 50% reduction in the first subscription but it is now up for renewal. It is a bit expensive at about £60 per year, but it is competitive with other providers. The number of hits is now rapidly approaching 30,000 and this time last year was about 21,500. The previous yearly total was about 5000 for both 2011 and 2010 – so it seems to be growing again.

We have added a few extra pages to the website this year, namely the New Spares page – which has access to a downloadable price list and the Technical pages – on which we can put any little technical gems we come across. There is currently a servicing checklist, instructions for the Accuspark electronic ignition kits, brake pipe lengths (if you fancy making your own), registration number codes and some articles on silicone brake fluid.

The spares turnover this past year was about £██████ and we now carry a stock of about £4,500 of new parts – most of which is here tonight. We have done quite well at the two Beaulieu Autojumbles this year (£1,150 and £1,260). The average margin on the sales was about ██████%. We have only rarely had to make a direct charge for postage on any value of order so this has meant that postage costs have had to come out of the margin which would otherwise be a bit higher. Hopefully, members find the service useful. We have a few special offers on tonight, so please feel free to come up and have a look.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman began by thanking everyone for their support, not only for the good turnout to the AGM but also to the rest of the committee and for everyone's support for the events. He asked that any views good or bad on the events be passed to the Committee. He referred to the big Centenary event next year for which he had been to a progress meeting at Beaulieu today and requested volunteers nearer the time for marshalling duties. It seems likely that we will get between 200-300 vehicles. A 1913 Morris has been located and arrangements are being made to transport it to the display. He then referred to the upcoming new year Dinner and Dance in January which is to be held in a new venue – The Liston Hotel in Bournemouth. He also thanked Russ and Mandy Harvey for attending the meeting to talk about Morris Minor Magazine.

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
New Committee Members: Brian Ford and Eddie Pateman.

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

Any Other Business:

Manina Trickett raised concern about club events which utilise common parking areas instead of dedicated ones – and the incident suffered by her car at the Isle of Wight Show. The Chairman replied that this particular event was outside of our control and couldn't comment on it. The comments would be borne in mind when arranging future events but it was not always possible to secure segregated areas. Attendance at any club event is at the owners risk and should be covered by adequate vehicle insurance

No other business was raised and the meeting was closed at 20:50

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary