

## **MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB**

### **DORSET BRANCH**

#### **2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 20:30**

**Apologies:** Sue and Roy Gale, Bruce Eggleton, Richard Cyster, Helena Carr, Kate Noon, Peter and Val Webb, Steve and Michele Brown, Des and Tina Waller.

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

#### **President's Opening Remarks**

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2013- AGM. He spoke briefly about the year's events and the Beaulieu Centenary display in particular. He 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 at the end of another year for the club - and what a year it has been. We have had some fantastic events this year starting off with the annual dinner which was held at The Liston Hotel for the 1st time. A fantastic venue which we are returning too again next year.

The main focus this year, of course, was the many and varied Centenary events throughout the year. After a huge amount of organisation by all the committee and helped by the members the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble display was a fabulous success with 220 vehicles in attendance. The display went down a storm with the public and the Beaulieu staff team were delighted with what we did.

Our display of cars at the National Rally at Cornbury Park was brilliant. Many thanks to Phil for coming up with the idea of Nuffield Exports and for providing lots of memorabilia to use for the display. The Dorset Branch rally was extremely successful again this year with extremely good weather and another fabulous turnout of cars. We also had a good turnout of campers this year and a brilliant Saturday night in the cafe. Another Centenary display was put on at the Poole Bay Classics Motoring Extravaganza where I was asked to organise a display by Pete Stacey. I think we did a good job for them at what turned out to be very short notice. The Lymington Show theme was also the centenary with the cars decorated with 100th birthday balloons and banners. We finished off the year with the Traveller 60th anniversary show at the Heritage Centre at Gaydon where over 200 Travellers plus other Minors and classics were in attendance. Brian's and Phil's Series II Travellers were both on prominent display being amongst the rarest Travellers you can get. Other events have included The Mistletoe Meander, The Aubrey Batt Run, the Midsummer Saunter plus many other shows throughout the area. Looking ahead to next year we have already organised The Mistletoe Meander, the annual dinner, the Devon weekend to Sidmouth and the Dorset Branch rally.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I hope you all have a copy of the accounts with your newsletter this month. Well, once again we have had a very busy year both financially and activity wise. Some of the major expenditures have been the purchase of tables for events at £179.40 and hi-vis jackets at £128.10 for use at Branch events, namely Beaulieu and our Club Rally. Beaulieu was very successful and after requests for financial help from the National MMOC, only actually cost the Branch £193.59.

The Rally has shown a healthy surplus due to reduced costs for the PA system, entertainment expenses and savings on Rally entry gifts, as we had a surplus of left over items from Beaulieu this year. The chosen charity this year was Julia's House to whom we sent £300. £192 of this was raised from the Blind Auction earlier in the year and £104.74 was raised and the Rally Auction. This makes a total of £296.74 which we decided to round up. Some of us attended the Waterloo show in September and the donation of £105 was made to the service charities supported by this event. This sum was raised from the 21 entrants to this show. The Branch rebate from the MMOC was £120 – so all members of the National club, please continue to sign the book. We need at least 4 attendances by members each year to qualify for the rebate. The Branch subsidised the Dinner and Dance in January and will do so again next year in order to enable the ticket cost to be kept as low as possible. We also subsidised the meal at Molly's Den in June because the cost was increased after we had published the cost to the membership. I have started to collect money for next year's Sidmouth trip so these costs are show in this year's figures. The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares, Regalia, Rally and Beaulieu event are also here if anyone wishes to see them.

Are there any questions?

The accounts were then accepted (p.T.Moxley, s. M.Pateman)

### **Editor's Report**

The newsletter articles still keep coming in, and I would like to thank all the contributors both regular and occasional who help me fill the pages. I think rebuild sagas are particularly popular, as are general technical articles and event write ups. Also anything else which you feel might be of interest to the membership, will also be gratefully accepted. The normal size of the newsletter is 16 pages but sometimes it is expanded to 20 pages when there is a lot of material. As you know, we have in future decided to have a two-monthly edition for December/January due to the logistics of getting the January issue printed over the Christmas holiday. This issue should have more pages. Also, this year we will miss the usual first Wednesday of the month meeting date since it falls on January 1st. We are meeting here a couple of days before, however on the Mistletoe Meander.

Our 'new' website went live about a month ago following the withdrawal of the software which kept the old one going. This seemed like a bit of a poor show at the time, but it did mean that the site could be 'modernised' and made more suitable for display on the array of hi-tech gadgets now available. Having been 'forced' into re-building the site, which seemed like a pain at the time, I am now pleased with the end result which is much easier to maintain and hopefully looks a bit more up to date.

The spares section has had another good year, helped along by the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble which netted £2,069.51 of sales and the International Autojumble showing £1,213.78 of sales. The Branch Rally total was £636.65. The annual turnover has risen this year to £19,500 with a net margin of about 18% giving a surplus of £3,600 going back into club funds. Adding on last year's surplus of £1,800, this means a total of £5,400 has been returned to club funds in the last 2 years. This figure equates (more or less) to the value of spares held by the Branch – so the spare part sales is now at no-cost to the Branch. With regard to ordering spares, I am happy to take calls on the mobile number and would prefer advance notice before clubnight if you need anything particular.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the year's highlights and memories – particularly the Beaulieu Centenary celebration event. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work

done by the committee during the organisation and the assistance provided by the membership during the event itself.

### **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. M.Pateman, sec. V.Palmer  
Secretary: Laurie Blewer - – prop. V.Palmer, sec. M.Trickett  
Treasurer: Jacky Wood - – prop. D.Walker, sec. P.Traves  
Membership Secretary: Des – prop. M.Trickett, sec. V.Palmer  
Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – – prop. V.Palmer, sec. M.Trickett  
Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood – – prop. V.Palmer, sec. M.Trickett  
Regalia Manager – Richard Cyster – prop P.Houghton, sec – R.Tickner  
Spares Manager – Brian Wood - prop. V.Palmer, sec. M.Trickett  
Catering Manager 1 – Sue Blewer –prop. J.Walker, sec. R.Tickner  
Catering Manager 2 – Lyn Gerry – prop. R.Tickner, sec. J.Walker  
Raffle Manager 1 – Chris Tilly - - prop. V.Webb, sec. V.Palmer,  
Raffle Manager 2 – Margaret Pateman – prop. V.Webb, sec. V.Palmer  
Committee Member – Eddie Pateman – prop. L.Gerry, sec. V.Palmer  
Committee Member – Brian Ford - prop R.Rees, sec. V.Palmer

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

### **Any Other Business:**

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

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Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary