

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1st October 2014 20:00

Apologies: Peter Coates, Marcus and Sparky Ward, Peter and Valerie Webb, Lawrie and Sue Blewer, Sue Gale, Derek Shearman, Helena Carr, Kate Noon, Des and Tina Waller.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter and were accepted as accurate (prop. Bruce Eggleton sec Jackie Walker.)

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2014 AGM. He said that it had been another good year – with mostly good weather. He drew attention to the Beaulieu Morris dealership backdrop display screen which had been brought to the meeting. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the committee this year.

Secretary's Report

Here we are at the end of the 2014/2015 year and I hope you'll all agree that it has been another successful one.

The year started off with the Mistletoe Meander in December. We were lucky this took place at all following the never ending rain which fell meaning the route had to be changed at the last minute as there were so many flooded roads. The annual dinner and dance was held at the Liston Hotel and was very good and hopefully enjoyed by everyone. Well done to everyone who won trophies for their vehicle's at the dinner but if you didn't win it doesn't mean your car isn't as good as everyone else's. The weekend away to Sidmouth was very well supported again and enjoyed by all the participants. This has been booked again for 2015 already. The branch display at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble was an overwhelming success. Very many thanks to everyone who lent us props for the display and special thanks to Roger Kellow for the enormous amount of work he put in on producing the fantastic backdrops. We were delighted when we won the trophy for the best stand this year. Several of us went to other branch rallies this year such as the West Sussex branch rally at the Weald and Downland Museum, the Hampshire branch rally at the Bursledon Brickworks and the North Wilts Rally at the Atwell Wilson Motor Museum. The National Rally was well attended by branch members and a good weekend was had by all. Unfortunately, as next year's National Rally is in Scarborough it's doubtful that many of us will go. This year's Dorset Branch rally was successful again with entrants coming from all across the country. Many thanks to everyone who helped out over the weekend. We are currently negotiating with the new park ranger at Avon Heath for next year's show. We had an excellent display at the Lymington Show this year. I think it was good to have a variety of cars on display – not just Morris's. Many thanks to Dave and Jacky for accommodating us at their house again for the Midsummer Saunter – it was a very enjoyable day. We were due to have a large representation at the Brockenhurst Carnival this year but the weather was atrocious meaning the only Morris in attendance was mine! Lots of members went across to the Isle of Wight for their annual show and a good time was had by all. Very well done to Dave Holton for winning the Chairman's Choice award. The club stand at

the Beaulieu International Autojumble was very successful with lots of interest in the stall. Finally, we have just had the Autumn Amble last weekend to the Holnest Country Fayre. What a great day and enjoyed by us all. I'm sure there are lots of events I have missed that members have taken part in. If you know of a good event please let one of us know. On top of all of the events we have had a packed calendar of clubnights which we hope you have all enjoyed. Many thanks to Phil for his antiques evening and to Eddie for organising the gardening competition, something we hope to do again next year.

Plans for next year are already well under way. The Mistletoe Meander is already being planned. Don't forget the annual dinner and dance in January. The date has been set for the Devon Weekend to Sidmouth next year. Booking slips for all these events should be available soon, if not tonight. We have started the plans for next year's Moggie Fest at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble. This is hoped to be another successful event and will be held along the lines of the Centenary display held last year – but maybe not quite so organised this time!

Finally, well done to everyone who has completed a restoration this year even though some people did not restore a Morris (Tony!!!) and I hope that everyone who joined the club over the last year has thought it worthwhile and will continue to be a member.

So, that's all from me and here's to an enjoyable and successful 2015.

Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone. I hope you all have your copy of the branch accounts with your newsletter tonight. As you can see we have had another solvent year and the Branch is still looking quite healthy financially. We have not had any major expenditure this year, apart from the May Beaulieu event where we started to promote the 2015 Moggie Fest (or Southern Regional Rally) for those non-trendy people. The beautiful backdrops made for us by Roger Kellow for that event will be re-used then. As you can see, we have one of them here tonight. Thank you, Roger for all your hard work and Marilyn for putting up with you doing them. The chosen charity for this year, Zoe's wish raised £170 from the Blind Auction and £23.50 from the sale of CDs donated by Roy and Sue Gale. The Committee decided to round this figure up to £200 and a cheque has been sent to them. The rebate from the MMOC amounted to £122 this year, so please remember to sign the blue book if you are a member of the National Club.

The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares, Regalia and Rally are also here if anyone wishes to see them. Are there any questions?

The accounts were then accepted (p.J.Wecott, s. L.Gerry)

Editor's Report

Hopefully the newsletter meets everyone's approval. Don't forget to let me know if you would like more or less of any particular thing. As always, contributions are always welcome and make my job as editor a bit easier!

The website is now 10 years old, having been started in 2004 and appears to have clocked up over 98,000 hits in that time. It seems to be a good way of buying and selling cars, with several recent successes. Just drop me a note either verbally or email, if you want to sell (or buy) a Minor. It also seems to attract interest from both inside and outside Dorset. I get a steady stream of queries and comments from outside the Branch

so I guess it must come fairly high up the search engines results rankings. I have also been trying to expand the knowledge data base under the 'Technical' section with useful bits of information. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for this, please let me know.

The Spares Service has had another good year returning a surplus of about £2,700 to the Branch reserves. Over the last three years, we have shifted over £50,000 worth of spares with a total surplus over the three years of £7,927 which represents about 16% on sales. The value of stock held has increased a little over last year's figure meaning that overall; we have shown a surplus (over the 3 years) of £1,145. The stock value seems to have reached a natural level now, so I don't anticipate it will grow next year. Again, any comments, gratefully received.

Hopefully the new system of not bringing all the stock to each clubnight is working for everyone. Don't forget, if you need anything, please let me know in advance of clubnight and I'll bring it along.

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:

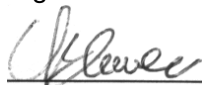
Chairman – John Jenkinson – prop Tony Ware, sec Norman Kimber
Secretary – Laurie Blewer – prop Jackie Walker, sec David Saggs
Treasurer – Jacky Wood – prop Julie Wescott, sec Peter Webb
Events – Nev Gerry - prop O Akam, sec Jackie Walker
Editor – Brian Wood - prop Val Webb, sec Dave Walker
Membership - Des Waller – prop Peter Webb, sec Jackie Walker
Comm Member – Eddie Pateman – prop Chris Tilly, sec Brian Tilly
Comm Member – Brian Ford – prop Margaret Pateman, sec Val Webb

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

Any Other Business:

Dave Walker spoke about the forthcoming MOT 2015 holiday organised by MMOC.
Paul Dunn addressed the meeting about the charity 'Zoe's Wish' which had been supported by the Branch this year.
the meeting was closed at 21:03

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary