

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

7th October 2015 20:15

Apologies: Helena Carr, Kate Noon, Stephen Gonyou, Tony and Sue Ware, Eddie and Margaret Pateman, Peter and Valerie Webb, Angi Odell

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 2015 AGM. He said that it had been another good year – with mostly good weather. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the committee this year.

Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome to this year's AGM. Thank you to all of you for your support throughout the last year. Its been another busy year on the events side of things with us attending shows including: Brooklands, Bournemouth Wheels Festival, Popham Airfield Vintage Fly-In, Hampshire Branch Rally, Classics at the Castle at Sherborne – an excellent show and one that we will definitely do again next year, the Holdenhurst Village Fete, Bygones – this year was their last show and is one we will miss, Lymington Show – its usual excellent self, the Purbeck Rally, Brockenhurst Show with Steam and I'm sure many others that I have not mentioned. We ventured up to Thoresby Park in the Midlands and enjoyed the weekend of the inaugural Morris Vehicles Association Rally which this year was hosted by the Morris Register. We held the first ever 'Moggy Fest' this year at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble and it was an overwhelming success with approximately 200 vehicles from across the entire Morris range in attendance. The Saturday night meal at the Brabazon Restaurant was extremely good and our old friend Stuart Timbrell provided a very entertaining after-dinner speech which was much enjoyed by everyone who came. We even made a two-page spread in Classic Car Weekly as well as other classic car publications.

Our own Dorset Branch Rally started off well on the Saturday but was somewhat damp on the Sunday! Nevertheless nearly everyone who had pre-booked turned up and a good day was had by all. It would have been even better in the dry though! This was our last Rally at Avon Heath Country Park after 21 continuous years.

We have decided in future though not to hold two major events per year as there is just so much work involved. Next year's rally will be held in Burley and will be called 'Classics in the Forest'. We are looking for any suggestions you may have for the event as we need the first one to be really good.

We hope you have been happy with the various speakers, quizzes etc that we have organised for you at clubnight. The gardening competition went down very well again and will be held again next August. The chosen charity this year was LEAF and we presented them with a cheque for £500 which was gratefully received. The Club Runs have been well supported by the members but not necessarily by the weather! Many

thanks to those of you who took part in the Inter-Club Quiz and well done on your final score.

Plans are already afoot for next year's events. Next year marks the 40th Anniversary of the MMOC and a large celebratory rally will be held in the Derby area in conjunction with next year's Morris Vehicles Association Rally. We will mark 60 years of the Minor 1000 in 2016 and it is also going to be 30 years since I joined the MMOC and the Dorset Branch. So with all that in mind, we can look forward to another enjoyable year of Minor-ing next year!

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 are still doing well. There has been no major expenditure again this year and both of the big events made a good surplus. Moggie fest had a surplus of £711.18 and the Dorset Rally a surplus of £599.03.

Of course, the surplus from the spares has contributed a large amount as well, but Brian will tell you more about this in a moment.

We have purchased two hot water urns for use at the various events and three new tables which we hope to keep clean for the sale of cakes. We are also sending cards and best wishes to members who are ill or have suffered bereavement. So if you know of anyone in this situation please let a committee member know and Eddie will send a card.

The chosen charity for this year was LEAF and a cheque for £500 was presented to their representative at the September clubnight. This was rounded up from the money raised at the blind auction (£325) and £67.11 from bric-a-brac sales at the Rally. The rebate from the national MMOC was £140 this year – so please remember to sign the blue folder if you are also a member of the National MMOC.

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.Wescott, 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!

We have had to renew the web hosting service for the website this year at a cost of £258.77 which will actually be in the current financial year. This is for the next three years at a cost of £7.19 per month. I have checked the 'Hits' indicator and it now shows over 188,000 which appears to have actually doubled since last year. The Branch does receive considerable exposure from this as witnessed by the random queries I regularly get. (eg. A chap in Scotland wanted to know how to fix his door handles and a film crew in Cornwall wanted a Minor for filming the next day)

The Spares Service has had another good year returning a surplus of about £3,500 to the Branch reserves. The Committee have considered the question of how to run the spares service in the future and we have decided to introduce a discount scheme for the coming year. A figure of 10% has been chosen and we estimate that this will reduce next year's surplus by approximately two-thirds. The parts will still be marked up with the normal prices and the discount will be applied to the final total for MEMBERS only.

Hopefully this will be of benefit to the members and may attract new members.

Don't forget to let me know if you need any parts brought along to clubnights.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the year's highlights and thanked the members and the committee for their continued support. He said that he hoped that this would continue for the next year.

Committee Elections

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

Dave Walker proposed that as there were no committee resignations or other candidates, that the existing committee be proposed and seconded. This was agreed by the meeting. The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman – John Jenkinson
Secretary – Laurie Blewer
Treasurer – Jacky Wood
Events – Nev Gerry
Editor – Brian Wood
Membership – Des Waller
Comm Member - Brian Ford
Comm Member – Eddie Pateman

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

Any Other Business:

None
the meeting was closed at 20:40

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary