

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

5th October 2015 20:15

Apologies: Helena Carr, Kate Noon, Peter and Val Webb, Natasja Dumay, Bob and Betty Rees, Andy and Julie Wescott, Ashley Miller.

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

President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2016 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

Another AGM has come around and hopefully everyone agrees that it has been another good year for the Branch. This past years events have included the Mistletoe Meander, the Annual Dinner Dance, the Chairman's Run plus a variety of club night speakers and activities. Disappointingly, some of the old favourites such as Bygone Days did not take place this year but a new event that several of us tried this year was the Pecorama Classic Vehicle show in Beer, Devon. We are planning a weekend away in 2017 to encompass this show and staying in the Royal Glen Hotel in Sidmouth again. This year's Dorset Branch Rally held in Burley was relatively successful, but owing to the amount of work and time involved in organising this size of event it will not be repeated next year. Instead, we will be having a 'Moggiefest' show at Beaulieu for the Spring Autojumble. We have commenced discussions with Beaulieu over the arrangements. They are looking forward to welcoming us back again. Several members of the Branch made the long journey up to Derby and back for the 2017 National MMOC 40th Anniversary Rally. It is rumoured that it is to be held in Sussex next year, meaning that more of us will be able to attend. As you know, as part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations, the MMOC organised a John O'Groats to Lands End Marathon run in a Minor to raise money for the Marie Curie cancer charity. The Dorset Branch took over the reins at Beaulieu from the Hants Branch and the car was displayed at Castle Point shopping centre along with some other cars with a good sum of money raised. Graham then drove the car to Winchester to hand over to Giles Vodicka of the Surrey Hants Branch.

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 except for the Branch Rally, which I am pleased to say did make a small surplus. The Committee decided to supplement the money collected for this year's charity and so we will be presenting a cheque for £500 to 'Chaos' later this evening. The Branch rebate from the National MMOC was £165, so keep signing the BLUE folder as well as the RED if you are a member of the 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.Sue Blewer, s. J.Walker)

Editor's Report

Newsletter: Not much to report on that front really, just to say contributions always gratefully received. Please feel free to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard) on any subject to do with Minors, including experiences with your own car, club events, breakdowns (mechanical not nervous!) and pretty much anything else. Website: The number of 'hits' now stands at 306,200, which is still a significant increase from about 118,000 last time. I think that the growth could be described as 'exponential'. I will plot a graph one day. Spares: I stood here last year and predicted that the spares surplus would be reduced by about two-thirds as a result of the introduction of a 10% discount scheme for members. I have to say I was wrong: it has stayed about the same and we can again return about £3,500 to club funds making a total of about £15k since we started 5 years ago. We can apply the discount to most – but not all purchases. It all depends on the discount we get from ESM which is variable. It seems that the greater cost items tend not to carry very much, if any discount. However, all the main consumable items including brake parts, ignition parts, rubber mounts and panels all have full discount.

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 the Rally had been difficult this year with mixed reviews. The Committee have decided to change things next year and hold the Branch Annual Rally in May at the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble. The date has yet to be finalised and a decision will be made by the end of October. The recent 'Waverly' trip had been successful apart from the failure of the Waverly to operate with no notice given. Fortunately, the coaches were able to continue to Southend following the visit to Greenwich. Sadly Bob Rees was taken ill on the trip and was kept in hospital. He thanked Martin Harris and Sue Cooper for staying on with Bob and Betty and we wished Bob a speedy recovery. He ended by thanking the members and the committee (including raffle and catering ladies) for all their hard work this 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 – Brian Ford
Comm Member – Eddie Pateman

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

Any Other Business:

Brian Wood raised the ongoing subject of insurance for the Branch Activities with particular reference to the Branch Rally and asked Dave Walker to explain the current situation regarding his efforts to clarify matters with the MMOC. David explained that on the Committee's behalf, he had since February 2016 been trying to obtain a policy schedule and policy wording so that we could satisfy ourselves as the public liability situation regarding our activities,. Having discovered that the MMOC insurance cover had been operating under an incorrect company name which would make it legally invalid, he had then been sent a 3 page schedule with a blank page. Further enquiries have resulted in no further information being provided. After further contact, a promise was made for the Footman James account executive to contact David to resolve the matter. This had been some time ago and no such contact has been received.

It was resolved that the Branch would write officially to the MMOC to try and resolve the matter amicably.

Brian Tilly asked why the 'Christmas Dinner and Dance' did not include Christmas pudding this year. Nev will phone the hotel and see if this can be included as an option.

Laurie read out the letter of thanks from the local Marie Curie branch regarding our efforts in raising money at Castlepoint on 24th September.

John proposed a vote of thanks to Des and Tina for their past work with distributing the newsletters.

the meeting was closed at 21:15

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary