

## MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

### DORSET BRANCH

#### 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 20:15

**Apologies:** Jim Eggleton, Jenny Sansom, Brian and Chris Tilly, Peter and Val Webb, Peter and Dee Houghton, Helena Carr and Kate Noon, Colin and Ruth Hughes, John and Sue Blake, Mike and Joyce Sheppard, Bob and Betty Rees, Natasja Dumay.

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been distributed at the meeting and were accepted as accurate (prop. Theresa Moxley, sec. Jackie Walker)

#### 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 quite a few wet rallies. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the committee this year.

#### Secretary's Report

Well here we are again at another AGM. I would like to start my report by asking us to remember the friends we have lost this year – Terry Kingston, Alan Sheppard, Albert Puers, Bruce Eggleton and Keith Young. This has been another busy year for the club with events including the Mistletoe Meander, the Annual Dinner and Dance, the Chairman's Run and the wettest Mid Summer Saunter on record! Other events members attended included the Pecorama Vintage Vehicle show, Breamore Working Weekend, Classics at Sherborne Castle and the Lymington Show. Lots of us attended the MMOC National Rally at Tully's Farm in Sussex. Although we had a good weekend it has to be said that it was not the best National Rally we have had. We have also had a good selection of very enjoyable clubnights with a variety of different speakers and quizzes throughout the year. Our own big event – Moggyfest at Beaulieu – was a roaring success despite the sad event of poor Albert's death. With 165 vehicles attending over the weekend and a record number of campers it really was a very good weekend. There were one or two learnings from the weekend which we will be taking up with Beaulieu before next years 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Moggyfest. We have already started thinking about next year's events calendar so please watch the newsletters for the latest updates. On the subject of the newsletter, I would like to thank Natasja for all her hard work since taking over the reins from Brian earlier this year. As we look ahead to 2018 and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morris Minor I'm sure we can look forward to some excellent events to mark this landmark year.

#### Treasurers Report

Good evening everyone and I hope you have all collected your copy of the accounts when you signed in tonight. It has been another good year for the Branch with an overall surplus from last year of £1,442.51 – largely due to the ongoing sales of the spares.

The major capital expenditure this year was the purchase of a new shed with a good quality lock to store the club equipment. Dave and Jacky Walker kindly allow us to keep our shed at their home. This was to replace their own shed which was on loan to us. The cost of this was £796.99. Three new banners to advertise the spares at shows were also purchased at a cost of £50. The spares also needed some new storage boxes, so several more were bought to supplement those released from the newsletter distribution. Having a set of boxes of the same type helps with the storage of them at our house. These cost £253.37, but in view of the surplus the spares made this year (over £2,500.00) this was considered worth while to keep the spares in good condition and make it easier to transport them. The money raised for the charity (Pelhams) amounted to £263.00 so the committee agreed to round this up to £300.00, which John has presented to them. The National Branch Rebate was £145, so keep signing the blue folder if you are a National MMOC member. As you will notice, we have a large amount in the Reserve Account. As we have ongoing issues regarding insurance cover from the MMOC, the Committee have decided to 'self-insure' ourselves to cover any loss of assets, as I have mentioned to you all previously at a clubnight. This amount is to cover this but I will probably need to increase it next year if we are to have enough cover for everything; for example, spares, the shed and its contents (marquees, tables, banners, regalia and catering equipment). I will keep in mind the value of the assets and do this when we are able to. The books are available here and a breakdown of the Spares, Regalia and Rally are also here if anyone wishes to see them.

Thank you all for listening. Are there any questions?

The accounts were then accepted (p. Theresa Moxley, s. J.Walker)

## Chairman's Report

The Chairman began by thanking everyone for coming and said that he liked the AGM as he didn't have to say much. He then thanked all the Committee and the other volunteers and asked for a vote of thanks for the Committee and the members for their continued support. He then explained the situation that led to Graham Jarvis becoming the Club President. The Branch was without a chairman in 2000 and Graham was in the Chair for 3 years until another chairman was elected. John said that the branch would probably have been closed had Graham not stepped in. He was then elected as Hon. President thereafter. John had recently handed over the branch annual charity cheque for £300 to the Pelhams Community Centre and they will be sending someone along to a future clubnight to accept the 'big' cheque.

In the absence of the Newsletter Editor, a report was given by the Spares Manager, Brian Wood.

## Spares Manager's Report

The newsletter, as I am sure you will have noticed is now edited by Natasja Dumay. She quietly took over the seat for the March issue and has now got 8 newsletters to her credit and I would like to pass on the sincere thanks from the Committee for her unstinting efforts. Hopefully you will all agree that the newsletter accurately reflects the activities of the Branch and you will continue to send in articles etc for publication (not to me!)

The website still seems to be picking up visitors – now standing at about 430,500 as compared to 306,00 this time last year. Still an increase but not as much as the year before.

The spares has managed to return another useful sum to the club funds again – approx. £2.5k this year, not quite as good as last year's figure of £3.6k. Sales were higher but the surplus was lower. It is probably due to the variability of the discount we receive from ESM. We have sold more of the lower margin items this year. We have also invested in another batch of unleaded cylinder heads which should last a while. The bonnet stays are now being produced and sold by ESM, so I can still sell them, but I will have to buy them now.

Again, don't forget to let me know if you need anything brought to clubnights and the current price list is available on the website.

## Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis said that he would be standing down as President at this AGM. Neville Gerry was also not standing for re-election. Andy Dibb had been proposed for the now vacant post of Events/Health and Safety. It was agreed that the usual practice of accepting the revised Committee with a single vote would be acceptable.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman – John Jenkinson p. M.Brown, s J.Sheppard

Secretary – Laurie Blewer p. D.Walker, s.Jackie Walker

Treasurer – Jacky Wood p. M.Brown, s J.Sheppard

Events/H & S – Andy Dibb s.Blewer, L.Gerry

Spares/Webmaster – Brian Wood p.J.Walker, s. D.Walker

Membership – Brian Ford p.L.Gerry, s. D.Carey

Welfare Officer – Eddie Pateman p.L.Gerry s. L.Blewer

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

## Any Other Business:

The Chairman welcomed Andy Dibb to the committee and thanked Neville for his contribution over the last 10 years. He also thanked the Catering and Raffle ladies, Lyn Gerry, Sue Blewer, Christine Tilly and Margaret Pateman.

Jackie Walker advised that Albert Puers' widow, Monique was coming over from Belgium to attend the Mistletoe Meander and the Dinner and Dance.

Nick Odell commented that the MMOC MOT-UK event would be held in Lyme Regis/Charmouth area of Dorset this year.

the meeting was closed at 21:00

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary