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THE MOTOR CYCLING CLUB LTD

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Minutes Of The Annual General Meeting Held at 14:00 hrs on 20th July 2019 at Monks Yard Ltd, Horton Manor, Horton Cross, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9PY

Present: Jon Laver (President), Dick Peachey (Chairman), Simon Woodall (Vice. Chairman), Barbara Selkirk (Treasurer & Company Secretary), John Childs (Membership Secretary), Celia Walton (Triple Editor), Georgina Mason, David Malin, Ian Thompson, Ian Rennie, Barrie Kirton, Peter Batty, Tim Wellock, Tim Keeling, Roger Ugalde, Phil Tucker, Malcolm Norman, Julian East, Paul Brooks, Cliff England, Rodney Bracey.
Dave Sapp (Minute Taker)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 14:00 and welcomed those present, thanked them for their attendance and handed over the running of the meeting to the President.

The President thanked the gathered members for attending and reflected on the size of the meeting and suggested that could be down to the club being a healthy one and going in the direction that members wanted. There is also good communication within the club thanks to SW with NOTW and there is the forum too where views can be aired.

1. Apologies

Paul Khambatta (General Secretary), John Aley (Vice. President), Ron Butcher, Keith Johnston, John Green, Dick Andrews, Robin Moore

2. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Previous Meeting (14th July 2018):

It was proposed by S Woodall, seconded by P Batty and agreed unanimously that the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Resolutions: There were no resolutions

5.0 Report Of Chairman

The Chairman's report has been circulated with the Agenda.

5.1 The 89th Exeter Trial 5th & 6th January 2018

R Ugalde (Clerk of the Course) gave a brief resume of the trial. There was a change of secretary from D Sapp to N Jones which went well. R Ugalde then thanked N Jones (Sec), V Webley (C Marshal), P Batty (Equipment), S Woodall (Tech Services), D Sapp and J Laver for being the main players in the organisation of the trial. A new finish venue had to be found due to the

closure of The Palace Hotel. N Jones found the TLH in Torquay as a replacement that worked well. Overall there were 261 paid entries. This was the first year that Class R (all tarmac) had run and had 20 entrants. It was obviously not that easy as shown by the lack of awards. Best Car was D Partington and Best Bike J Hustwayte.

The President then asked what is happening in the future.

D Sapp gave a brief resume of what was happening for the 2020 Exeter trial. For 2020 Haynes will charge us £300 + £2 per competitors vehicle, no negotiation. Yeovil Rugby Club have been approached. £700 is their cost – breakfast £7. W Rosten to be approached to see if Lands End trial could use same venue to see if that makes a difference to Haynes offer. (Post meeting – W Rosten looking for new start further west of Bridgwater. Exeter could possibly use same). The cost of the trial could be reduced by returning night run to Travelling Assembly. After consultation with Motorsport UK has rescinded what they suggested to keep competitors on approved TA route. The TA is only an advised route. We have to consider all options especially weather conditions for scrutineers.

R Ugalde commented on the roughness of some of the section. P Tucker reported that work is planned on four hills, Tillerton Simms, Tiple and Slippery Sam. Aim to get Exeter Trial less damaging to get competitors back. Up to 30% of competitors not returning due to vehicle damage.

5.2 The 96th Land's End Trial 30th & 31st March 2018

W Rosten's report has been circulated with the Agenda.

5.3 The 4th Somerset Scatter Navigation 16th June 2018

Mr J. Laver reported that the 2018 Scatter Rally was made up of two separate events. A night time and a day time. There was a total of 36 entries of whom 17 did both events. This effectively totalled 53 event entries. The event was, for the first time won by a bike competitor. Despite being a tough event maximum points were gained by more than one competitor. The winners were presented with crystal apples.

5.4 Testing Trial 1st July 2018

Nick Farmer provided a report to the President.

The 2018 testing trial was held at the Keinton Mandeville site with refreshments provided by the local village hall committee. The 56 entries split fairly evenly between bikes and cars. There were in the region of 50 officials signed on including the organising team. With 5 rounds of 10 tests this was excellent value for money. The weather was hot and dry.

S Woodall stated that it was also the first entry of all electric vehicle enter, sign on, compete and finish. MCC keen to encourage new tech not just electric. J Aley to make available one of his prestigious awards to encourage people to compete in new technology. S Woodall reported that it is unlikely that an all electric car will be allowed to enter the main trial within the near future due to the stringent safety regulations imposed by Motorsport UK – especially "home made" ones. Although an electric vehicle ran in last year's Edinburgh Trial the MSA needed a lot of convincing that it would not be going "off road".

5.5 The 94th Edinburgh Trial 6th October 2018

D Peachey gave an appraisal of last years Edinburgh commenting on the drop in numbers entering. This year M Gregg has taken over CoC from R Newton and is on top of the job and as such, the main trial will be very like last year. Class R is all tarmac this year to make it more

attractive to prospective entrants. On the whole, more entries are needed overall. Litton Slack will be in this year's trial even though there are too many groups who have an interest in our use of Litton. More than £2K has been spent on Section 33 adverts in the press.

5.6 Annual Awards

5.6.1 Baddeley Awards (for best overall performance in the Three Classic Trials)

Motorcycle – Dave Craddock Car – I Cundy

5.6.2 Triple Awards

Dave Craddock, A Craddock, Patrick Lloyd-Jacob, Kathy Martin, Ian Thompson, Joe Wills. There are no triple awards for cars.

5.6.3 Trio Award (Class 0)

Not awarded

5.6.4 Team Championships

Motorcycle Team: Not awarded; no team finished intact throughout the year.

Car Team: Cornish Creams – I Cundy, I Keat, D Greenslade

5.6.5 British Motorcycle Awards

Not awarded

5.7 Publicity

Three full entries of the club magazine 'Triple' were produced, with thanks to C Walton, Editor, together with regular weekly and monthly newsletters, distributed now by email on request, as well as by post to members by the diligence of J Aley with the assistance of S Woodall.

The Club website will be updated in the future.

The president thanked C Walton for her work and for attending shows on behalf of the MCC. A round of applause resulted. The president also thanked S Woodall for NOTW and G Mason for Facebook entries.

6. Annual Financial Report And Statement Of Accounts

The Treasurer's report has been circulated with the Agenda. The Treasurer pointed out that the entry fee for the trials is now £80 due to increased costs/falling entries.

There were no questions for the Treasurer about the accounts.

It was proposed by C Walton, seconded by G Mason and agreed unanimously that the Statement of Accounts be approved.

As the Treasurer is standing down at this meeting, the President thanked B Selkirk for the time and effort she has put into the job over the years of her tenancy. A round of applause resulted.

7. Report Of The Membership Secretary

J Childs (Membership Secretary) reported that the membership for 2019 is 290 (297) bikes and 374 (376) cars. There are 17 (17) life members, 19 (19) honorary members, 27 (21) family members and 42 (26) passenger members. A total of 769 (7582) members. New applications

for 2019 membership are 89. (2018 in brackets). There are 26 “unwired” members receiving the newsletter by post. Revenues are down due to family members paying £8 instead of £30 as full members.

8. Report Of Safeguarding Officer

A report from Mr P Lawley has been circulated with the Agenda.

9. Election Of Officers Of The Club

In accordance with the Articles of Association, all the officers of the club retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election: R Peachey (Chairman and Competition Secretary), S Woodall (Vice Chairman), P Khambatta (General Secretary), J Childs (Membership Secretary) and P Lawley (Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer) retired and offered themselves for re-election. B Selkirk (Treasurer & Company Secretary) stepped down. The position is vacant.

Proposed by T Keeling and seconded I Thompson that the Officers be elected en bloc. This was agreed unanimously.

Mr J. Laver is happy to continue as President.

10. Election Of Members Of The Executive Committee

In accordance with the Articles of Association, one third of the remaining executive retire by rotation, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Those members co-opted during 2018 also offer themselves for election. The members concerned are C Walton, R Ugalde, B Kirton, G Mason, W Rosten and I Thompson.

Proposed by P Batty and seconded by T Wellock that the above mentioned members be re-elected. This was agreed unanimously.

The President then stated that this would normally be the end of official business. As there are four other items on the Agenda they will be discussed.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Car Passenger Award – See Agenda for proposal from D Malin. A discussion followed. General agreement is that the topic has merit. Points noted are that there is an extra cost involved; “passenger” or “navigator”; passengers who are members get an awards but passengers who are not members don't – to encourage membership. Several other suggestions were put forward. The topic will go to Committee for consideration.

11.2 4x4 Vehicle Conversions - M Norman proposes the continued use of 4x4 vehicles that are converted to 4x2. This relates to their (2 members) converted Suzuki GT2000 vehicles. MCC has a rule which disallows their use. They had permission from club to continue using them for 2019. With the possible loss of 3 members due to the MCC rule, can they still compete as there is now only 2 of them. A long discussion ensued regarding these types of vehicles – 4x4 converted to 4x2. Following the discussion M Norman thanked the meeting for listening to their point of view. The topic will go to Committee for consideration.

11.3 Road Traffic Incidents – D Sapp proposes that anyone involved in a road traffic accident on any of our trials must be excluded from entering any of our competitions until the incident has been resolved.

As Secretary of the 2020 Exeter Trial, D Sapp is concerned that because of a RTA on the 2019 Exeter there is the possibility of an increase in premium for car insurance This is due to the lack of response from the competitor involved to insurance companies' requests for information – about 6 months has elapsed. A discussion ensued regarding the topic. The topic will go to Committee for consideration.

11.4 Competitor's Control Card - D Sapp asks do we need a competitor's Control Card on our three main trials. A discussion ensued regarding the topic. The topic will go to Committee for consideration.

The President thanked all those members who had helped the club in the past year, and closed the formal meeting at 15:40.

An informal discussion then ensued.

Topics included,

- Postal entries must be sent out to those “non-wired” members.
- R Ugalde thanked P & H Batty for their efforts in sorting out the MCC's stand at the Powderham show where they won best club stand again. A round of applause resulted.
- T Wellock suggested that sections should suit vehicles not the other way round following what suitable cars are available for our events.
- D Malin proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.