



# The BMW Club

## East Anglia Section

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Held at Fornham St Martin Village Hall

#### 1. Secretary's Welcome

The meeting started at 11:00. The Secretary welcomed all members present.

I just need to let everyone know that Mark Dutton is in fact stepping down from the Assistant Social Secretary role but Keiron Haines has stepped up to this role which is just a slight change to the nominations in the published Agenda.

Mike Davies would like to add an AOB item to offer a vote of thanks.

The Secretary added items for the NEC and New Year's Day Ride Out. Cliff added an item about next year's Brugge trip.

#### Count of Attending Members

There were 29 members present with no guests.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Martyn Parker, Phil Rigby, Phil Acott, Mark Handley, Pat Laithwaite and Peter Dutton.

#### 3. Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes have been available on the web site for the past month. A copy of the Minutes was available at the meeting for anyone who had not seen them.

#### 4. Adoption of the Minutes

A vote for adoption was taken that they were a true record of the proceedings.

**Proposed to adopt the minutes:**

**Dik Langan**

**Seconded:**

**Amanda Langan**

A show of hands for the adoption of the Minutes was taken: Accepted 21, Abstentions 8, Against 0.

#### 5. Matters Arising from the last AGM Minutes

The website update is still ongoing but please make sure you provide details of any event you would like highlighting on the website and Dik will make sure it gets on there.

As usual the Section Awards were made at the Christmas meal, Mike Davies was awarded the Hardman Trophy, Peter Dutton the Spanner In The Works Trophy and the Spirit of the Section went to Malcolm and Val – as Malcolm is still recovering so could not accept the whiskey the Club instead will be paying for their meal after the AGM.

Bringing us nicely to the Woolpack – the backroom has been booked and 16 people have booked. We will continue this idea next year.

## **6. Annual Reports**

### ***a) The Secretary***

My personal impression is that this past year has been one of the better years for the section and has given me many reasons to be optimistic for the future. We have had two committee meetings this year and both went smoothly despite a last minute change of location for the last one due to the George not being open on a Monday night.

With my Membership Secretary hat on: As usual I take the figures from the 1<sup>st</sup> October when we had 361 members (that's 285 full and 76 associates) which is only 2 down on last year and of course since then we have had the Copdock Show where we signed up 3 more. This year saw the start of the rolling year membership process and next year we should see the new membership database put in place that allows you to pay using Direct Debit and manage your own details such as change your address, join registers and the like).

As National Committee Rep I have attended all the meetings so far with the next one due on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. At the moment there is really only one item up for discussion and that is the Bike Raffle and whether it should run next year because Cliff has found it difficult to run at the same time as his business so will not be running again.

As web master I have already mentioned the progress on the web site but must reiterate that you let me know if there is anything you would like putting up there.

### ***b) The Treasurer***

The section accounts for last year have been available online for the past month and they should be clear, I don't really have anything to add, are there any questions?

Q: Do we have a list of our current assets?

A: Not at the moment but we will provide one for next year's AGM.

### ***c) The Social Secretary***

This years events have, overall, been a great success. The Christmas lunch was fully booked so we will try to find a bigger venue though that can sometimes prove difficult. Our Easter trip to Ypres went very well and had good attendance from the Section. Next year the plan is to go to Bruges. We did try to rebook Ypres but the hotel was already fully booked as indeed are a lot of hotels in the area. For Bruges it looks like the Hotel Earnest is looking like the best as it has off-street parking in a garage that can hold 3 bikes for a little extra money so three riders could share the cost. If you are interested then let me know as we only have 2 standard doubles and 2 doubles with a canal view available and they will probably be gone by Christmas. (Mark Dutton suggested we open the invitation to other sections and Cliff agreed that this would be done if the rooms are not taken by Christmas). The Brandon camping weekend was let down by the landlord of the pub did not fulfil his promise with the maintenance of the campsite but those who did attend enjoyed the weekend. No one was interested in going off road so Cliff and Dean went by themselves. (Ken Mullett agreed that it really was good despite the problems). Framlingham is upcoming so going to be very busy from planning point of view. Fakenham is all in hand thanks to Mark Handley who is organising that. We really could do with someone to step up to the Assistant Social Sec role in Mark's place. It is not too onerous as really only need to organise one event a year and help others organise some more. Any questions?

Mick Laskey said there was a possible alternative venue for the Xmas meal near Great Dunmow, he will let Cliff know the details.

### ***d) The V&C Section Rep***

Since taking over 18 months ago the role has settled in. Initially I could not contact members but then Dik sorted tis for me and info started to be disseminated. Mike Davies was a great help with the protocols of the Club for me. I have made up a map of where the V&C members are located in the region and then used that to arrange the section in to 5 areas which I have called zones. The centre point of each zone is such that no one has to travel more than 25 miles to reach the meeting point, we are trying to locate a suitable establishment near these centre points and I request help from the members in those areas to come forward with suggestions. I sent out a small survey and the result was the start of the "getting to know you" evening at Long Melford. Over the next twelve months we look to have organised 3 events: Easter, Mid-summer and End of season. The Make Your Own pizza event last year appeared to work well so we will repeat that, also the Fakenham event was well attended with 9 people just visiting for the day. I will now try to ramp up the activity with monthly emails keeping everyone informed. I am also hoping to persuade some of the more knowledgeable members to do a "talk" at the evening meetings, any volunteers for this welcome. Any questions?

Q: Ken Mullett asked if you have to own an old bike to be in the Register

A: No, just an interest in older bikes is sufficient

Dik pointed out that someone has stepped up to be the V&C Register Secretary at National level so the Hugh should start to get some assistance from him as he settles in to the role.

## **7. Adoption of the Reports**

To reduce time the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Social Secretary's Reports were adopted together in one vote as is now our practice.

**Proposed to accept the Officers' reports:** **Dave White**  
**Seconded:** **Mike Davies**

The meeting voted to accept the presented reports unopposed and the Accounts were also officially signed.

## **8. Election of Officers**

**The nomination for Secretary, National Committee Representative, Membership Processor & Web Master ~ Dik Langan**

**Nominated by:** **Cliff Batley**  
**Seconded:** **Amanda Langan**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

**The nomination for Social Secretary ~ Cliff Batley**

**Nominated by:** **Dik Langan**  
**Seconded:** **Mark Dutton**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

**The nomination for Treasurer ~ Amanda Langan**

**Nominated by:** **Dik Langan**  
**Seconded:** **Hugh Thompson**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

**The nomination for Assistant Social Secretary ~ Keiron Haines**  
**(Note: Mark Dutton stepped down after agenda circulated but Keiron Haines offered to step up)**

**Nominated by:**  
**Seconded:**

**Dik Langan**  
**Mark Dutton**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

***The nomination for Vintage & Classic Register Rep ~ Hugh Thompson***

**Nominated by:**  
**Seconded:**

**Dik Langan**  
**Kenneth Buchanan**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

***The nomination for Quarter Master ~ Kenneth Buchanan***

**Nominated by:**  
**Seconded:**

**Dik Langan**  
**Keiron Haines**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

**9. Replacing the actual East Anglia Trophy (Ken Mullett)**

(Note items 9 & 10 of the published Agenda were swapped at the request of Ken Mullett who is presenting both).

We should replace the existing trophy with something that has room for more names but also consider presenting the winners with a miniature of the trophy that they can then keep. Neil Hopkins and Ken will investigate the price and design it so that there is room for the names on strips.

**Proposed by:**  
**Seconded:**  
**Against: 0, Abstaining: 0, For: All, Carried.**

**Ken Mullett**  
**Neil Hopkins**

**10. Renaming the East Anglia Trophy to the George Saunders Trophy (Ken Mullett)**

We propose to change the name of the Trophy in memory of George who was instrumental in starting the competition and certainly set many of the early challenges. George also did a lot for the Section and the Club itself over the years having been a President so this feels only fitting. Neil has also been in touch with George's daughter and asked if she would be prepared to attend the Christmas meal next year and present the trophy to the first winner and she said she would be delighted to. A short discussion then followed on the challenges and keeping a history of the winners and the challenges themselves. Dik agreed to publish the lists on the web site if someone could provide them to him. We will also need a picture of the new trophy for the web site.

**Proposed by:**  
**Seconded:**  
**Against: 0, Abstaining: 0, For: All, Carried.**

**Ken Mullett**  
**Neil Hopkins**

**11. Which regular pub meet to drop in favour of the 5 Miles (Cliff Batley)**

Cliff has been asked to include the 5 Miles pub (in Upware) in the section calendar. Whilst by all reports the pub has improved since the days when it was dropped we would have to replace an existing pub with it if we wanted to put it in as a regular meet. The Cricketers has too good a turn out to remove, as does Wimbotsham. The discussion was opened.

- Keep it as a Café meet (it is not open in the mornings so would have to be a lunchtime meet unlike other café meets)
- Have it on a Saturday or a Wednesday
- Have it on the same day as Cricketers as geographically far apart
- Run it as an event on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for those months that have 5.

This last suggestion was well received and put forward as the final proposal

**Proposed by:**

**Cliff Batley**

**Seconded:**

**Dik Langan**

**Against: 0, Abstaining: 0, For: All, Carried.**

## **12. Forming the Framlingham 2017 sub-committee (Dik Langan)**

This is not really a voting point but rather just something I wanted to bring up – we need volunteers to join the Framlingham sub-committee – they do not need to be on the main committee. The tasks we will need coordinators for are: Bookings, Marshalling, Signage, Rideouts, Trade stands and the Raffle.

Pat, Jenny and Amanda would be available to do the checking in. Neil Hopkins volunteered to organise the ride outs and Graham has volunteered to lead one of them, there should be 4 rides we think.

Anyone taking on one of the roles on the organising committee would qualify for free accommodation for the weekend.

### **Any Other Business**

The secretary reminded the meeting that these items were for discussion rather than requiring a vote.

#### **a) Award Nominations (DL)**

Dik asked for nominations for the section awards so that the committee could take the nominations away and decide on the winners in time to present the awards

##### *Hardman Trophy*

Dik explained that this is generally presented to a member who has overcome adversity and carried on or something along those lines.

- Malcolm Tuffin was proposed for this trophy after his great recovery from illness and defying the gloomy prognosis to be riding a motorbike once more

##### *Spirit of the Section*

Dik explained that this is presented to the member who embodies the very best of qualities that the rest of us should aspire to, putting in extra effort without desire for reward.

- Hugh proposed Steve Williams for his help at Fakenham when he should have been at work

##### *Spanner in the Works*

Dik explained that this is usually presented as a tongue in cheek award to a member who has fluffed something up, faced a mechanical issue or conversely someone who has proven to be an essential part of the Club keeping things running (as it is in the form of a spanner and a rear drive cog).

- Dik proposed Peter Dutton as he never received it last year but then also proposed Cliff for holding on to the award and not giving it to Peter

#### **b) Xmas lunch (DL)**

This year's xmas lunch follows the same format as last year with the cost also being the same at £13/person if booked through the Club in advance (the pub charges £17/head otherwise). We are again limited to 50 seats, you can collect a form from me after the meeting or go to the web site and download it, as always it is a first-come-first-served basis. We also need some raffle prizes if anyone can help (Cliff and Keiron said they would arrange that between them) and all proceeds will go to the East Anglia Air Ambulance. A short discussion was had as to whether to have a guest speaker and the general consensus was that this was not necessary.

#### **c) NEC Motorcycle Live event (DL)**

Just a reminder that the Club has a stand at the show and is looking for volunteers to help man it through the week. Even if you can't help man the stand do not forget that you can

buy tickets at a discounted rate of £17.50 through the club, they are £21 online or £25 on the door usually, check the national web site and Journal for details.

**d) New Year's Day ride out (DL)**

The ride is going ahead weather permitting and will be the same route as last year.

**e) Bruges for Easter (Cliff)**

Final reminder to book now – the event will be advertised and opened for bookings on the web site soon.

**f) Vote of thanks (Mike Davies)**

Mike just wanted those present to show their appreciation for the committee especially to Mark Dutton for the coffee machine at Copdock and Hugh for taking over the Vintage & Classic Register Rep position and making a great job of it. Ian Sparks also for taking on the dealer liaison at Canons and Dik for holding down 6 jobs. A hearty round of applause ensued.

**Next AGM Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Fornham St Martin Village Hall on Sunday 8th October 2017 at 11.00 A.M.

At that meeting we will need to check that the following actions have been completed:

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
2016A	Web site update to be completed	Dik
2016B	Section Assets list to be compiled and presented	Amanda
2016C	Find a bigger venue for the Xmas Lunch	Cliff
2016D	Pass on details of possible venue near Gt Dunmow	Mick Laskey
2016E	Source a new trophy and smaller replications	Ken Mullett & Neil Hopkins
2016F	Invite George's daughter to the Xmas meal	Dik
2016G	Provide Dik with list of previous winners and challenges	Mike Davies, Ken Mullett & Neil Hopkins
2016H	Decide who is to win the Spanner In The Works trophy	Committee

**Meeting close**

There were no other items for discussion and the meeting closed at 12:27.

Signed:

Date:

Dik Langan  
East Anglia Section Secretary