



The BMW Club

East Anglia Section

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 30th September 2018

Held at Fornham St Martin Village Hall

1. Secretary's Welcome

The meeting started at 11:00. The Secretary welcomed all members present and checked that everyone had signed in.

Count of Attending Members

There were 23 members present with no guests.

Any new A.O.B. items to add

No new items were added to the agenda.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Nev Agnew & Val Jones, Rob Day, Pat & Roy Laithwaite, Paul Round, Jim Moos, Robert Bensley, John Hobson & Jenny Batley.

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:

Mike Davies

Seconded:

Cliff Batley

A show of hands for the adoption of the Minutes was taken: Accepted 23, Abstentions 0, Against 0.

5. Matters Arising from the last AGM Minutes

As there were a few items from last year I have assigned each one a reference in the minutes, here are the current status of each:

2016G (List of previous winners) – Ongoing, Mike has sent list to Neil

2017A (Propose Gerry for Honorary Membership) – Done

2017B (Present trophies at Xmas meal) – Messed up but to be discussed later in meeting

2017C (Open Xmas meal bookings) – Done

2017D (Book hall and Woolpack for next AGM) – Done.

6. Annual Reports

a) The Secretary (Dik Langan)

Apologies for changing the date. I have tried to keep the Agenda short so we can get to the Woolpack for 12:30 when the table is booked. It was a quieter year but still very good. I know that Kieron had hoped to hand over to Mark Handley but with Mark's family issues meaning he couldn't take it on right now Kieron has brilliantly agreed to stay on, I know that

Chris also found it difficult and at times disheartening this year too but he will cover that in his report. I believe I have perhaps taken on a little too much at the moment and that means we have only had one committee meeting this year but I aim to improve that in the coming year.

On the membership front, well if I adjust the records that will be removed tomorrow (as I usually report on the figures on the 1st October) we will have 387 members made up of 308 full and 79 associates which is 5% up on last year. The national figures are dropping so we must be doing something very right locally and I personally think it is down to the lovely people we have at the core of the section. I don't just mean the committee, I include all of you here and those that cared enough to apologise for missing this meeting. One thing to mention is that the fee has increased from £30 to £32 and associates from £2 to £3 as of tomorrow morning which I hope you will all agree is still good value for money.

National Committee meetings are still happening and whilst they are very worth while I still feel a little guilty about not involving you all a bit more in them. Again I aim to improve that. Finally the web site: other than a hiccup with a couple of dates it is still working fine but let me know if you would like it changing. Are there any questions?

Mike Davies: I have provided an updated picture for the regular meets, is it OK?

Dik: Yes, sorry Mike, will use it to replace the existing one this week

Dave White: Dik mentioned taking on too much, could he do with some help, perhaps from the committee or others here?

Cliff: Dik does a lot of roles both locally and nationally, I'm sure any help will be gratefully accepted

Dave: I can offer to help with something if you'll permit

Dik: Thank you Dave, that is really very good of you, we can chat later about the possibilities.

Cliff: Ian is doing really well as Dealer Liaison and this will certainly be helping with us bucking the downward trend of membership, also he has negotiated 10% discount deals with both Cannons and Reiten getting them in to the Members Discount scheme in the Journal.

Mark Handley: Our Facebook presence is going well and is event focussed, do we need to do anything?

Dik: The nature of Facebook means it is best to let the users find the best purpose for the channel but can you please let me or Keiron know if there are any serious suggestions we should be investigating.

b) The Treasurer (Amanda Langan)

This year's capitation is similar to last years given the slight increase in membership Dik mentioned. Unfortunately I've been unable to include the figure for last year's Christmas Lunch raffle (and subsequent donation to East Air Ambulance) in this year's accounts as Dik and I were not able to attend.

Dik and I were not able to get through the snow on the day and unfortunately the Air Ambulance team did not record the donation as coming from the BMW Club so I was not able to confirm how much it was.

The Christmas Lunch subsidy was just over £985 after a decision was taken to increase the amount paid from Section funds.

The VCR Workshop & Mechanics day netted an increased profit of just over £142 this year which was donated to East Anglia Air Ambulance.

The East Anglia Trophy expenditure was for the purchase of the new George Saunders Trophy.

The small bit of expenditure recorded under Framlingham National this year was because we bought some plastic cups from the Western Section (to use on the weekend) and I forgot to pay for them until this year.

The Copdock Show costs have increased because we had to buy extra entrance bands for the increased number of members and bikes that will be on the stand this year.

The now regular event costs are similar to last year as we have already paid £250 deposit to The Bull for this year's Christmas Lunch. I have my fingers crossed that the weather behaves this time.

Overall given the additional expenditure we have a deficit of £416.77 for this year.

The Section has funds of £3,741.03 which is the amount in the two bank accounts and £184.47 in petty cash.

That concludes my treasurer's report - are there any questions?

Mike Davies: I would like to query the Xmas Lunch figures as I thought 75 people were booked in but the figure suggests 64 people?

Amanda: I see your point, let me check in to that and let you know

Cliff: The Xmas raffle actually took about £80 which Jenny paid directly to the Air Ambulance (so it did not pass through the section accounts)

c) The Social Secretary (Kieron Haines)

I have had a very busy year but mainly spent with other sections as I make the most of what the club has to offer, but this does mean I have not been able to attend many of the pub and café meets. I had intended to step down but was persuaded to stay on by Dik. I think we need to look again at the Café meets as they are not working as well so possibly drop some café meets and maybe replace them with village hall meets with tea and coffee laid on much like it is for the AGM. This would be a chance to chat and maybe also have other activities laid on such as speakers or an auction.

Fakenham was good again with 25 attending when the weather was not so good, the gazebo serving well. The trip to Ireland is still being planned but has not been publicised much as we already had a good number interested without mentioning in the Journal. If someone has some ideas of something similar for the following year we would be able to support that.

We can do more with the dealers, the new café at Cannons is a start but is currently closed on Sundays so would have to meet on Saturdays.

Mark Handleys D-Day trip is taking shape and getting bookings I understand.

I have sent a write up about the Belgium trip to the Journal team so it will be in the NEC edition, we will make sure that also includes mention of other upcoming events.

Are there any ideas regarding the social aspects of the section?

(There then followed discussions regarding use of the Forum, looking at repeating former events, looking at new venues south of the A120, having 2 meetings on a Sunday which are far apart and looking at making use of the work Hugh and Heather did on creating the "zones" for the section and whether this could be applied to the general events too).

Dik: All great ideas, please do help Kieron by not just providing ideas but backing them up with support.

d) The VCR Section Rep (Chris Smith)

Hugh and Heather did all the hard work preparing the zoning of the section's area although for some of the meetings only 1 or 2 people turned up though near Thetford 7 attended. I tried to attend most meetings but if there is no real demand then I won't get to every meeting next year. As Keiron mentioned, the Fakenham rally was a good event with 2 Midlands section sidecar outfits in attendance. The £3.20 Weatherspoon's breakfast was well attended. We hope to run the event again next year but the site management queried the number of campers in attendance.

Cliff: Just like to add that the rooms on site were very good value for money but need to book them early next year if we run the event as there are only 4 available.

e) Marketing (Ian Sparks)

I took over from Mike Davies who had been developing the relationships over 3 or 4 years and so I had a good head start. Cannons just deciding to open on Sundays which we hope means their café will also be open on Sundays meaning we can include them in our café meets. James at Reiten has also said he is looking to open up a café at some stage but there is always free coffee on the go. Both have invited us to attend the R1250GS launch but unfortunately that weekend I am taking my wife to hospital so am looking for volunteers to go along, perhaps just the weekend (as it is a week-long launch)?

(Mike Davies, Ann and Bob Townley all said they would talk to Ian after the meeting to see if they could help with Cannons – Keiron said he would be able to help with Lind but unfortunately as it clashes with the NCM no one was available to attend Reiten.)

As mentioned earlier, I have negotiated a discount with Cannons and Reiten, only on their clothing and accessories as Motorrad dictate the servicing costs, but still a great step. I have spoken to Balderstones but they are technically in the Midlands section though they report that the section are not very active in the relationship. I will continue to work on them all.

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: **Mark Handley**
Secoded: **Ian Saunders**

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: **Keiron Haines**
Secoded: **Amanda Langan**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

The nomination for Social Secretary ~ Keiron Haines

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

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

The nomination for Treasurer ~ Amanda Langan

Nominated by: **Dik Langan**
Secoded: **Ian Sparks**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

The nomination for Assistant Social Secretary ~ Cliff Batley

Nominated by: **Keiron Haines**
Secoded: **Ian Sparks**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

The nomination for Marketing Secretary ~ Ian Sparks

Nominated by: **Ken Buchanan**
Secoded: **Dik Langan**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

The nomination for Vintage & Classic Register Rep ~ Chris Smith

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

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

The nomination for Quarter Master ~ Kenneth Buchanan

Nominated by: **Keiron Haines**
Secoded: **Hugh Thompson**

The meeting voted to accept the nomination unopposed.

9. Any Other Business

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

a) Award Nominations (DL)

Dik explained that, as the Xmas lunch was very disrupted this year the awards had not been presented and therefore he suggested that the same people who were proposed last year should be proposed again this year (as none of them actually got their awards):

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.

- Val Tuffin last year proposed Hugh and Heather for all their hard work organising the VCR, this was seconded by Mike Davies.

Hardman Trophy

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

- Dave White last year proposed Dik for the award for his efforts in organising Framlingham in 2017, this was seconded by Hugh Thompson

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 light heartedly proposed Cathy Allen to mark her breaking her arm on the night before Framlingham 2017. Cliff seconded this proposal.

The floor accepted this proposal but then the task of locating the trophies was raised. Cliff believed he had the Hardman and Bob & Ann have the Spanner (the Spirit is not an actual trophy).

As the George Saunders Trophy (previously the East Anglia Trophy) was not run this year there was no recipient.

b) Xmas lunch (Dik Langan)

This year's Xmas lunch follows the same format as last year at the same cost but hopefully this year will go ahead without divine intervention. It will be noon on December 2nd at The Bull at £12/head which is quite a saving on the published price of £20/head. I have some forms here but they will also be available online shortly after the meeting.

Next AGM Date and Venue

We will try to book the hall for the third weekend in October (so Sunday 20th) as we believe Copdock will be on the second weekend next year.

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

| Ref | Action | Who |
|------------|---|---------------------------|
| 2016G | (Carried from 2016 AGM) Publish list of previous Trophy winners | Neil Hopkins / Dik Langan |
| 2018A | Book hall and inform Woolpack of next AGM | Amanda Langan |
| 2018B | Announce winners of Section Awards at Christmas meal | Dik Langan |
| 2018C | Dik to delegate some tasks to ease work load | Dik Langan |
| 2018D | Amanda to explain apparent discrepancy in Xmas meal income | Amanda Langan |

Meeting close

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