

VMCC DORSET SECTION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Fiddleford Inn on
12th October 2020

PRESENT: Paul Miles (Chairman), Paul Wirdnam (Secretary), Ken Druce (Treasurer), Peter Miller (President), Pete Dungey (Committee Member) and Bernard Jones (Committee Member)

Due to the Covid-19 Crisis and the associated social distancing restrictions, Section members were not in attendance.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed those present and said that apologies had been received from Phil Allen, Ray Dickinson, Andy Grew and Gabby Hunt..

2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The minutes of the last AGM were read and agreed. Their acceptance as a true record was proposed by Pete Dungey, seconded by Bernard Jones.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached to these Minutes. Its acceptance as a true record was proposed by Paul Wirdnam, seconded by Ken Druce.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Druce presented the Treasurer's Report which had been audited by Peter Miller. A copy of the Accounts Summary is attached to these Minutes. Acceptance of the Financial Statement was proposed by Paul Miles, seconded by Bernard Jones.

It was mentioned that £854.64 in entry fees for the 2020 Giant Run is held in a PayPal account and is not included in the above report. As the run has been postponed to 2021, this amount will be recorded in the 2020/2021 accounts.

At this point in the meeting, Peter Miller thanked all the Committee for their hard work during the past year with particular reference to Gabby Hunt who has served the Dorst Section for many years.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020/21

Chairman: There was a single nomination received : Paul Miles. Proposed by Pete Dungey, seconded by Paul Wirdnam.

Secretary: There was a single nomination received : Paul Wirdnam. Proposed by Pete Dungey, seconded by Paul Miles.

Treasurer: There was a single nomination received : Ken Druce. Proposed by Paul Miles, seconded by Paul Wirdnam.

President: Peter Miller's 2 year term as President ended and the Committee discussed the role of Section President and what qualifications were needed : someone who no longer rides but has made a significant contribution to the Section in the past. It was agreed that the Committee would look for a suitable candidate in the coming months.

Paul Miles thanked Peter Miller for serving as our Section President for the last 2 years.

Committee: Phil Allen, Ray Dickinson, Andy Grew, Pete Dungey and Bernard Jones agreed to serve another year on the Committee. Gabby Hunt did not wish to serve another year and stood down. Peter Miller was welcomed as a new member of the Committee. Paul Miles proposed this line-up of Committee members be elected, and this was seconded by Bernard Jones. All were in favour.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Bristol Show

Paul Miles and Paul Wirdnam had met with Andrew Rae a few days before this AGM and Andrew had brought us up-to-date. Mortons are still planning to hold this event at the beginning of February and, as a result, Andrew and Ray Dickinson are starting to do the necessary paperwork etc.

Ray sought approval to spend up to £300 on show equipment. Even if the 2021 event is cancelled, it can be used in future years. All agreed with Ray's request.

b. Proposed 2021 Programme

Paul Wirdnam outlined the current plans for the 2021 calendar of events. For the runs, it is a copy of the ones that took place in 2019. Bernard Jones asked about significant "gaps" in the yearly calendar where no or few runs were scheduled (February and October); Bernard offered to fill these gaps by organising further runs. Action: Paul to work with Bernard to define and schedule these new runs.

Paul Wirdnam mentioned that monthly club night placeholders had been entered into the 2021 Programme but as we have not yet confirmed where our new club night venue is, the day of the week is unknown. No speakers have been booked.

Andy Grew offered to organise a Two-Stroke run in 2021. It was agreed that this would be a welcome addition to the programme.

c. Run Format

Those present had a discussion on the two run formats that we've tried during Covid-19 related restrictions. The Informal Runs where each group of 6 have a Leader; no route sheets are needed as the Leader defines the route. The Formal Runs where each person in a group of 6 has a route sheet; there is no Leader. There are pros and cons to both approaches and the Committee agreed to continue working to develop the best way forward in these difficult times.

Having multiple start and end locations for a run creates a lot of work for the run organiser. We agreed to look at better Social Distancing at the start, with helmets being worn and providing a layout diagram of the assembly point(s) in the run pack, which is emailed to each participant before the run.

d. GIANTS Run Update

Paul Miles brought the Committee up-to-date. Having cancelled the event at the end of July, participants were offered a refund of their entry or given the chance to donate it to a charity or to roll it over to the following year. Almost without exception, everyone chose to roll their entry, and the fee, over to the 2021 GIANTS Run.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 19:50 hours.