

Report & Minutes of the 2004 Midland Section AGM

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An unusually large attendance at our Section AGM with 53 members and associate members present. It's been years since I've seen so many there so well done to all for taking the time - perhaps we could make it a 100 next year??

For the first time for many years we had two people standing for one post, that of Social Secretary. The two nominees were Rob Harvey (current Sec) and Martin Ellis. Voting was fairly close but Rob Harvey was successful in remaining in his post. Thanks to both for offering their services to the Section and I'm sure that Martin will still find plenty of work coming his way as he was co-opted on to the Committee as a member and also accepted the responsibility of becoming the National Committee Representative - as one who's not afraid to say what he thinks, I'd guess Martin will serve us well at National level if he can stay awake at the meetings!

Dave Bertram stood down from the committee after years of good service and I'm sure we all offer Dave a vote of thanks for all the work over the years.

Phil Johnson was also voted on to the Committee.

For a number of years, the Section charity has been the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance but for next year it will change to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance - this was agreed after the meeting was informed that all funds were shared between the different areas anyway - a matter that seemed to be in some dispute *after* the vote. One member then suggested that the matter be discussed further and voted on again - it was pointed out this this would be against the constitution of the Club and that once the vote has been taken it cannot be changed. Perhaps before next years AGM, someone could look into the issue of whether or not funds are shared and offer a definitive answer so that facts are known *before* a vote takes place.

Hopefully, next year the AGM Agenda will be published on this website prior to the meeting.

The Midland Section will be hosting the 2005 National AGM over the weekend of Friday 8th April to Sunday 10th April and volunteers are required to assist. If you would like to offer your services, please contact any Committee Member.

Early bookings will be subsidised by 25% by the Club. Cost is £128 (£96 subsidised) for B&B for a double or twin room for the two nights and £84 (£63 subsidised) for a single room.

Minutes of the Midland Section AGM

Held on Sunday 10th October 2004

Venue Greetham Community Centre –Start Time 11.00am

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Attendance Number of members present at the meeting was 55 including the committee.

Apologies Graham Cox, Rob Harvey

Matters arising None

Secretaries Report - Dale Marchant The secretary welcomed all those present at the meeting. He explained the reason for his position as secretary having initially agreed to help Phil Johnson with the duties but time and pressures of work meant Phil couldn't put as much time into the job as he would have liked. The secretary reported that the Direct Debit payments had caused all Sections a few problems but these were now sorted out and things should be smoother next year. The secretary also reported that the committee as a whole had worked well throughout the year and was moving forward in a number of areas.

Treasurers Report - Graham Parker The treasurer had done his usual thorough job preparing a financial statement, copies of which were available for the members to study. The net worth is £5683.47 so the intended target of £5000.00 has been comfortably met. The Treasurer also pointed out that the section had purchased a marquee rather than hire one. This would pay for itself over two rallies compared to hiring one. The Treasurer stated that cash flow had been a slight problem due to not receiving capitation until July but that this was caused by the DDM (direct debit mandates) slowing things up and that this shouldn't be the case in future. The Treasurer also stated that the Midland Section membership as of 3/10/2004 stood at 548 members, made up as follows: 454 full members and 80 associate members with the rest being OAPs and FOC members. The air ambulance donation this year is £558.00.

The Treasurers report was proposed for acceptance:

Proposed John Winn

Seconded Glenys Barr.

Social Secretaries Report- Rob Harvey In the absence of Rob Harvey the report was given by Alan Edgar. The Social Secretary thanked the organisers of the runs and rallies which had been run in 2004 .It was pointed out that a number of runs had started in the north of the section and that next year this matter will be addressed by varying the start points. The 2005 calendar is well under way and is as full a calendar as we have ever had. A new addition for 2005 is a ladies day. Ladies present were asked to submit ideas for this by February.

Election of Officers As only one position was contested it was accepted that the rest of the committee be re-elected en-block.

Dave Bertram stood down from committee and as representative at the National Committee to take a well earned rest.

Election of Social Secretary

Candidates: Martin Ellis, Rob Harvey

Rob Harvey was elected as Social Secretary.

Martin Ellis was elected onto the committee and also offered his services as the Representative for the National Committee.

Phil Johnson was also elected onto the committee and will continue to help with secretarial matters.

Officers

Secretary Dale Marchant

Treasurer Graham Parker

Social Secretary Rob Harvey.

Committee Members Bill Rodgers, Alan Edgar, Gilbert Thomas, Richard Filipczak, Martin Ellis and Phil Johnson.

Charity Dave Bertram proposed that the Warwick & Northants air ambulance receive the clubs collection for 2005. After a long discussion where it was pointed out that the air ambulances share the monies out between themselves, a vote was taken and it was a majority decision that this years charity will be Warwick & Northants air ambulance.

Any Other Business Chris Lawrence brought to the attention of the meeting the proposed annual charge for declaring a vehicle on SORN this charge being £4.50 p.a. Petitions were made available for the floor to sign .These will be presented to Downing Street at a later date.

Members were told of the Midlands Section plans regarding the National AGM on the weekend of April 8th 2005. Volunteers were asked to help on the weekend.

Bill Rodgers brought up the subject of Associate membership cards. No cards have been issued this year due to the very late returns from National level. This was again caused by DDM's holding things up. It was agreed that a letter of apology and a membership card would be sent out ASAP.

A discussion about event calendars followed and it was agreed to put them with the January Journals. Martin Ellis asked if draft copies could be available at the next Greetham meeting and it was agreed that they could.

Bill Rodgers pointed out that the New Year Dinner would again be held at Ropsley on the 8th January and asked members to book early as numbers are limited.

A number of comments about members at the back of the room not being able to hear were received by the committee and it was decided that this problem will have to be attended to for the 2005 AGM. It is possible that a PA will solve this.

Meeting closed 12.07

Dale Marchant

Midland Section Secretary