

Section AGM 2005 - Sunday 9th October

Full Minutes will appear in due course

A reasonable attendance of, I'd guess, around 50 members although I didn't get a count.

Section Secretary Dale Marchant has been forced to stand down due to pressures of work (many thanks are due to Dale for the time and effort spent on our behalf). As this had been a last minute decision by Dale it has been impossible to let folk know that this position was to become vacant so Rob Harvey, the current Social Secretary has agreed to step into the breach so Rob is now the Section Secretary with Martin Ellis offering to step into Rob's shoes as Social Secretary. The meeting sanctioned both of these volunteers so welcome to both. Martin's move to the position of Social Secretary left a space on the Committee which has been filled by new guy (new to the Section, that is) Wayne Gunn (a refugee from the SW) welcome Wayne.

For the first time in a number of years, there were a couple of slightly controversial issues on the agenda:

1) For the last 30 odd years, as a goodwill gesture to those who have supported and have been a member of the Section for a minimum of ten years the Section has offered complimentary membership after retirement age. The Committee proposed that this be stopped with effect from the next renewal year. After much discussion there was a majority vote FOR the proposal - this means that anyone currently receiving complimentary membership under this scheme will no longer do so.

2) Section Charity. Each year the AGM decides which charity the Section will support but this year the Committee proposed that last years decision (for monies donated this year) should be reversed and instead go to the usual charity which lost the vote. This is due to the fact that there was confusion over stated facts regarding the way the charity operates. It was pointed out last year that a vote taken at AGM cannot be reversed and is binding - this fact was *once again* pointed out and after discussion it was agreed that last years vote must stand. This years charity is the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

The Minutes of the Midland Section AGM

Sunday 9th October 2005 At Greetham

Meeting opened at 11-00

Attendance

46 with 35 voting members

Apologies

Dale Marchant, Mick Barr, Glennys Barr

Minutes of 2004 AGM

No matters arising – accepted

Proposed: Phil Hawksley, Seconded: Keith Wheeler

Secretaries

report:

Having been secretary for two years now I'd like to say how much I have enjoyed it. It can be very frustrating at times but also very rewarding. The rest of the committee have a very good reputation both from the Midland section and all the other sections which make up the BMW club as a whole. The organisational skills are second to none. The 2005 National AGM, Moreton

Morrell and numerous other events organised by the committee and members have all been a great success. Unfortunately my job is placing more and more pressure from a time point of view on me. It was with this in mind and the fact that the secretary's job does take up a fair amount of time that I decided to resign as secretary. I would like to thank the rest of the committee and the members for their help and wish my successor all the best.

Treasurers Report

Net worth of section funds as of 01/10/05 £7,012.18. Owed to charity £1,100.54. Disposal of an asset - marquee £346.98. Net worth now stands at £5,564.66. I shall have to look at how much we owe the Notts. air ambulance as I have been paid £290.00 by Malcolm Mc Nair, some of which was for property that was sold on behalf of the Notts. air ambulance.

Vote of thanks to Graham for once again producing a competent clear and accurate set of accounts – no issues

Proposed: Brian Smith, Seconded: Malcolm Radford

Social Secretary's Report

This years calendar was a full and varied one but despite this, with a couple of notable exceptions, the turn out on runs can only be described as poor. I am unable to say why this was. We even tried a Ladies day giving them the chance to say where they wished to go, despite having 4 months notice I only received two ideas. This year, as in the past we put on a number of camping and hotel weekends, all were well attended. The Greetham event suffered from poor weather but those that attended made the most of things.

Start points were discussed and it was agreed that we would limit these to two.

Next years Calendar was already taking shape and will include the National Rally at Moreton Morrell.

As I am unable to explain why we have had such a poor showing on runs I felt that the best thing would be for me to step aside and hand the reigns over to someone else. I would like to thank all those who have worked with me in organising your social events.

Election of Officers:

Rob Harvey as Secretary

Martin Ellis as Social Secretary

Graham Parker as Treasurer.

The remainder of the committee remains unchanged

One new member: Wayne Gunn

All the above elected with majority votes

OAP

Committee proposed to end OAP subs concession after next year due to the risk of the cost becoming unsustainable.

After a lengthy discussion of options for leaving the current members fee free whilst not accepting any future members into the scheme it was agreed to have one vote on whether or not to continue with the concession with immediate effect.

Vote For ending the concession: 28

Vote on continuing the concession: 7

Therefore motion was carried and OAP's no longer receive any concession, effective immediately.

Charity Nomination.

Committee proposed to reconsider last years vote to donate the charity proceeds to the Northants Air ambulance because the vote was taken after the mis-conception that all the monies went into a central pool - later it emerged that although once this was the case it no longer is the practise.

After much debate it was proposed to stand by last years vote and a new vote was taken for the coming year with the Lincs & Notts air ambulance being proposed and a unanimous vote carried the proposal.

AOB

A vote of thanks was proposed by Graham Cluley and given to Rob for his work as Social Secretary.

A vote of thanks was given to Gilbert for all his work in organising two continental trips and all the running about at his own cost transporting the BBQ/marquee to the various events.

Tony Wight asked if the committee would consider a postal advert for an event i.e. a run out, to see if it increased turn out, it will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Next years AGM will take place on 15th Oct 2006