

## **Section AGM 2006 - Sunday 8th October**

Full Minutes will appear in due course

Just a quick resume of this years meeting - The official Minutes will be listed here in due course.

The official head count of members at this years meeting was announced as 35, however, I suspect that this didn't include the 10 Section Officers on the table.

As per the norm, the meeting was pretty quick and painless - 50 minutes and all was done and dusted.

Our long standing Treasurer, Graham Parker, had said that he was to stand down from office this year due to the extra stresses caused by all of the current VAT issues but having managed to get the situation under control he has been persuaded to continue in this position for now. I suspect that this was a great relief to all as that position now has to be one of the hardest and failure to appoint a Treasurer would have caused major problems for the Section. Be good to Graham 'cos we can't afford to lose him... Derek Johnson, the National Treasurer attended the meeting and publicly thanked Graham for his work in getting to grips with the Section VAT issues.

As predicted, a handful of the Committee stepped down at the meeting and other than the Secretary, it was decided not to replace them and there are enough officers anyway. The Officers who stepped down were: Rob Harvey (Secretary), Richard Filipzak, Gilbert Thomas, Dale Marchant and Alan Edgar - a vote of thanks was offered to all for their commitment and effort in the past.

There was only one candidate for the vacant Secretary's position and that was Lisa Parker, a fairly new member and, not surprisingly, she was voted in unanimously. Welcome to the fray Lisa.

Next years AG will be at Greetham on Sunday 14th October.

The Full Minutes and Reports are now below.

### **BMW CLUB MIDLANDS SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2006**

**GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Meeting commenced at 11.10am**

Opening remarks by Secretary, Rob Harvey

Secretary welcomed all to the meeting and those present were reminded that only members of the Midland Section and paid up associates of the Midland Section were eligible to vote at this meeting. Also present was the National Treasurer, Derek Johnson.

#### **1. Attendance**

35 members and associates, 6 guests.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

None received.

## **3. Minutes of 2005 AGM**

Copies of the minutes had been made available at the meeting, they had been previously viewed by the committee and accepted. Secretary asked the meeting that the minutes be accepted.

Proposal of acceptance by Phil Hawksley, seconded by Brian Smith.

## **4. Matters arising from minutes of 2005**

Graham Cluley noted that the date for 2006 AGM shown in these minutes was incorrect.

Informed at time of meeting no calendar available to correctly set date.

No further matters arising.

## **5. Secretary's report**

Rob Harvey informed the section that current membership status was 561 full members.

There was a new computerised membership database online for use by section membership secretaries. This had greatly speeded up the process of placing new members on the system and updating details of existing members. Further updates to this system were expected in the future.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

See attached appendix 1.

Graham Parker had supplied copies of the current accounts to the meeting.

Graham Cluley asked the Treasurer to clarify the expenditure regarding the BMF show in Peterborough in May as there appeared to be a deficit in the accounts.

Graham informed the meeting that this deficit had since been repaid from National funds.

The meeting was asked to accept these accounts. Acceptance proposed by Mike Moyne,

seconded by Lisa Parker and George Gibson.

## **7. Social Secretary's report**

See attached appendix 2.

Additional item not listed in Agenda

Merchandise (Regalia)

Rob Harvey informed the meeting that following requests from members a section merchandising officer had been appointed. Rob introduced Wayne Gunn to the meeting.

Plans were underway to source from the National Merchandising officer items that could be altered to reflect the section name.

### **8. Any other business**

The National Treasurer asked to speak to the meeting, he wished to propose a vote of thanks to Graham for his hard work in preparing the section accounts regarding the VAT issue which had arisen this summer. The meeting showed its appreciation.

He also informed the meeting that a National account was being organised to avoid future problems with the funding of National events.

John Winn asked the committee which charity the section is supporting this year. Informed that it will be the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

### **9. Election of Officers**

Rob Harvey informed the meeting that this year a number of committee members were standing down. These included Alan Edgar, Gilbert Thomas, Richard Filipczak and Dale Marchant. He asked that the meeting showed its appreciation for the hard work put into the section by these individuals.

There was only going to be one change to the elected officers posts, that of Section Secretary. Graham Parker was remaining in post as Treasurer, Martin Ellis as Social Secretary and he would also represent the section on the National Committee.

Lisa Parker had come forward as a new Section Secretary, she was proposed by Paul Straw (not present) therefore re-proposed by Tim and seconded by Terry Collier. As Lisa was not known by many of the section she was asked to introduce herself. She was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Committee would consist therefore of:

#### **Elected officers**

Lisa Parker, Secretary

Graham Parker, Treasurer

Martin Ellis, Social Secretary and NCM rep

Committee members -

Bill Rodgers

Wayne Gunn

Phil Johnson

10. Date of AGM 2007 (after consulting calendar) 14th October 2007

Venue and time to be confirmed

At 11.50pm meeting closed

## **Appendices**

### **1. Treasurer's Report**

Assets Last Year £7,012.18 Assets this year £ 6,980.38.

Cash £ 6597.68.

Regalia £382.70. This shall be reduced this year as we take off items on stock.

Charity has been paid which is unusual this makes two payments in one year. This has been done because HQ could have taken the all section monies because of the Vat issue, so I moved the monies over, However in my hast to do this I forgot that £300.00 of the monies that we collected for the year had been paid this was because the donator wished it this way, so £300.00 has been paid twice. We can recoup this in 06 / 07 charity collections. Total this last payment to charity £2,519.17

Total for this committee from 98 to 06 = £ 12, 353 .97.

All the VAT work for the last 3 years has been completed and forwarded to Derek Johnson.

We have had a good year on events and have covered costs well and given the members something back at most events.

Moreton Morrell 06 has been covered with costs but the VAT issue could change that but should be OK.

Members income is a mess I can only track the payments that we make and follow the capitation. The D/D are not so easy to follow and I would like to see better monitoring from all involved next year, so that section can follow events through.

Assets We have now got a fridge and sturdy tables to go with the marquee and barbi. This shall make some event pleasant but we must monitor which event we move the equipment to as this has cost implications to the section.

As from today If any member takes on an event then they must fill in the correct form for claiming monies and MUST get correct receipts.

In the past I have not forced this as an element of trust has been deployed which is OK from our point of view but not from the Vat man.

### **2. Social secretary's report – 2005-2006**

Well, I've had a year at it now, and it's been great, so I'm giving it another go.

This year's events have had mixed success, but on balance the results come down heavily toward success rather than failure. Overall, I'm very happy with the results, and the comments I've had throughout the year on our activities. I have learned some lessons and hope to use the knowledge to make next year better.

Midland section's reputation for putting on some damn good events has been further enhanced this year, particularly with the success of our long camping weekend at Beamish, the steam rally at Long Eaton, which attracted almost 50 entries this year, and of course Moreton Morrell. Moreton Morrell was a phenomenal success thanks to the organisation and the team work, 'on the day' and we have had nothing but praise and good reports from anyone who was involved in any way whatsoever. You can feel justifiably proud that it was your section which organised this event, as I feel that it will be the yardstick by which all other similar events will now be judged, and you should also be at least as proud of this committee for arranging it on everyone's behalf, as we ourselves are for making it the success that it was.

Cadwell Park was one of the events which I would consider to have been a failure this year, which was a shame as it was our 'meet the team' rally for the Notts Lincs air ambulance. The problem as I see it was that it was on a car weekend, rather than a bike weekend, but as Cadwell Park hadn't worked out their 2006 schedule by the time I needed the information for our year card printers, we had to take pot-luck on what would be happening on that particular weekend, and it just happened to be a car event. Learning from that situation, We have decided to delay the distribution of our year card next year until the February issue of The Journal. This will give me more time to get accurate information from some of our proposed venues and destinations, especially as some of them don't produce their timetables or entry charges until the beginning of the year. There is very little information needed for January, which is greatly different from the information needed for February, and this means that the diary section, or section notes in the Journal, will keep us sufficiently informed.

Two years ago, we purchased as a section, our own mini marquee, and this has made a success of quite a few events which would otherwise have had very different fortunes as a result of inclement weather, and we now have some good quality tables, and a gas powered portable fridge to keep drinks and milk cold for our warmer events, which complements our trusty water boiler for hot drinks. If you see one of our events advertised as having the section marquee in use, you will be guaranteed somewhere to congregate whatever the weather, and generally tea and coffee will be available too.

Graham is in the early stages of planning a long weekend in Bruges, Belgium, for Whit bank holiday next year, but places will be limited, so you need to register your interest quickly to secure a place.

He's also planning a weekend coast to coast run in the North of England which, knowing Graham will provide some interesting roads.

Bill tells me that he feels the Pickering weekend has run it's course now, and he won't be organising one for 2007, but the Edinburgh weekend, Sleaford show, Bourne classic show and the Louth Lions events, all arranged by Bill, will still be in the calendar.

The 2007 Long Eaton steam rally will take place once again on the last weekend in June. This has now been extended to run from Thursday to Sunday, and at this year's rally all entrants received free entry to the show on all three days, free camping, and really good food on Saturday night, again all free. When you couple this with having showers on site, and constant free tea/coffee and biscuits all weekend, it's no wonder that it filled up very quickly.

It looks like this event is going to become a regular thing, at least for the foreseeable future, and anyone who has attended, knows that one of my biggest worries is not having sufficient people available to erect the marquee, set things out, marshal the bikes for parking and the parades, look after the tea and coffee, help with the food, and then pack it all away on Sunday. I would therefore like to have a working party to do these jobs, and I welcome the offer of help from anyone who is likely to be attending next year. We need about eight people to cover everything. I'm afraid I can't offer anyone any discounts for anything as it's all free, but the help would be gratefully received. As before, please let me have your names later so that I can call on you nearer the time.

We have found a superb location for a new Sunday gathering, at a café/restaurant called Christy's on the A617 at Hockerton, near Newark. The owners are bike-friendly, and the place has food to suit all tastes with plenty of hard standing for parking. It is my intention to make Christy's a regular Sunday gathering point all year round, on the fourth Sunday of each month, so that it doesn't clash with Greetham or Towcester. Booking is not necessary, and I hope that it will become a firm favourite. Our first visit will be January the 28<sup>th</sup> and I can really recommend this place, so I'd like to see as many as possible there for the first time. It's my intention to use it as a base for short ride around the local countryside during the warmer months to build up an appetite, and if any of you want to try it out beforehand, we will be happy to tell you exactly where it is.

I have many ideas for rides and weekend next year, some of them are on a list which is somewhere in the room, but I would still welcome offers from anyone to arrange something for the section, or take on one of my ideas. I will give you all the help you need, and I'm sure you'll find it a very satisfying experience. I don't *mind* organising the majority of the rides myself if need be, but where I live will dictate where we start from, and as I live in the North of the section, Donington services will usually be my start point. If you don't fancy travelling to Donington for each run, choose somewhere nearer to you and either lead it yourself, or arrange for it to be a secondary start point for people from your area. If you like the idea of arranging a secondary start point for one or more of next year's runs, I need to know now, so that we can plan around it. Similarly, if you want to do *something*, but don't really know what...tell me today after the meeting, so I can give you a call and discuss things with you.

Graham and Sally Cluley gave us notice last year that their Christmas lunch for us this December will be their last, and we owe them a great debt of thanks for their efforts so far. Unless anyone comes forward very quickly and offers to keep the tradition alive, I will be looking to use Christy's, our new found friends at Hockerton for Christmas lunch. They have the room and the facilities, and the place is very easy to find. Our meeting here at Greetham would still take place, but as a normal Winter Sunday gathering.

It looks as though a New Years Day run is going to become a tradition for us, and for 2007 I've chosen Masson Mills at Matlock Bath. More details will appear as time passes, and the only variable will be whether I will actually be fit enough to lead it as I am scheduled for an operation on my ailing shoulder in mid November. The run will still go ahead without me if I'm unable to lead it as I have a volunteer to take my place don't I Tim?

The winter gatherings here at Greetham were given an extended lease of life as a result of some generous people volunteering their services, and we will be sampling the efforts of Judy and Mick Moyne shortly, but we need more volunteers for early next year, and some sort of commitment for next October onwards. I know that there are many of you with the skills, and if you have the time too, please register your intention with me so that we can plan for next year. Greetham must remain as a winter meeting place, and food is really a necessity. Help us keep it going.

Finally, for those of you who haven't seen it yet, there's a provisional calendar for next year circulating, along with a list of suggestions – the calendar still has many free dates in it yet, so if

you fancy having a go at leading a ride, please put your name and phone number in one of the boxes, or speak to me.