

# Minutes of the Midland Section AGM

## Held on Sunday 10th October 2004

Venue Greetham Community Centre –Start Time 11.00am

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**