

Committee

Chairman: Steve Bradwick, Secretary: Julie Taylor, Treasurer: Steve Malin, Membership Secretary & Temporary Branch Scribe: Ian Ellis, Runs Captain: Keith Snell, Social Secretary: Len Taylor, Communications: Derek Moxon, Web Master: John Nelson, Librarian: Bob Smith.

8.54 pm The Chairman opened the meeting

Apologies: Derek Moxon

The Minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising from last meeting

- a) Events Calendar – is almost sorted for the year. Julie will send details out to John for the web site and has printed copies for Members available.
- b) John has been in contact with Redline Clothing regarding our Branch logo on various Merchandise. He has emailed the logos over to them and will have samples to show at the AGM. If we all approve it will be set up so that Members will be able to order online direct from Redline. He will put the link on our website.
- c) Factory Tour – Steve has handed this back to Julie as he cannot sort this out from his phone. Julie will see what she can do.
- d) The Curry Night – The Ellora is very busy now on a Sunday, as the Buffet menu is only available on Sundays and Mondays he can only fit us in on a Monday evening. Julie has booked for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Branch will discount the price by £5 per Member
- e) The Thai Night – Arranged for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7pm in Kenilworth. The Branch will discount the price by £5 per Member
- f) Bikers Retreat Wales. Julie has booked 2 nights and we will be away 19 -21 June. There has been quite a lot of interest in this and there are only a couple of places left.
- g) Yorkshire Trip - Julie has booked for 24-26 July and has the information on the accommodation available.
- h) Replica Spitfires. This has been arranged so we visit them on the way to Cassington. We will now meet at Midday for the ride over there.
- i) The Classic Show NEC in October.
- j) Julie has been notified by Birmingham / Wolves Branch that they will not be supporting this event this year. Apparently they do not mind if we go ahead and take their place and have our Branch Stand there. Julie will see Denis O'neil and ask if he will liase with Alan Broad to sort this out. We may open this event up to other Branches such as B'ham/Wolves, Leicester, Northants and Derby, and have them join us over the Weekend if their Members are interested.
- k) Easter Egg Run - Keith has been worrying about leading the run over to Acorns Hospice. Martin Wake is now available to lead the ride over there on April 1<sup>st</sup> and Keith agreed to be Tail gunner.

Any Other Business

9.43pm Chairman closed the meeting

Date of Next Meeting Monday 19/03/2018

- 1) Len updated the Committee on the situation as we understand it regarding the Social Club. They are struggling to keep their Memberships up which are only £12.00 per Year. For Members over 65 after 2 years it is free. If their Members drop down to 160 it would seem that the Social Club would be forced to close.

It was agreed that we should encourage our Members to also join the Social Club, as it would be hard to find somewhere else to meet that is so good. The Committee did not agree to Len's suggestion that the Branch should cover the cost of Memberships to the Social Club for the time being.

- 2) Julie updated the Committee on a Charity Event taking place at the Social Club on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. It is to raise awareness and much needed funds for The Brain Tumour Charity. Karen (a local Lady) has recently had a brain tumour removed, her Husband rides a Triumph and is looking to join our Branch now his Wife is getting better.

They are planning a day of fundraising with the help of the Midland Lady Bikers at the Social Club. She is appalled that the Charity that has helped her get through this unimaginable experience is hardly known about and receives no central funding.

Karen is going to be absailing down 'The Orbit' which is 174m high on 9<sup>th</sup> June to help raise funds.

Len asked the Committee if we should be involved on the day and it was agreed to put on a display of Meriden Triumphs on the top car park. The Rotary Club are also interested in a stand there to promote the Megaride which has also agreed to have the Brain Tumour Charity as their Chosen Charity this Year.

- 3) Trailer Graphics. Julie asked the Committee how they feel about graphics on the trailer, given the fact that there seem to be a lot of thefts lately involving bikes. After a discussion it was felt that we would leave it just as it is for now. Although there is nothing of much value kept in it, a potential thief would not know that, and with Meriden TOMCC all over it they may think that a bike or bikes are kept in it.