

## Minutes of TOMCC Meriden Branch AGM – 29th February 2016

1. **Chairman** Steve Bradwick opened the meeting at 8.32pm with 29 members present.
2. **Apologies** for absence received from Denis O’Neil, Gerry Boland, Steve Malin, Shirley Reid and Ian Snell.
3. **Minutes of the 2015 meeting.** Approval of the Minutes were proposed by John Nelson and seconded by Bob Wisdom, with all in agreement.
4. **Matters Arising** from the 2015 Minutes.

Bob Wisdom questioned whether the Cut – Away Engine should be in the accounts as a depreciating Asset.

John Nelson felt it should be on the books at the value it was brought in at.

Derek Moxon pointed out that it was only worth what the market would bear at any point in time.

Roger Smith asked what the harm was in depreciating it.

There was a discussion and a vote was carried unanimously to record it at cost price with no depreciation.

Concern was shown over it being kept at someone’s house, as should something happen to that person we had no proof that it belonged to the branch, and also the fact that there was still no insurance in place. The Committee will look into these matters

### 5. Correspondence

- a. The VMCC has sent information and an application form for a stand at this year’s Banbury Run being held on 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- b. Mallory Park has sent information and an application form for a Branch stand at their Mallory Bike Bonanza being held on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July. Also we have entry forms for the parade laps.
- c. Lee Holt has contacted us regarding a stand at Coventry Motofest 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June

It was agreed that the Branch would have a stand at all shows.

### 6. Officers Reports:

- **Chairman:** Steve Bradwick said that last year’s rally was a great success, and even got him back under canvas after 20 odd years!  
He explained that one of our Members, Rob Payne, had wanted to donate his motorcycle to the Branch – after much deliberation the Committee had decided that this really was not possible and we couldn’t manage such a situation. Rob has agreed to purchase a new trailer for the Branch instead.  
We must also give some thought to how we are going to dispose of the old one  
Steve thanked all the Committee members for their help and hard work over the year.
- **Secretary:** Julie Taylor thanked all the members for their support and ideas over the last 12 Months. There has been an emphasis on raising money for charity, and in total we have raised £1630 for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Julie has also organised a couple of coach trips which have proved fairly popular. The one to Sammy Millers last June turned out to be an excellent day out, she explained that the high cost was down to the numbers wanting to go, and the more support there was, the cheaper the price would be.

The aim is to expand on the range of activities to appeal to more Members and asked for any new Ideas from Members. Julie has checked on the Rally venue, as the steward there has now

left. They have assured us that everything is ok and we will arrange a meeting with them at the end of April.

- **Treasurer:** Steve Malin
- **Membership Secretary:** Ian Ellis was pleased to report that we currently have 254 Full members and 6 Associates, very slightly down on last year. There are still 8 Members not yet renewed for February yet. Of these members, one is from Harrogate and one from the USA. We currently hold 245 email addresses for our members and out of these only 2 are bouncing back, this is very positive.
- **Runs Captain:** Keith Snell

Keith thanked the members for their support with the various ride outs, rallies and events that had taken place during the year. This year we have introduced 2 or 3 new things to the schedule of events

Classic Bike Run to the Hare & Hounds Pub at Wardington. This event will be repeated this year and has been added to our Events list (18th Sept).

Bike 4 Life ride out to Cosford, in aid of the Air Ambulance will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> May

The Easter Egg Run to Acorns Children's Hospice is on 27<sup>th</sup> March

If anyone has any runs ideas, or would like to organise one, Keith will be glad to hear from them.

Thanks to some of the Organisers for the above events

Martin and Scott

Simon, Family and Friends

And John Stonard –Draycott in the Clay Ride out

- **Branch Scribe:** Alistair Moloney  
This had been a Vacant Position. Alistair Moloney volunteered and has written the last few reports. He is willing to take on the post permanently. This was passed unanimously
- **Communications Officer:** Derek Moxon  
Derek said, it is all going very well at the moment, only 2 emails are bouncing back, which is great, I am away quite a lot but will usually be able to forward emails etc,  
'I just do what you tell me 'and I am happy to send out information for the Members if they let me know.
- **Webmaster:** John Nelson  
I have managed to get to the point with the web site where all the content is now editable. It is now HTMLS and should not contain any Flash applications as this is not compatible with Apple

and Android devices. Some fonts have been changed as problems were reported by Members, again on Apple and Android Devices with awful substitutions being made for some of them. The Menu structure is now 2 level, making the top level easier to fit in. This also makes it plain to navigate.

A new Library page is ready to go and there is a dummy page in existence that just needs the rules and Librarian contact details finalising, then i will add the page to navigation. The book list can be viewed at [triumphmeriden.org.uk/library.html](http://triumphmeriden.org.uk/library.html). This should all be live tomorrow.

I have had a few odd contacts throughout the year – scammers I think.

2 of them asking who to contact about non- working links on the site, senders names not known and no mention of which links, or where on the site....

They all worked for me – I did check.

1 was a Chinese gent, enquiring if someone registering domain names similar to our own was a business partner? I assume this was leading up to selling us 1001 variants of 'our name dot CN'.

These have been studiously ignored.

I would still like someone to sit with me for an hour or two to see how the site is put together and published to the web. Someone other than me should know where the project and source files live and what to do with them in case of my becoming un – available for any reason, or my successor would have to delete the existing site and start from scratch.

Please can people send in pictures and articles/ adverts for inclusion on the web site please.

- **Social Secretary** : Len Taylor

Len explained that the committee had agreed to make funds available for several events this year; these include the Christmas Do, Curry Nights, The Summer BBQ and Possibly Breakfast at the Toby Carvery before the Bike 4 Life ride in. He asked for anyone with an idea to let him know.

Derek asked the Members if they wanted to do more things or not?

Len said he has been asking around, and it seems that only around 10% of the Members in a club actually turn up to events.

Alec Jefferson stated that if members were not happy with this arrangement they were able to attend the AGM and vote for a change.

John Nelson said that it was an issue in any club or organisation, with only a few people actually interested in taking an active role.

Bob Wisdom asked the Committee that if our Branch did not use the money coming into it was it possible for HQ to take it out of our bank accounts.

John Nelson and Julie Taylor both agreed that this was not possible as only the signatories have access to our bank accounts. They could however look at the accounts we submit and change the terms and conditions of future payments made to us if we keep on not using the money that is coming in. We are after all a non – profit making organisation and the money should be used for the good of the branch and its Members

It was put to a vote and it was passed unanimously to carry on with more of these events.

- **Approval of Accounts as Circulated**

Steve Malin and John Nelson had thrashed out a few problems with the accounts. Approval was proposed by John Nelson and seconded by Martin Wake

- **Committee Election/Re-Election**

There was one new volunteer for the Position of Scribe, voted for earlier in the meeting.

There were no volunteers for any of the other Committee positions and the Committee personnel are all prepared to carry on for another year, it was proposed by Barry Heath, and seconded by Richard Brooks that they should be re-elected en bloc.

## 7. Propositions

Bob Smith Volunteered to run the Library

Richard Brooks volunteered to help with the Web Site

**Therefore the Committee for 2015 is as follows:**

**Chairman:** Steve Bradwick

**Branch Secretary:** Julie Taylor

**Treasurer** Steve Malin

**Runs Captain:** Keith Snell

**Membership Secretary:** Ian Ellis

**Communications Officer:** Derek Moxon

**Webmaster:** John Nelson

**Social Secretary:** Len Taylor

**Branch Scribe:** Alistair Moloney

**Librarian:** Bob Smith

## 8. Branch Stands for 2016 (to date) and volunteers to take equipment:

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June – Coventry Motofest – Martin Wake

19<sup>th</sup> June - Banbury Run – Derek Moxon

26<sup>th</sup> June - Meriden Megaride – Len & Julie Taylor

30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July – Mallory Bike Bonanza, Mallory Park – Denis O'Neil

17<sup>th</sup> July - VMCC Founders Day Rally at Stanford Hall – Steve Malin?

## 9. Any other Business

- Neville Riley reminded the meeting that the Megaride this year was again a combined event, between both the Rotary Club Meriden Branch and us, the Meriden TOMCC

It has been running since 2000. He thanked everyone for their support and added that Julie & Len Taylor attended the Megaride meetings and we were offering more help this year as there were a few problems with the field set up on the Saturday, due mainly to a manpower shortage and some marquees not being available.

The Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians are making a weekend of it this year, staying at the Manor Hotel, on the Saturday evening (25<sup>th</sup> June) There are places available on the evening meal for Members of the TOMCC the cost is £20 per head. Please book with Neville if interested. (Although the beer is more expensive there !)

- Martin Wake addressed the meeting and explained that we were doing an Easter Egg Run to the Acorns Children's Hospice again this year. They offer end of life care to young children with life threatening illnesses including Cancer. Scott McAllister's son was cared for there a few years ago.  
We will be collecting Easter Eggs and Donations which we will change into Toys R Us vouchers, so they can buy suitable things for the Children. The run will start at the clubhouse at 10am on "27<sup>th</sup> March.

Martin also reminded new members that he is the contact for club regalia such as Tee Shirts, Polo Shirts and Sweat Shirts. They are available in a variety of colours and sizes. Please see him to order.

- Keith reminded everyone that there were fliers for our events on the table and also posters for the Megaride if people knew of somewhere that would be willing to display one

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm**

APPROVED