

Minutes of VSOC Centre 4 Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 19th March 2016

The Black Bull, Trimdon

Attendance: 13 members plus 2 partners.

Apologies were received from 6 members.

1. Matters Arising from the Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.,

2. Centre Representatives Report

Bob thanked everyone for their attendance and the Committee for their work over the past year.

We had welcomed 3 new members over the year (David Moore [transfer from Centre 19], George Chambers and John Baker) and lost 2 members (Fred Richards and Milan Kostacky) who had left the club. We had also welcomed 2 new Associate Members (Neil Fairbairn and Jeanette Blacklock). As at the year end membership stood at 31 full members and 3 Associates. Renewal of membership for the coming year is due by 1st April.

Attendance at events was :

Meetings – between 5 and 13 members plus between 1 and 7 partners

Rallies – International - 9 members plus 3 partners

UK – between 2 and 15 members plus between 1 and 3 partners. The largest turnout was for the Yorkies Rally.

Ride outs – between 2 and 13 members plus partners, average 5 members. There were 31 rideouts throughout the year and the best attended events were Bikewise and the Bowling.

The usual activities are planned for this year. The BMF Kelso show will not be on this year, as yet we do not know about next year but it looks as if it may be over.

The midweek rides will continue for the coming year.

3. Treasurer's Report

Margaret circulated an Income and Expenditure Report and gave an explanation of the movement of funds.

There was a nett income of £111.70.

Our usual large expenditure is the website fee but, as we prepaid 3 years last year, we have none to show for this year. The fee will have to be re-negotiated when the pre-payment expires.

It was agreed to donate 25 Euros to Rebecca Willers charity page in recognition of her engagement to Tony Clark. Donations in lieu of cards had been requested by Tony and Rebecca.

4. Election of Officials.

There were no nominations for any of the filled committee positions. The sitting officials were willing to remain in place and will carry on until next year. However, as the Deputy Representative position was still vacant, Peter Oxenham was nominated at the meeting and elected.

5. Any Other Business

a) *DAFTAS* – There were three nominees as follows;

- i. Ken Lewis – on the weekend of the Yorkies Rally the attendees were waiting at the departure point for Ken who had not turned up by the allotted time. It was decided to give him an extra 10 minutes. Shortly after, a phone call was received from Ken. “Where is everyone?” he asked. “We’re at the meeting point, Wynyard Services” he was told, only to reply “Oh! I’m at Durham Services”.
- ii. Alice – at the Yorkies Rally Alice had gone to the bike park to bring her bike to the tent for packing prior to departure. While riding the bike Alice noticed a recurring clunking noise which was drawing looks from bystanders. On investigation back at the tent it was discovered that Alice had left the wheel lock attached and it was knocking against the mudguard.
- iii. Andy Canning – while on a rideout we had stopped at Otterburn Mill for a cuppa. While getting ready to leave Andy noticed one of his waistcoat extender (fat bastard) chains was missing. There then followed a 15 to 20 minute search of the car park, coffee shop, toilets etc with associated expletives and references to the cost. It was at this point that Bob noticed that the 3rd chain had been unfastened differently to the other two and was hanging on the inside of the waistcoat on the other side, so not as easily visible. This left Andy red faced but relieved not to have lost the chain.

The DAFTA was won by Andy.

b) *Trophy presentations*

- a. The Bowling Trophy had been won by Peter Oxenham and presented at a previous meeting.
- b. The Wanderer Trophy was won by Neil Fairbairn with 70 points from a potential 103.

Runners up for the Wanderer were Dennis Barkass (34 points) and Barrie Price and Ken Lewis (28 points).

c) *Charity for 2016* – the Great North Air Ambulance was retained as the nominated charity.

d) *Wigwams and Coast to Coast*

Keith suggested 3 possible venues for this weekend and will contact them to ascertain what vacancies are available.

There are 9 members attending the Holland Rally in September as an alternative Coast to Coast. The question was raised as to whether we will be having the usual UK version. This will be looked into and demand checked.

e) *Merchandise/International Rally T-shirts*

We had believed our current suppliers had gone out of business but, after being in touch to enquire about our artwork, it transpires they may still be able to produce our merchandise. We are trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the best option for our requirements.

f) *Associate Membership*

At the National AGM there had been a motion to set a minimum participation limit for Associate Members to be eligible for renewal of membership. The limit is to a) attend Centre AGM, b) attend at least 2 Centre meetings, and c) attend at least 2 rideouts. Our Associate Members easily surpass this requirement.

g) *Backworth/Mid-Month Meeting*

Following the comments at last year's AGM the meeting had been put on a 'member's request' footing and had only been held in August. There was discussion on whether a new venue should be tried but, as it boils down to a lack of demand, it was decided to cancel the mid-month meeting.

If a demand for a mid-month meeting arises then we will look at resurrecting it and at suitable venues.

h) Centre 4 Rally 2018

Keith said that we may be due to hold a rally in 2018 as our previous rally was in 2014. The question is likely to be asked at the National AGM in November. Discussion as to whether we hold a rally or not and who would sit on the Rally Committee resulted in the request for more information as to what is required to organise and run a rally. This information is to be presented to a future meeting as we have a few months before we could be asked to hold a rally.

The meeting was then closed.

Next Year's AGM is due to take place on the last Saturday in March. However this will be confirmed at a later date.