



VSOC Centre 4



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 25th February 2017

Members present

Bob Dodds, Peter Oxenham, Margaret Iddon, Neil Fairbairn, Ken Lewis, Arthur Johnson, Barrie Price, Kev Parker, Malcolm Chance, Denise Chance, Harry Atkinson, Brian Faulkner, David Moore and Rob Mosley. Keith Iddon arrived a little late due to an emergency with a neighbour.

Apologies had been received from Alice Taylor, Barry Doyle and Loraine Biggins.

Bob Dodds as chairman opened the meeting at 1.15pm.

The minutes of last years AGM were read and accepted as a true record of that meeting. There being no matters arising we moved on to new business.

He gave his **Centre Reps Report** of the year with details of the Rideouts and Rallies attended by members of C4 and this indicated that we had a presence at the International held in Sweden , The Dutch National Rally and The VSOC UK Rallies. We had 32 rideouts, averaging 6 people per rideout. The two best attended events were the Annual Bowling Night held in South Shields, and Durham Bikewise held at Durham Police HQ in Aykley Heads, Durham.

We had one member who has transferred from Centre 5 and 4 members who had not renewed which means we have 28 Full members and 3 Associated members.

This year's International Rally is to be held in the Netherlands and several members are going. The Scottish Bike Show is being held in Edinburgh on 11/12th March and 6 members are going to attend.

The North Coast 500 has been arranged for the last full week in April and again, several members will be in attendance.

There will be 4 VSOC Rallies including the Rally in a Hotel.

Bikewise is pencilled in for Sunday 23rd July. Several members are on holiday over this period so we are looking for volunteers to erect and man the display on this day.

The **Treasurers Report** was given and accepted by the members present.

Election of Officials. As there were no new nominees and all incumbent officers were happy to continue for another year, they were re elected unanimously.

For information the Committee is as follows

Centre Rep	Bob Dodds
Vice Rep	Peter Oxenham
Secretary/Rideout	
Coordinator	Keith Iddon
Treasurer	Margaret Iddon
Members Member	Harry Atkinson

We then moved onto General Business as follows.

Fund Raising. The Great North Air Ambulance was, once again, deemed to be the Charity for March 2017 to the end of February 2018.

Centre 4 Website. The current 3 year deal with the Web Provider expires in December 2017 so we will have to investigate the renewal costs and maybe other alternatives so that everything is in place before then.

Weekend Rideouts. As with every other year, destinations for the weekend rideouts are required. If

you want to go somewhere specific please let Keith know.

Wigwams/Coast to Coast . This years Wigwams weekend has been replaced by the North Coast 500 ride. This is taking place over the last full week in April, Monday to Friday, staying in hotels/ Bunkhouses.

The Coast to Coast is pencilled in for September/October. Suggestions for Routes/ West Coast destinations are requested.

Associate Members. We currently have three Associate Members and these were accepted again for the next 12 months. Associate Membership Fees remain unchanged.

Mid Month Meetings. After discussion it was decided to leave these as suspended due to the fact that no one is interested at the moment. This decision can be revisited at any meeting.

Merchandising. Our usual supplier has closed down and we were unable to retrieve the artwork and digitised design for the embroidery. We have sourced a new supplier that will charge £35 to have both designs digitised.

The members agreed to this being done. The prices for the finished garments will be slightly cheaper than those previously purchased. Once this is done a price list will be issued to each member. Garments can be ordered singly, there is no minimum order.

2018 C4 Rally August Bank Holiday weekend is, once again, our turn to host a Rally. Volunteers for a Rally Committee will be required. We will need 2 or 3 people, in addition to the general committee for this Rally Committee.

The main requirement is a site to hold it. We have used Percy Park Rugby Club and Darlington Rugby Club for previous Rallies. Anyone have any other suggestions? We know we can't use Darlington as Darlington FC has moved there so will be using it during the Rugby closed season.

Please let Bob know if you wish to be a member of the Rally Committee or have a suggestion for a site.

We then moved on to the three awards we have each year :-

The Wanderer Trophy. Every member/ Assoc Member is awarded points for the number of Meetings, Rideouts and Rallies they attend each year (there was a possible 97 points available this year) and the trophy is awarded to the member/Assoc Member who accumulates the most points, Committee Members are not permitted to win, and this years Wanderer Trophy is, once again, awarded to Neil Fairbairn who accumulated 63 points.

DAFTA - this is awarded to the member who, in the opinion of the members, has a funny or unusual event whilst out biking. There were two events for this year's consideration. A member was spotted going to the Rideout Meeting Place, not realising there was no Rideout. He had read the E Mail incorrectly and was unwise enough to let everyone know.

On another occasion a member was seen studiously trying on hats in an outdoor shop complaining that they were all too small, eventually someone told him he was in the Ladies Section.

This was the same member so he won unanimously- Congratulations Neil Fairbairn.

Bowling Trophy This was actually awarded at the Bowling Night on 19th December and the winner was Bob Dodds.

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There has been some news on the availability of Stainless Front Pipes. For more information see Keith or Peter.

There being no further business next years AGM has been set for the last Saturday in February, this will therefore be SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2018