

Minutes of VSOC Centre 4 Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 24th February 2018

The Black Bull, Trimdon

Attendance: 11 members plus 4 partners.

Apologies were received from 4 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

As Bob was on holiday the meeting was ran by Peter as Deputy Rep and he presented Bob's report as follows.

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

We had welcomed 6 new members over the year (Stephen Dawson, Carole Mills, Rob Mosley, Johnny Reid, Ken Rowell and Bob Ryder). As at the year end membership stood at 32 full members and 3 Associates. Renewal of membership for the coming year is due by 1st April. Under the latest VSCO rules members will not be able to attend events after this date until they have renewed their membership – this is to comply with VSOC Third Party Liability Insurance. Keith collected renewal monies from 10 members at the meeting, plus 2 he had received earlier.

Attendance at events was:

Meetings – between 7 and 14 members plus between 2 and 5 partners

Rallies – International - 4 members plus 2 partners

UK – between 2 and 9 members plus between 1 and 2 partners.

Ride outs – between 2 and 9 members plus between 1 and 4 partners, an average of 6 members over 32 rides.

The usual activities are planned for this year. The upcoming extended Scottish North Coast Ride will be attended by 7 members.

The midweek rides will continue for the coming year.

The website events and photos had been read by an Australian journalist who contacted Bob and gave good feedback on them. However Bob thinks they were fishing for free advertising.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

Our prepaid website fee had expired and we had negotiated a new fee of £96.23 to cover the next 3 years. However, we will have to pay a £10 pa fee on top of this for the domain name. The fee will have to be re-negotiated when the pre-payment expires.

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. As Harry has now left the Club the Member's Member position was vacant. Arty volunteered for the position and was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

5. Any Other Business

- a) *DAFTAS* – There were 7 nominees as follows;
 - i. Neil – on a ride out stopover at Tan Hill Inn Neil was the first into the establishment. "I'll have a latte please" he asked, only to be told "If you want one of them you'll have to get on your bike to Darlington. We don't sell that posh muck here".
 - ii. Neil - on a September ride out we were heading down a single track road and had to stop for an escaped cow. Keith was directed to block a farm entrance with his bike so the cow couldn't go that way. Everyone else was in line with Neil at the rear. He somehow got the impression a herd of cows were coming so turned into an entrance to wait and protect his bike. He heard one cow being herded so waited some more while everyone else had set off. As 2 walkers came down the lane Neil asked "Where are the cows?" "It's been put in the field" they replied. "Where are the rest of the bikes?" he asked and was told "Oh! They've gone." We did stop for him once we realised he was missing.
 - iii. Keith – at the Centre 3 rally Keith was packing up his tent to leave and said "That packed easier this time." He then turned around to see his tent outer on the ground unpacked.
 - iv. Barry Doyle – on his way to the International Rally Barry arrived at the Newcastle DFDS Ferry Terminal with Loraine and all the gear aboard his bike. As the paperwork was being processed the guy in the kiosk asks "Where are you parking your bike?" "I'm not" says Barry, "I'm taking it with me." "But there's no bike booked" said the guy "just you and Loraine." After a lot of checking it was confirmed there was no booking for the bike and it cost him £94 to get the last bike space on the ferry and save him from the wrath of Loraine.

- v. Barrie Price – on returning from the International Rally and leaving the ferry terminal at Newcastle Barrie got lost and finished up in Wallsend. He'd been all over Holland and got lost 20 miles from home.
- vi. Johnny Reid – after a ride out stopover at the Pit Stop Café, Stockton, Johnny was putting on his gear but could only find one glove. After much searching in the car park, café and toilet someone said "It's not in your helmet is it?" Johnny took off his helmet and found the missing glove.
- vii. David – on the latter stages of last year's North Coast 500 Keith was looking at David's bike and queried "Are you sure those saddlebags are fitted correctly?" The sloping face of the bags were facing forward and should have been facing backward. At first David claimed someone did it while we were in the hotel but later confessed he thought that he'd fitted them in the aerodynamic way.

The DAFTA was won by Barry Doyle.

b) Trophy presentations

- a. The Bowling Trophy had been won by Bob Dodds and presented at a previous meeting.
- b. The Wanderer Trophy was won by Neil Fairbairn (again) with 60 points from a potential 92.

Runners up for the Wanderer were Andy Canning (53 points) and Barrie Price (37 points).

c) Charity for 2018 – the Great North Air Ambulance was retained as the nominated charity.

d) Rides and Rallies

The known events are on the relevant page of the website and will be updated as they become known.

e) Merchandise/International Rally T-shirts

Margaret asked members to let her know of any merchandise requirements they have. Peter is interested in buying a micro-fleece.

We need to renew our stock of patches.

f) Associate Membership

There was no increase in AM fees and the 2 members in attendance paid their fees for 2018/19.

g) Backworth/Mid-Month Meeting

There has been no meeting for the past year due to previous lack of attendance.

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

Updates had been given at the previous 2 meetings – venue booked, 2 bands sorted, portaloos, patches and pin badges to be organised in the next couple of weeks. A follow up meeting with the club manager is to be organised for early March. 22 tickets have already been sold.

i) Upholstery

Peter had found an upholsterer in the Chester le Street/Plawsworth area and is going to obtain some photographs of his work. Keith had also found out that Trimdon Upholsterers also did bike seats and Bob has left a Virago seat for recovering and will bring it to the next meeting for the member's attention.

The meeting was then closed.

Next Year's AGM is due to take place on the last Saturday in February (23rd). However this will be confirmed at a later date.