

# Minutes of VSOC Centre 4 Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 23rd February 2019

The Black Bull, Trimdon

Attendance: 19 members plus 2 partners.

## 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 (George Rogerson, John Collinson and George Benson ). We had also welcomed ex-member Dennis Barkass back into the fold after he had decided to resume biking. 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. Keith collected renewal monies from 10 members at the meeting, plus 3 he had received earlier.

We said farewell to Malcolm and Denise Chance as they had decided to leave the Club at the end of the current membership year. Malcolm had injured his wrist in a fall at a wigwam weekend a few of years ago and it was increasingly making riding difficult. He has recently had an operation on the wrist and is looking at an 18 month recovery and so has decided to give up riding. We wish them well for the future and hope to keep in touch.

It had been a good year for riding with 39 rides out attended by an average of 5 riders on each. We had also had a Centre 4 presence at all VSOC rallies plus the International. Our Scotland tour of some 1250 miles was excellent with only 1 hour of light rain over the week. The coast to coast ride was a different matter, however. Although a good weekend the ride westward was blighted by torrential rain (Storm Callum) and 2 prudent members decided to go by car.

The usual activities are planned for this year. The Scottish North Coast Ride of the previous 2 years is being replaced by a 2 base week to explore Dumfries and Galloway and the Isle of Arran, with 7 members booked to attend. We will also be attending the VSOC rallies for the year, including the International, and some members are planning to attend the YCCNL 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rally in Holland.

We will also be attending Bikewise in July after being unable to attend in 2018.

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 profit being the proceeds of the Rally Raffle and a small profit made on our Rally in August

These funds will be use for our website domain name and AGM costs for the coming years plus any other expenses that may arise.

### **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.

### **5. Any Other Business**

- a) *DAFTAS* – There were 3 nominees as follows;
  - i. Barry and Loraine Doyle – turned up at our Centre 4 rally in Redcar with their new inflatable tent/bungalow and air bed for a weekend's comfort. After everything was blown up and a night in the clubhouse they retired for the night. In the morning they woke up to find they were lying on the ground and the tent roof was inches from their faces. Although everything had been inflated Loraine had forgotten to insert the plugs.
  - ii. Barrie Price – while stopping at Saucy Mary's Bunkhouse, Skye on our NC500 ride Barrie had to use the toilet. Once finished he found he couldn't open the door to get out. After a few attempts and failures panic was setting in and he called to David for help. It was at this point that it was discovered the door knob turned the other way to what he was trying.
  - iii. Andy Canning – on arrival at the Welsh rally it was time to set up our tents. During this a lot of muttering and rustling was heard from Andy's direction. On investigation it was wound that Andy had turned up with a tent (Gelert Cabana) but no poles. However, being resourceful, Bob improvised a centre pole using our C4 flag pole and external poles using some windbreak poles.

Not DAFTA nominations but worthy of mention were:-

- i. Barry and Loraine – On the rally rideout from our rally in August there was a refreshment stop in Rosedale Abbey, where Barry and Loraine ordered soup. However, due to the amount of custom (rideout plus usual tourists) the café was slightly overwhelmed. After about an hour of waiting and no soup appearing they went to complain and get their money back as the ride was leaving. On returning to their tent after the ride they found that a tin of soup had mysteriously appeared in the middle of their tent.
- ii. Loraine – while out walking the dog it chased a duck into a stream and was unable to get out. Loraine, thinking it was only a few inches or a foot deep, decided to jump into the stream and suddenly found herself up to her boobs in water. However, she managed to get the dog out but was unable to get out herself so had to walk along the stream until she found a suitable point where someone could help her out.

The DAFTA was won by Barrie Price.

*b) Trophy presentations*

- a. The Bowling Trophy had been won by Cath Fairbairn and Neil accepted it on her behalf.
- b. The Wanderer Trophy was won by Neil Fairbairn (again) with 63 points from a potential 105.

Runners up for the Wanderer were David Moore (62 points) and Andy Canning (53 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.

Keith asked for members to suggest routes or destinations for rideouts over the coming year.

Bob proposed his world tour which we hadn't managed to fit in last year and Allison is looking at a How Many Castles In A Day? ride.

*e) Merchandise/International Rally T-shirts*

Margaret asked members to let her know of any merchandise requirements they have. We will visit our supplier to find out the current prices.

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 2019/20.

*g) Backworth/Mid-Month Meeting*

There has been no meeting for the past two years 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) Scottish Rally 2021*

Peter had attended the National AGM in November where it had been suggested that the Club hold a rally in Scotland in 2021. After some discussion it was decided to hold a feasibility study looking into possible venues etc. This study will be carried out by Peter, Janet Butterworth plus a couple of more volunteers. Peter asked that if you have any suggestions for suitable venues you pass them to him asap, or if possible make a preliminary enquiry yourself if you have contacts at that venue. It was also requested that as well as looking at the usual rugby club venue we also look at places that could provide some form of accommodation e.g. bunkhouses, chalets, huts, wigwams etc.

The meeting was then closed.

Next Year's AGM is due to take place on the last Saturday in February (29th). However this will be confirmed at a later date.