



Minutes of Oxford Section Committee meeting held at Duke of Marlborough, Woodstock on Wednesday 5th October 2016

Those present:

Steve Moxey, Geoff Clough, Rosemary Hicks, Ian Dobie (Ian D), John Broad, David Hicks, Andy Lawson, Wendy Ottaway, David Shanks, Richard Powell, Clive Stevens, Martin Skennerton, Dave Tomlinson (Dave T), Tim Read, John Russ (John R) and Ian Hartley (Ian H)

- 1 Chairman's Address** – Steve thanked everyone for attending.

Steve informed the committee that 2017 would be his last year as our Section club Chairman, having held the position for 10 years, he felt it was time to stand down and allow someone else to take over. Therefore the section would need to recruit a new chairman from the AGM of 2017.

Steve stated that due to increased commitments he would be stepping back from the Web Marshall position so that would need to be handed over to someone else by April 2017. He would be happy to continue as project leader for the Newsletter and would continue to liaise with Bahnstormers.

- 2. Apologies for absence** – Bob Mack and Phil Carter.

- 3. Minutes of last meeting** – on 12th May 2016 were agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting.

- 4. Matters arising from Previous Meeting –**

Item 10b. – Ian Dobie stated that he had not yet received the results from the polling of the section members which was recently carried out and needed the information so that he could take it to the National Committee as agreed. Steve agreed he would tabulate the results of the survey into a useable format and publish them.

- 5. Treasurer's report** – Geoff had previously circulated 2 copies of the accounts for the period up to 5th Oct 2016. Geoff stated that the differences between version 1 and version 2 of the accounts, was how the deposits received for the events in 2017 were displayed on the balance sheet. He suggested that this would be the difference between the accounts showing a deficit of £42.83 (Ver1) or a surplus of £742.17 (Ver2) for the year. As this was money received this year for events next year. The accounts are likely to show a deficit next year.

It was agreed that we run with version 2 and that the accounts for this year would show the surplus.

Steve asked if the monies received from NOG which is listed as Diary money, could appear under Publicity on the accounts report. This would aid clarity as the money is provided for publicity.

- 6. Secretary's Report** – There are currently 316 full members, and 89 associates. This is an increase of 20 full members and 11 associates since the last meeting in May. So overall we have had 45 New full members and 20 Associates joining in 2016. This shows that our attempts at recruiting new members at events etc was bearing fruit. However, we are still down on our overall numbers from last year. There are now 43 members on the rolling year membership.

Action

Steve

Geoff

7. Media -

- a. Gazebo, Banners and posters** –David & Rosemary stated that at the recent Brackley Event, in comparison to other clubs in attendance, our gazebo, banners and posters were a poor reflection of the club and felt it was time for some new equipment. The time was now pressing as we need to have this equipment in place ready for next year’s events.

Steve asked if there was any idea on costs of a replacement Gazebo. Martin responded stating that he had looking into the matter and a Gazebo of 3 metre x 3 metre, aluminium framed with removable side panels would cost approx £400, with an additional cost of £100 for logos etc. The weight would be in the region of 40 Kilograms when bagged.

John suggested that we wait until after the Classic Car show as they usually have special offers on such items as Gazebos and equipment at the show.

- i.** Steve suggested a budget of £600 should be made available, and that Martin should coordinate the purchase. The committee unanimously agreed.

Martin

- ii.** When the subject of transportation of Club equipment to venues was brought up, David Hicks suggested that a small fee be provided out of section funds to help cover costs. The committee agreed and the funds would be made available when needed.

Geoff

- iii.** Rosemary asked about the pop up banners. There was some confusion about their origin and costs. Geoff said he would find the invoice which would add clarity. Steve asked if Geoff would liaise with both the artist and company to arrange a quote for new banners. Ian Dobie volunteered to assist Geoff in help with the Banner content.

Geoff
Ian D

- b. New Approved Logo** - Steve Suggested that for items like logos etc it might be helpful to have a file depository for access by committee members. He would look into setting up this facility.

Steve

- c. 50th Anniversary Logos** - Steve mentioned that the wheel design logo needed some minor modification to it and that he would coordinate with the designer.

Ian Dobie asked about the distribution of badges and suggested that the cost of the badges could be incorporated into the 50th anniversary events, so that all those attending would receive a badge.

Rosemary asked about the availability of T shirts. Steve said that he and Dave Tomlinson had been discussing using a company to manufacture some 50th Anniversary Memorabilia and that they would coordinate this together with anything else to do with the printing/manufacture of 50th Anniversary logos.

Steve
Dave T

- d. Section Newsletter** – Steve said that the newsletter was on going and that because of difficulty in obtaining a permanent editor, it was decided that the editorship would be rotated around the 4 to 5 members who had so far expressed an interest. The Editorial team consisting of Steve Moxey, Brian Garforth, Tim Bolderston and Bob Mack were planning to meet on Monday the 10th Oct. to finalise and agree the content for the first edition. Once this had been done then Steve would coordinate electronic distribution.

Steve

- 8 Social Secretary** – John stated that he was still having difficulty in obtaining information on section activities from the individual organisers/coordinators. However, despite this, had managed to draft a reasonably comprehensive report to submit a newsletter to the journal.

Steve suggested that going forward for next year we need to make it clear in the Diary who the person responsible for the event is, with their contact details available. We also need to make it clear to those individuals that there is an expectation that they will submit a small report on their event. With photographs if necessary.

Steve re-emphasised that it had been agreed at a previous meeting, that the job of the Social secretary would not be driven by the need to feed the Journal with information or reports.

Dave Tomlinson stated that the Diary for next year's events was well advanced and that all that was needed were 3 speakers for the indoor venues to be included in the Diary.

Dave T

9. Arrangements for forthcoming events –

- a. Annual Skittles match** – John stated that all was set from our side and food orders are being taken. The western section had been in contact, and had acknowledged the date time and place, but so far no word on numbers.

John

- b. ACU Rally Control 2017** – Andy said that he would be happy to continue to organise the checkpoint for this event.

Andy

Ian Dobie stated that there will shortly be a meeting at national level between ACU and the BMF to discuss the National Road Rally (NRR) and the way ahead as there are concerns over the declining number of participants. Ian hoped to be attending and was open for ideas and suggestions on ways to possibly improve the event.

Ian D

- c. 50th Anniversary event 2017** – Geoff said that much of the forward planning for the main events had now been completed. But there were still ideas ongoing.
- i.** The Bring and Buy sale in January would be classed as a 50th Anniversary event
 - ii.** There was thought to having an Indian Meal instead of the Farringdon Lunch. But to hold it on the Second Sunday in February. We would normally have an indoor meeting at Uffington on that date, but due to booking problems the hall is not available to us. It was felt that if approved the meal could be an alternative event.
 - iii.** March - Carvery at Witney coordinated by Bob Mack
 - iv.** April - Chinese Meal
 - v.** A Venue in the Swindon Area was being investigated.
 - vi.** July - Barn Dance. Ian Cummings will be coordinating with Barn Dance Organisers to provide band/food etc.
 - vii.** August - Thoughts on extending the normal BBQ to include a camping weekend.
 - viii** October - Isle of White weekend or Kent weekend
 - ix** November – Main event at Oxford Bellfrey Hotel
 - x** December – Normal Pre Christmas Uffington meeting. Ideas still needed on how to expand this event.

Martin

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| <p>9. d. June 2017 – Wild Atlantic Way – Ireland Tour – Geoff said that the tour company have now placed a page on their website for our specific event so people can pay direct through their website. Geoff proposed taking a deposit £50 from each of those currently booked. Transferring this money to the tour company who would then apportion the money. The final balance being paid directly by the individuals to the tour company through their website.</p> | <p>Geoff</p> |
| <p>e. Sicily Trip – 2017 - Geoff stated that he had been in contact with the organisers (MCI) to get a progress update and they said they had sent out the draft information and offer to Derek Spears. Steve said he had received a copy and would forward that to Geoff.
Steve said he had concerns that there might not be sufficient numbers to make the trip viable. There are currently 10 people interested, but need to reach a minimum of 15.</p> | <p>Steve
Geoff</p> |
| <p>10 NCM matters- Ian Dobie stated that he had nothing much to report.</p> | |
| <p>11. Any Other Business-</p> <p>a Southmoor Social Evening – Geoff stated that due to increasing dissatisfaction with the Venue at Southmoor, that we propose moving the social evening to a new location at the Prince of Wales Public House in Shippon.
It was unanimously agreed by all committee members that this would take place for the next social evening on the 11th October 2016. Rosemary agreed to notify all email recipients of this change of venue, and Geoff agreed to coordinate with the pub Landlord.</p> <p>b. Charity for Next Year – It was generally agreed that we would continue with our existing charity The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. This would be put to the Section at our AGM for ratification.</p> <p>c. Committee Structure/Numbers – There are currently 17 committee members. This was generally considered to be too many and a request was made asking if anyone would be prepared to stand down at the AGM.

Tim Reed, John Broad, Clive Stevens, Richard Powell and Andy Lawson all agreed to stand down. With Dave Tomlinson taking over from John Broad as Social Secretary and with the addition of Tim Bolderston, then at the moment the committee for 2017 would be 14.</p> | <p>Rosemary
Geoff</p> |
| <p>12. Next meeting – At Uffington Village Hall on:-
Sunday 11th December 2016 at 11:30 am.</p> | <p>Ian H</p> |