



Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 13th November 2016 At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington

The meeting commenced at 2pm with 46 members in attendance.

1. **Chairman's Address & Review** – Steve carried out a review of the section activities for 2016. Singling out for particularly praise, the efforts of Rosemary and David Hicks, who with the support of Geoff Clough organised the Austria trip, which was a great success. The "Ride outs", Dealer events and BBQ were all successful with high attendance. Our Facebook group has over 150 members. The section has a new logo approved by BMW Motorrad, which was introduced to give the Oxford Section its own strong unique identity within the club. The Section has just launched an Electronic newsletter under the Editorship of Brian Garforth, which it hopes to produce at least quarterly. All members are encouraged to subscribe to receive it. Steve concluded by thanking all those members who had assisted in organising our events in 2016.
2. **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received from Adrian King, Chris Bond, Martin Skennerton, Andy Lawson, Adrian and Norma Bellars, Wendy Ottaway, Chris Finnigan and Ed Whalley.
3. **Minutes of 2015 AGM** – The minutes were taken as read.
4. **Matters arising** – None.
5. **Approval of the 2015 AGM minutes** - Their acceptance was proposed by Geoff Clough and seconded by George Tarasewicz and unanimously carried.
6. **Officers Reports:**
 - a. **Secretary** – Our membership numbers currently stand at 323 members and 91 associates compared to 354/82 in 2015, 338/78 in 2014 and 297/57 in 2013. Our membership is down 9% which reflects the national trend. While we have had 51 new members join, 82 existing members have not renewed their membership.
 - b. **NCM Representative** – Ian Dobie gave a brief report on the recent NCM meeting. The National income for 2016 currently stands at £135433 compared to £158000 in 2015. This drop is directly due to the fall in membership numbers which now stand at 3345 compared to 3804 in 2015. There are some big expenditure bills coming up. One of which is the National Membership database estimated at £8000. The National treasurer is forecasting a fiscal deficit this year of £20000, which will eat into our reserves. The National Rally in August was successful and produced a small profit. However, the National Spring rally turned in a loss of £1135.
 - c. **Social Secretary** – John Broad thanked all those who had helped with organising and leading events in 2016. As John was standing down from his position he wished to thank all those club members who had supported him during his tenure as Social Secretary. Dave Tomlinson thanked everyone for their contributions to the Diary of activities for 2017. Adding that the recent results from the on line survey showed that members wanted more "ride outs" and this was one of his aims. He also stated that he had been in touch with other sections with a view to organising joint section activities.
 - d. **Treasurer** – Geoff presented the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2016 which show a surplus in excess of £700 for the year. Geoff explained the reasons for our position being better than budgeted, partly because we are holding deposits for events in 2017 totalling £785. Our finances are sound and we expect to receive over £1800 in membership capitation fees from the National Treasurer. It is hoped that the section will be able to subsidise some of the forthcoming 50th Anniversary events.
7. **Adoption of Accounts** - It was proposed by Mike Dore and seconded by Terry Barrett that the accounts should be accepted. This was carried unanimously.
8. **Election of Officers** – It was explained that John Broad, Tim Read, Richard Powell, Clive Stevens, Andy Lawson and Phil Carter were all standing down from the committee, that John Broad was standing down as Social Secretary to be replaced by Dave Tomlinson. Noel Robertson, Brian Garforth and Tim Bolderston had all volunteered to stand for the committee. Peter Mapes proposed and George Tarasewicz seconded that the following committee should be elected "en bloc". This was carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Steve Moxey	Secretary Ian Hartley	Treasurer Geoff Clough
M/ship Secretary Rosemary Hicks	Social Secretary Dave Tomlinson	NCM Rep. Ian Dobie

Committee Members: David Hicks, Bob Mack, Wendy Ottaway, John Russ, David Shanks, Martin Skennerton, Noel Robertson, Brian Garforth & Tim Bolderston.

A warm round of applause was given to all those committee members standing down, in gratitude for their service.
9. **Any Other Business**
 - a. **Committee structure** – Steve explained how he proposed to reorganise the way the committee functions. Briefly this entails fewer large committee meetings, instead more smaller sub-committee meetings focussing on individual projects. These sub-committees would normally be headed by a committee member. However, any section member was welcome to participate. In this way, It is hoped that this would make the make the running of the section more efficient whilst at the same time allowing for greater participation from the general membership.
 - b. **Charity for 2017** - Nigel Richardson proposed the **SERV - blood bikes** for our charity for 2017. Giving a brief explanation of what they do and where the donations would be used. The proposal was seconded by Rob Allin and unanimously carried.
10. **Next meeting** - The next Annual General meeting of the Oxford Section of the BMW Club will be held on November 12th 2017 at the Thomas Hughes memorial Hall, Uffington at 2pm.