

Minutes for the meeting of the Norton Owners Club Executive Committee

held at The Chace Hotel, Coventry on 15th July 2018

1. Secretarial. Nicole Hill and PW volunteered to do their best to take notes of the meeting in the absence of a secretary.

2 Apologies were received from Dom Loram, Neil Shoosmith, Dave Harris and Tony Ripley,

3 Minutes from Meeting of the Executive committee held on:

4th March 2018 and 15th April and report from the admin sub-committee from their meeting on 12th May were received.

Peter Scatchard reported the latest situation with regard to the Forks and Wheels video. Subject to Tony Ripley's technical approval, he commended it's acceptance to the meeting.

4 Factory drawings and correspondence from Andover Norton International Ltd,

TH reported on the present state of affairs with Andover Norton. Following a conciliatory meeting at Andover with TH and PW, ANIL had written to offer the sum of £5,000 to the club with additional promises of assistance in making rare spares. The meeting considered this and a further proposal to sell the drawings by auction. Some members were vehemently opposed to any sale of the drawings and this view may have formed the majority present. After more than an hour's discussion, the Chairman noted that he would write to Andover Norton and state that unfortunately the club was not yet able to reach a decision regarding the drawings.

5. Report from the rally committee to include update on 2018 rallies and plans for 2019.

TH reported on behalf of the Rally Committee. He stated that there would likely be over 200 for the International Rally in Austria. He suggested although the Rally was 'on track' that as some of the costs were higher than expected, there may be a small loss.

The Weeting Rally was now doing better. Norfolk members had decided against booking through the club as they usually attended it for free. 141 People had so far booked. Tim stated that he was very disappointed with Norfolk's attitude as no other branches had taken this decision.

Peter White reported that the Reivers Rally was now up to 103 bookings with only the last few rooms available. For 2019 - We've agreed to meet with Henrie Groenveldt of Netherlands at the Austria Rally to finalise details. Jerome Chevalier our Portuguese liaison officer has offered to run our 2020 International Rally in Portugal.

PW noted the dates projected for both the St Audrie's Bay and Morpeth Rallies in 2019 and the Rob Roy Hotel in 2020. TH reported that our Event's Officer, Dave Harris was keen that we should hold a rally in the IOM in 2019 to coincide with the Jurby event. It was suggested that he should perhaps initially discuss this with Tony Ripley.

PW introduced the question of an Honorary International membership for Rudi Thalhammer of Austria. Rudi was nominated by Roland Grossbichler. This was agreed without dissent.

6. Report from the Treasurer and initial consideration of subscription rates.

Nicole reported continued growth with our account balances presently totalling £240k. She identified the balances for also Spares, PayPal and Euro accounts. She then mentioned the problems of

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reconciliation with Go Cardless. Joan stressed the importance of this issue.

NH also reported some minor issues with reporting rally income. PW had kindly volunteered to help with identifying PayPal income.

7. Progress report on new web site.

In an AV presentation, PW reported to the Committee the progress so far made with the construction of the new website. The new site built using the 'Drupal' Content Management System promises to be much more reliable and easier to update than the old site. He stated that he was confident that the new site would be completed by the originally expected date of November 2018.

8 Executive Committee vacancy and vacancies for next year.

The meeting discussed the current situation of potential vacancies for the two Records Officers, the Membership Secretary and the Secretary. The meeting agreed the expenditure of the necessary funds to upgrade the Membership Secretary's processes including up to £400 for a new laser printer.

9 Roadholder archiving on web site

MW reported that progress was being made with the older Roadholders were now being archived and he hoped to be able to archive back to 2003/4. Bearing in mind new website next year, these would be available when this was launched.

1060th Anniversary celebrations

BO reported on the designs for a suitable badge which could be sent out to every member with Roadholder. This would cost c. 64p per badge. MW would raise it with Lavenhams. Following a discussion in which PS suggested a sheet of cheap stickers would be preferable. BO was looking for a confirmation earlier rather than later. The St Audries Bay based under cover rally could offer the focus for further celebratory activities. BO suggested that we should ask suppliers for prizes to raffle during the year or at the rally. A special track day was put forward. Perhaps we could request a special feature in the Festival of 1000 bikes or similar event. Following a 'long and wide-ranging discussion'. The meeting agreed that the club would go ahead producing one badge for each member. PS suggested that he knew someone who could take on the role of 60th Anniversary co-ordinator. CS would look at the possibility of a special track event.

11DVL Update

There was no update. TH suggested a Roadholder feature advising members regarding the changes by DVLA for Road Tax and MOT exemption.

12 AOB

The meeting discussed Rally bar hangers for the Austria Rally. TH raised the issue of the Drawings negotiations with ANIL. It was reluctantly agreed that we would have to advise them that no decision

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was reached.

PS raised the question of a Dominator 75th anniversary badge - this was agreed.

The meeting ended around 3.30pm