



The SOUTH ESSEX BRANCH of the TOMCC

## THE MINUTES OF THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Present were Keith Belsham, Peter DeValiant, John Stone, Bill Anderson, Philip Solly, Daniel Selleck, Peter Healy, Paul Healy, Martin Kerwin, Jim Dormer, Alan Buxton, Tim Mercer, Penny Mercer, Malcolm Fissler, Tony Bushell, Heidi Bushell, Chris O'May, Peter Wonnacott, Ron Cole and Marilyn Cole.

The Chairman, Tony Bushell opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed those present.

An apology for absence was received from Peter Breading.

The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved.

The only thing left from last year's AGM was a problem with speeding, and Tony was of the opinion that this had now been addressed and that they hadn't lost anyone on a run last year. Tony also said that he sent out texts about the runs, and Heidi put maps and post codes on the website so that even if riders did get lost they could make their own way to the destination. It was agreed that the texts were useful and should be continued.

## OFFICERS REPORTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### CHAIRMANS REPORT

Tony asked if we thought holding two meetings month and using the second meeting at the "Shepherd and Dog" as a more formal meeting was working and it was generally agreed that it was. He pointed out that we tended to get different people at the different venues. He said that the pub runs had been well attended and had attracted some of



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (cont)

our younger members, sometimes as many as 18 riders. The Sunday runs also attracted up to a dozen riders. He had enjoyed the "Wives Weekend" in Warwick and the trip to the Isle of Man GP. He pointed out that members would only participate in things they were interested in. It was questioned from the floor why our headquarters was listed as "The Lodge Country Inn" when we were holding our more formal meetings at the "Shepherd and Dog". I said I would look into getting that changed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Heidi stated that we had an income of £1,951.00 and expenditure of £1,447.77 giving a positive difference of £473.73. and that the branch receives 42 pence per person per month i.e. £5.04 per year. We have a bank balance of £2,272.07 and a petty cash float of £156.30.

The club assets include the Saint cutaway engine kept at Battlesbridge Motorcycle Museum, the Datatool analyser kept at Peter Breeding's workshop in Great Wakering, and everything else including the chairs, table, and gazebo, which are kept in Tony Wonnacott's garage in Rayleigh.

She has calculated depreciation of the assets, except the cutaway engine, at 20% of last year's value.

She stated that the Regalia and Clothing Stock List is available to view and that the stock is all held by the secretary (me) and is valued at £729.78.

There was a deficit of £219.55 for the Christmas meal due to everyone



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## TREASURERS REPORT (cont)

receiving a guaranteed raffle prize.

She has prepared spread sheets of Income and Expenditure, Petty Cash, Christmas Meal, and Regalia Stock.

She then thanked the Committee for their support this year.

(A copy of this report including the spread sheets will be attached to these minutes and placed in the club archive.)

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Malcolm said that Tony had covered most of what he had to say about the Isle of Man trip and that the club had been well supported on the pub runs which started with a run to "The Cap and Feathers" at Tillingham and on the Sunday runs to places like Andrewsfield airdrome and the Booking Hall Café at Stebbing, and he thought that the Christmas meal was far better than the previous year that if we carried on like that we would do well.

## SCRIBES REPORT

Tim said he hadn't done as much as he'd have liked and apologised for his failure to file reports to Nacelle and that he could not carry on due to his ill health and so resigned.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

I stated that the last ride I had been on was the run to Warwick which I had enjoyed but had subsequently had an accident and had not ridden since July. I also said membership was holding steady at 140-150.



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There were no propositions for 2018

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chris O'May volunteered to become our Scribe, was proposed by Tim Mercer, seconded by Malcolm Fissler and elected unopposed.

Heidi Bushell was proposed as Treasurer by Alan Buxton, seconded by Malcolm Fissler, and elected unopposed.

Tony Bushell was proposed as Chairman by Alan Buxton, seconded by Malcolm Fissler, and elected unopposed.

Malcolm Fissler was proposed as Social Secretary by Tony Bushell, seconded by Alan Buxton, and was elected by majority with one abstention.

Peter Wonnacott (me) was proposed as Secretary by Tony Bushell, seconded by Tim Mercer, and elected unopposed.

A short break was taken.

### THE FUTURE OF THE TREFFEN

We did not hold a Treffen last year as we had been unable to identify a site with all the facilities we required, and we felt that Cupids had let us down the previous year by changing the arrangements we had made, at the last minute. It had also been noted that numbers attending had halved over the previous couple of years, and that support from our own membership had been very weak. We tried several places but found nowhere that had the range of facilities we needed. We discussed the facilities available at other rallies and noted that not many provided showers as we had.



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## THE FUTURE OF THE TREFFEN (cont)

Tony Bushell pointed out that planning and running the Treffen was a lot of work for a few people and when fewer attended it was for little reward.

Martin Kerwin felt that we didn't have time to arrange a rally this year and suggested we plan one for next year (2019).

Malcolm Fissler said that he thought that "The Museum of Power" was a possible venue and there was a cheap hotel over the road.

Penny Mercer suggested that we should use the "Crouch Valley Showground".

As it was thought that it was probably not possible to get a rally running for this year and that if we found a suitable venue and decided to run a rally next year 2019, then a committee be formed to plan and run it which would be in place for the duration to ensure continuity. It was also agreed that a band playing generic "Rock and Roll" worked best. It was suggested that if we do go ahead with a rally, we apply to an agency to supply such a band. After a long discussion Marilyn Cole suggested that we all look round to see if we can find anywhere that looks suitable then we discuss it at our March meeting at the "Shepherd and Dog" and make a final decision, and this was agreed.

## PROPOSED DONATION OR EVENT FOR CHARITY

This proposal was put on hold until after the decision on the treffen as running it could cost the club money.

## EVENTS FOR 2018

Jim Dormer has attended the Rother Branch "Rabbit Rally" for the last 2 years and was quite impressed and suggested that if we did not hold our own rally this year, that a group of us attend it this year.



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### EVENTS FOR 2018 (cont)

This was agreed in principal and passed with 3 abstentions.

It was also confirmed that we would be having a “Wives Weekend” this year when a suitable destination and weekend can be identified.

The Sunday morning rides were well supported and should continue this year.

The “Pub Runs” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month between April and September would be continued this year.

A program of rides will posted throughout the year.

As there was no other business Tony Bushell closed the meeting a 9.30pm.