

# Morini Riders Club – AGM Minutes 2015

## The Three Horseshoes, Goulcesby, Lincs. 13 June 2015

Agenda Item	Minutes
<b>1. Welcome by Chairman</b>	Jem welcomed us to the AGM.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Dave Hunter, Dave Mason, Gary Withers and Anne Cooper.
<b>3. Minutes of the previous AGM</b>	The minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted unanimously.
<b>4. Chairman's Report</b>	<p>Jem reported that it had been a successful year with the club continuing its varied activities. The club bike is on the road for the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Morini was the featured marque at the Bristol Italian AutoMotive Festival and that Stafford had been successful thanks to the organisation of John Parbery and all who helped.</p> <p>Jem announced that after 8 years as Chairman, he was resigning and thanked the committee for their work in improving the club. A vote of thanks was given to Jem for all his hard work.</p>
<b>5. Committee Reports</b>	
<b>5a. Financial Report</b>	<p>In the Treasurer's absence, he sent the following summary:</p> <p>"I have attached the current Ledger for all to see, together with the audited accounts that I have had prepared. These are not yet fully signed off because of holidays by both myself and the accountant.</p> <p>"Our position remains very healthy and the current account balance is c£17000.00 today.</p> <p>"I really wish that there was somewhere that we could sensibly invest this surplus which, as I have said before, is far too much to leave in a current account. (We make about £0.15 per month on a £15-20K balance ). So, if the Committee or the AGM can make any suggestions, we should consider them."</p> <p>It was agreed that the club's accounts will be published in ATG and put on the members' area of the website.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the most important use for club funds is running club events and publicising Morinis.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously and a vote of thanks was given to Dave Hunter.</p>
<b>5b. Secretary's Report</b>	<p>Everything has gone to plan with some additional advertising to tie in with publicity that the MRC is getting from various magazines.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>5c. Membership</b>	<p>George Farenden said that the club has 329 members, including virtual and honorary members. He announced that he would be standing down as Membership Secretary.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously.</p>

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<b>5d. ATG Editor</b>	<p>David Marlow said that ATG would continue to be produced bi-monthly and would remain at 36 pages because of cost, although there would be occasions when a larger issue would be justified.</p> <p>David reminded us that he is the editor, not the writer, of the magazine and he is always looking for contributions.</p> <p>His report was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>5e. Website</b>	<p>Tom Farrow said that the website was ticking over well and that he was receiving some welcome help from John Griffiths as Web Editor. The content on the website has improved and the forum continues to be very active and a source of helpful information for Morini owners.</p> <p>His report was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>5f. Products</b>	<p>Chris Webber said that the ATG binders were a good 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary present for club members, and he thanked Simon Pancheri for founding the club and allowing us to reach this stage.</p> <p>Other products are stocked in relatively low quantities and topped up as necessary. Sales from the Cadwell trackday and rally had been good, and Chris welcomes ideas for new products.</p> <p>The possibility of a bulk purchase of Morini factory clothing was made, which would save on postage.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>5g. Public Relations</b>	<p>Paul Emmerson said that the club is getting a lot of magazine features and that the trackday is our key promotional event for many other clubs who spread the word about its success. This is a great achievement for a club of our size.</p> <p>Attendance at shows is also effective and if there are any ideas for further magazines or other media, Paul is able to contact many of the editors.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>5h. Shows</b>	<p>John Parbery reported that the club received lots of attention at shows, and there were always new members signing up. We need to continue our presence at Stafford or we will lose our regular location because of heavy demand.</p> <p>John mentioned that he was stepping down because of personal circumstances, and that Paul Emmerson would manage the October Stafford show.</p> <p>Many thanks were voted for John's long-standing efforts over the years.</p>

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<b>5i. BMF/MAG</b>	<p>Andy Carrott reported that both organisations have had problems with falling membership, but they have engaged in a joint political lobbying campaign as there are big transport plans and implications which need to be challenged. We must therefore continue our affiliation so that they can campaign on our behalf.</p> <p>Andy proposed that his title be changed to Affiliations Officer as we are not tied only to the BMF and MAG: we also support the National Association for Bikers with Disabilities, which is a very effective and worthwhile organisation.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>6. Election of Officers</b>	<p>With Jem Moore resigning as Chairman, Mark Bailey was voted to succeed him.</p> <p>Jem was voted to become Secretary.</p> <p>Leslie Madge was voted to become Membership Secretary.</p> <p>The following committee members were re-elected:</p> <p>David Marlow – ATG Editor            Andy Carrott – BMF/MAG Liaison            Tom Farrow – Webmaster            Chris Webber – Products            Paul Emmerson – Public Relations            Dave Hunter - Treasurer</p> <p>There remains a vacancy to succeed John Parbery as Shows Representative.</p>
<b>7. Factory News</b>	<p>Nick Hancock told the meeting about his successful purchase of a new Morini from the factory online, including a subsequent warranty issue which was dealt with satisfactorily.</p>
<b>8a. Any Other Business – Trackday</b>	<p>David Marlow had some comments about this year's trackday. It was fully booked but there remained plenty of room in the sessions, particularly in the afternoon, so our policy works well. There had been some complaints about riding standards, which was partly because some groups were oversubscribed and people had to be moved to other groups. It was agreed that David Marlow and Paul Emmerson will look at the different categories that we run to see if changes should be made.</p> <p>David proposed a big vote of thanks to Stuart Mayhew and NLM for scrutineering which is vital for riders' safety, and to Paul Emmerson for his organisation of the trackday and Friday's visit to Lincoln Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace.</p> <p>There was some discussion about next year's AGM and whether it should be combined with the trackday. One line of reasoning was that combining the trackday and rally makes it easier for members to arrange to attend both events, whereas having the rally at other geographical locations will attract people from other parts of the country.</p> <p>It was agreed that this issue needs further discussion, and those who had argued for each case said that they would accept the committee's decision.</p>

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<b>8b. Any Other Business – Section Reports</b>	<p>Berks Bucks &amp; Oxon are active, with the ride-out to the Hook Norton Brewery and the annual Reading Pie Night.</p> <p>Northern Home Counties are meeting regularly at the VMCC Shefford meetings, and are planning a visit to the Shuttleworth Collection.</p> <p>The North East has few attenders, mainly because of the large geographical spread of the area.</p> <p>The Midlands is seeing very little interest, despite good refreshments and amenities.</p> <p>The South West is rather moribund at present, although Les Madge is now organising Devon meetings at Buckfastleigh.</p>
<b>8c. Any Other Business – Special Awards</b>	<p>The club was founded 40 years ago by Simon Pancheri and in recognition of this he was presented with a copy of 3½ Moto Morini by Fabio Ferrario.</p> <p>The Arthur Farrow Riders Cup was awarded to Les Skinner for his continued efforts in organising rides out.</p>