

Morini Riders Club

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Minutes of the AGM of the Morini Riders Club held on Saturday 18th June 2011 at Reston, Lincolnshire.

Welcome by Chairman

Jem welcomed those present and it was agreed to discuss events in a separate forum after the AGM.

Apologies

Received from the following members:

Tom Fowler, Chris Webber, John Parbury and the Mayhew family.

Minutes of the Previous AGM

These were accepted with no disagreement.

Chairman's Report

After welcoming some new faces, Jem said that the club continues to prosper, particularly after last year's successful track day.

The Club's new branding has been completed over the last 12 months, including badges, clothing and stickers.

The arrangements for a single renewal date for membership have now been finalised by Les.

Products are being managed well by Chris Webber and Tom Farrow is making progress on the website, with some good ideas in the pipeline.

Section Reports

Herts & Beds (?) (Paul Compton) There have been no organised meetings but local membership is growing and it is hoped to organise some ride-outs in the future. Paul Compton asked if area captains could have details of new local members to encourage participation.

South (? George Lane) There has not been much activity. Dave Roberts is the main contact. Jem will speak to Dave and Derek Payne to assess the situation.

Bristol & South West. There are regular meetings and there have been successful events at Shepton Mallett in February and the BIAMF show in April. New members are always welcome.

Berks, Bucks & Oxon. There are six active members, with regular meetings and the Reading Pie Night every November.

Lincs & NE. This year has not been easy as Phil, one of the two active members, is convalescing. Paul has spoken to other members in the area, and mentioned that the Wolds run in April/May is worth promoting.

International

There was no report from Steve Brown who is believed to be abroad, and should be back in circulation next year.

Public Relations

There is no official representative and Paul Emmerson has been undertaking the role unofficially. He is happy to help promote the club in magazines etc.

Shows

Stafford in April was quiet, but it clashed with Easter. A few new members were signed up. John was thanked for all his efforts in organising the stand. It was suggested that the displays could be freshened up, incorporating the new logos.

Shepton Mallet was successful. The stand was simple but effective and there was a good variety of bikes on display.

Bristol Italian Automotive Festival. This was very successful, and the Morini group had good visibility because of the pole banners.

Festival of 1000 Bikes. Stuart provided a good selection of bikes, and thanks were given to everyone who had helped.

Membership

This now stands at 250, an increase of 10% on last year. Jem's mailshot to lapsed members seems to have helped.

The single annual renewal date is working very well and Les is happy to continue as membership secretary. David Marlow proposed a vote of thanks for Les's crucial efforts.

BMF/MAG

The BMF has been restructured in an attempt to avoid its demise but is still in the doldrums and struggling to retain individual members.

MAG is doing better than the BMF but is relying on income from events rather than individual subscriptions. We need both clubs to help support us against EU legislation.

Singles Register

There was no report from (Mr Porter?)

Products

New products include the new logo sticker, and the side-panel rubbers and calendars sold well.

Thanks were given to David Marlow for his work on the calendar.

Key fobs, t-shirts, mugs etc will be re-ordered with the new logo.

A data stick with back issues of ATG is being prepared.

Chris Webber is to look at obtaining Morini badges and side-panel badges and see if we can obtain some from Stuart to sell at shows.

Secretary's Report

It has been business as usual: fielding questions from other organisations, arranging adverts for show guides, arranging the club meetings, organising the Festival of 1000 Bikes and being the general point of contact for the club.

ATG

Adrian Jowett has decided to stand down after eight years as editor. He has moved the magazine forward greatly in terms of its style, and was offered a big vote of thanks.

Lack of material is a perennial problem, so publication is now on a quarterly basis. We have developed a good, reliable relationship with the printer.

An e-version of the magazine is a possibility for overseas members, but this is not being actively pursued at the moment.

Financial Report

There has been a big improvement in the club's finances, and a big thank-you is due to Paul Emmerson and David Marlow for their work on organising and managing the track days of 2010 and 2011, which have made the difference. The single membership renewal date has also helped.

We need to investigate the situation regarding 20% tax due on track day profits in future.

Chris Laughton will relinquish his role at the 2012 AGM after ten years' service.

Election of Club Officials

The following committee members were elected:

Chairman – Jem Moore
Secretary – Mark Bailey
Editor – David Marlow
Treasurer – Chris Laughton
Web Maestro – Tom Farrow
BMF/MAG Representative – Andy Carrott
Membership – Les Skinner
Products Secretary – Chris Webber
Public Relations – Paul Emmerson
Shows Secretary – John Parbury

Factory News

There are no developments – the factory continues to struggle on in receivership.

Events

Shows for the club to attend formally include Stafford, Shepton Mallett, the Scottish Show and 1000 Bikes. Jem will look at more informal meetings including the V-twin Festival at Fordingbridge, the BIAMF, the Sammy Miller Museum Italian Bikes ride-in, and attending a Benzina magazine tea and cakes day, possibly on 3rd September. We hope to organise a trip to the Coupes Moto Legendes in Dijon in May 2012.

Track Day

We had 114 confirmed entrants and had to declare the event closed because of the large amount of interest. The response was excellent, with many advance bookings. Expenses were higher than last year, but there was still a healthy profit. There were a few fallers, but nobody was seriously hurt.

Any Other Business

Ian and Michelle Hutchinson, who were visiting from New Zealand, thanked everyone for their hospitality over the weekend.

Andy Carrott said that MAG were asking clubs what they wanted from the organisation and any comments would be welcome.