

## Morini Riders Club – AGM Minutes 2013

**Henlow Bridge Lakes, Bedfordshire**  
**11 May 2013**

Agenda Item	Minutes
<b>1. Welcome by Chairman</b>	Jem welcomed us to the AGM.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Pete Fisher, Keith Ansell, Phil and Sally, Alan Jennings.
<b>3. Minutes of the previous AGM</b>	The minutes of the 2012 AGM were opposed by Roy Masters regarding changing subscriptions and classes of membership
<b>4. Chairman's Report</b>	<p>Jem thanked the committee and members in general for the work that they had done throughout the year.</p> <p>Event organisation and attendance has been good.</p> <p>There has been a healthy increase in club membership to 329, with thanks to Keith Ansell's work as Membership Secretary.</p> <p>Thanks also due to David Marlow for his work in improving the high quality of ATG.</p>
<b>5. Committee Reports</b>	
<b>5a. Financial Report</b>	<p>The current account stayed above £12,000, rising to £20,000.</p> <p>The club's assets consist of the 3 ½ Strada, the computer for ATG production and flags and banners.</p> <p>The MRC is a small, well-run club with a healthy bank account, and it should be worth opening a deposit account for surplus funds.</p> <p>The question was asked if we would be liable for tax on savings; Jem replied that we probably should pay tax and avoid unwanted accountancy costs, and we could write off profits against general losses. It was mentioned that we can write off some assets to offset any profits.</p>

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	<p>Thanks were given to Chris Laughton, the outgoing Treasurer, and a welcome to Dave Hunter who is doing a very good job.</p> <p>Dave asked whether we needed an external auditor to approve the accounts. It was agreed that this was a good idea because of the large amount of money that we have, and Dave agreed to get the accounts externally audited from next year.</p>
<b>5b. Secretary's Report</b>	<p>It has been a successful year for the club with plenty of publicity in magazines and good attendance at shows. Advertising to promote club activities continues as before.</p>
<b>5c. Membership</b>	<p>Membership has risen from 280 to 326, both from retaining existing members and attracting new ones. Most people are joining electronically and there was plenty of membership interest at Stafford. Nine people have so far taken up the virtual membership option.</p> <p>Jem acknowledged Keith's diligence about renewals and welcoming new members, as well as his initiative of introducing regional members to each other, subject to the data protection act.</p> <p>Roy Masters asked if members can opt out of the location map showing the area where they live. Tom Farrow replied that this is not a problem; it will require a tickbox on membership application and renewal forms, and should be mentioned in ATG to let existing members know.</p> <p>Chris Webber asked if we can produce a laminated member location map to take to shows.</p>
<b>5d. ATG Editor</b>	<p>This is now in regular production, and David Marlow is always looking for new content.</p> <p>A new distributor has now been organised and the magazine is being distributed by the printer. We need to look at postage costs and weight of the magazine. The printers have treated us well over the issue.</p> <p>We are looking at producing promotional copies of ATG to give out at shows.</p> <p>Thanks were given for all David's efforts in producing the magazine.</p>

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<b>5e. Website</b>	<p>Tom Farrow reported that there is steady traffic to the website: 20% from the UK; 20% from the USA and some from across Europe.</p> <p>Tom and Keith will clarify members' login details at the next membership renewal time.</p> <p>Costs associated with the website are £140 a year; the site is reliable and fully functional.</p> <p>It would be good to increase the site's content, and Tom would like more technical guides in the members' area, and a fuller buyer's guide and model list, plus any other submissions. We would like more photos of members' bikes and events and ride-outs.</p> <p>92 people have logged in to the members' area over the last year, and we are increasing the downloadable content.</p> <p>Online purchasing works well for membership renewals and products. This costs 5/5 but is justified by the increased sales.</p> <p>The committee have access to the Google calendar and can update the website calendar this way.</p> <p>The forum is a very important resource, probably the club's best promotional asset. 100 new people signed up for it over the last year.</p> <p>Paul Compton asked if we can increase the site's content with old magazine articles, road-tests etc, and Tom would welcome any such contributions.</p>
<b>5f. Products</b>	<p>Stocks are being kept of t-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. Other products are being reordered as necessary.</p> <p>New t-shirt designs are being looked at and Chris Webber is working on new key fobs and other items, including a new Cadwell t-shirt.</p> <p>We should consider the possibility of increasing the cost of the Cadwell track day to include a free t-shirt.</p> <p>This year's calendars have sold out from their higher print run, thanks to David Marlow's efforts.</p>

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<b>5g. Public Relations</b>	There has been lots of publicity over the last year: articles in Ride, Practical Sportsbikes and RealClassic, and we have had a good profile from the track day. The website is also good for promoting the club. We are well known on the biking map, and Paul Emmerson can talk to most magazine editors on people's behalf.
<b>5h. Shows</b>	<p>Membership renewals were good at Stafford, and Paul Compton had the flywheel remagnetising service available.</p> <p>Dave Mason is organising the Festival of 1000 Bikes on 12 to 14 July.</p> <p>Shepton was successfully and the Morini factory marketing director visited the stand.</p> <p>There were four bikes on the stand at the Scottish show in March, and interest in the next one is promising.</p>
<b>5i. BMF/MAG</b>	Andy Carrott talked about the benefits of membership of these organisations as an affiliate club. the public liability insurance we get through the BMF is the best product; the clubs lobby against anti-bike legislation, various discounts are available to our members and we can use their events listings to publicise our events.
<b>6. Election of Officers</b>	<p>The following committee members were re-elected:</p> <p>Jem Moore – Chairman  Mark Bailey – Secretary  Keith Ansell – Membership  David Marlow – ATG Editor  Andy Carrott – BMF/MAG Liaison  Tom Farrow – Webmaster  Chris Webber – Products  Paul Emmerson – Public Relations  Dave Hunter - Treasurer</p> <p>Committee members were thanked for their work over the last year.</p>
<b>7. Factory News</b>	Chris Webber said that Moto Morini are doing fairly well in Italy and there are

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	<p>three new dealers in the UK. The factory is limited in how much they can develop new models, but they seem to be in a more positive situation than was the case last year.</p>
<b>8. Any Other Business</b>	<p>The club constitution.</p> <p>Acceptance of the new draft constitution was proposed by Jem and seconded by Mark Bailey. Jem explained that it was necessary to protect the club and its members and it should not be unnecessarily lengthy; it should be kept to the fundamental constitution issues rather than dealing with lesser matters. It will be checked by a lawyer.</p> <p>Roy Masters said that he was not comfortable with some of the phrasing, and the classes of membership were complicated: family membership is needed.</p> <p>Jem explained that legal opinion of the constitution is being sought and we can adopt it now, accepting that this version is not finalised. Tom Farrow said that we need to put something in place and legal opinion will then confirm that it is OK.</p> <p>Dave Mason asked if we can get MAG or the BMF to vet it, and Andy Carrott said that we did use MAG's advice in some instances when drawing it up.</p> <p>John Shepherd made some observations: in 2Di, can we say remittance rather than cash/cheque? In 4D, can we say Chairman, not Outgoing Chairman? 4B: in case we need to phase the AGM with trackday or another event, can we say October and not limit it to September? This point was agreed. 4G and H: can we say 'calendar month' and '2 weeks' rather than 28 days, to keep things clearer?</p> <p>It was asked how the maximum liability of £1 works and Chris Webber explained that we would need to be a limited liability company, and this would be very expensive. Dave Hunter added that LLC status would also make us tax liable.</p> <p>Relating to finance, it was suggested that the bank account should be in the name of the club.</p> <p>Roy asked regarding 6B if it was necessary to have two signatories for</p>

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cheques. Dave Hunter said that he would like to arrange BACS payments to simplify money transfer.

Regarding 2G: are there any actions which can be taken against bad committee decisions? John Shepherd suggested making the wording “exceptionally, membership may be cancelled by the committee.”

Chris Webber said that regarding notice of meetings, this needs to be done by issuing the agenda, hence the need for a deadline; perhaps instead of saying 28 days, 4 weeks would be simpler.

Mike Hill asked if virtual members counted as full members.

Regarding 4J, at committee meetings, only committee members should have a vote; Butch mentioned that non-committee members attending was a good way to let people get more involved, and David Marlow said that the clause was to ensure that the committee is run by the committee members.

Regarding family membership, John Shepherd suggested that it should be just another category of ordinary membership, and it shouldn't require the constitution to be changed.

Chris Webber proposed that ordinary membership gives the opportunity for a family to join as that single member, with only one vote but the family all being members. This was seconded by Tom Farrow, with only John Shepherd opposing.

Chris Webber proposed that the AGM approves the constitution, subject to the comments that were accepted by the meeting being taken into account. This was voted in favour, with nobody against.

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Date Raised	No	Subject	Action	Progress	Action Owner	Action By Date	Date Closed
11/5/2013		Location Map	Include opt-out for members and prospective members				
11/5/2013		Constitution	Have the draft constitution checked legally				

Date Raised	Action No	Subject	Notes/Decision Details
11/5/2013		Auditor	An external auditor will be appointed to approve the accounts from now onwards
11/5/2013		Constitution	The draft constitution will be accepted, subject to the points made in the minutes