

# Morini Riders Club – AGM Minutes 2016

**Henlow Lakes, Henlow, Bedfordshire**  
**13 May 2016**

Agenda Item	Minutes
<b>1. Welcome by Chairman</b>	Mark welcomed us to the AGM.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Les Skinner, Paul Emmerson, John Griffiths, Andy Carrott, Dave Mason and Arthur Farrow
<b>3. Minutes of the previous AGM</b>	The minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted unanimously.
<b>4. Chairman's Report</b>	Mark reported that it had been a good year with the club continuing its varied activities. The club bike has had a successful time on the road for the club's 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, but is still on its way to clock up 40 riders – volunteers are welcome.
<b>5. Committee Reports</b>	
<b>5a. Secretary</b>	Everything has gone to plan with some additional advertising to tie in with publicity that the MRC is getting from various magazines.  The report was accepted unanimously.
<b>5b. Treasurer</b>	There was no treasurer's report. By e-mail, Dave Hunter asked about the BMF affiliation payment. This was paid by the secretary who will forward the invoice.
<b>5c. Membership</b>	Les Madge reported that the club has 367 members (an increase of 38 over the previous AGM) including virtual and honorary members. See attached report.
<b>5d. ATG Editor</b>	David Marlow said that ATG would continue to be produced bi-monthly with 36-44 pages. There will be occasions, such as the collectable Xmas edition, when a larger issue is justified.  David reminded us that he is the editor, not the writer, of the magazine and he is always looking for contributions. Long articles are welcome but short items always help to fill the gaps.
<b>5e. Website</b>	Tom Farrow said that the website continues to improve under the Web Editor's care and the forum continues to be very active & a source of helpful information for Morini owners.  The Web Editor sent a written report which is attached.
<b>5f. Products</b>	Chris Webber said that the ATG binders were a good 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary present for club members although were not selling well now. He is not sure that more will be ordered.  Other products are stocked in relatively low quantities and topped up as necessary. The report was accepted unanimously.
<b>5g. Public Relations</b>	There was no public relations report.
<b>5h. Shows</b>	Roy Masters has taken over the job of organising the Stafford shows. There was no report.

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<b>5i. BMF/MAG</b>	See attached report.
<b>5j. Trackday Progress</b>	Paul Emmerson submitted a written report on the entries for this year's trackday. See attached.
<b>6. Election of Officers</b>	<p>The existing committee members were re-elected:</p> <p>Mark Bailey – Chairman  Jem Moore – Secretary  Dave Hunter – Treasurer  Les Madge – Membership  David Marlow – ATG Editor  Tom Farrow – Webmaster  John Griffiths – Web Editor  Chris Webber – Products  Paul Emmerson – Public Relations  Andy Carrott – Affiliation Officer</p> <p>Roy Masters has volunteered to be Shows Representative.</p>
<b>7. Factory News</b>	
<b>8a. Any Other Business</b>	Chris Webber proposed a show of hands at the meeting in favour of or against the increase in subscription. There was no-one against the change.

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## Membership Secretary Report for 2016 AGM

Last summer I took on part of the role of Morini Riders Club Membership Secretary. Our club secretary, Jem Moore, is still giving support and dealing with some other elements of the job. For those of you who may have had a slow response to your correspondence, I apologise. As pointed out in ATG my lifestyle dictates a sometimes delayed reply.

As of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016 membership numbers are as follows

Full Members 359

Virtual Members 8

I would lie to think that a recent spike in membership can be attributed to our presence at this year's Classic 'Bike Show at Stafford, thirteen new members have been enrolled. Thank you to everyone involved in this worthwhile event. The Classic 'Bike Show held earlier this year at Shepton Mallet is a much smaller event but still generated a few additional club members.

Some time has been spent discussing costings and it has been decided that annual membership fees have to be increased by £2.00 for UK Membership, European and the rest of The World will also see an increase in subs. The structure currently in place for membership fees to reduce as the club year decreases will continue, but with some amendments regarding the actual dates.

During the coming year I will be looking to find some ways of giving fully paid up members some added value.

Leslie Madge

Morini Riders Club Membership Secretary



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## Web Editor's Report

I won't be going to the AGM/Rally this w/end so here's a report on the year's activities.

Changes to the website have been logged on the forum: <http://www.morini-riders-club.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=14&t=3643> but in summary the main activities have been:

- Putting more photo images on the website.
- Putting reports of the trackday, agm/rally, etc on the website as quickly as possible.
- Featuring upcoming events on the frontpage.
- Putting magazine road tests on the members area.
- Creating a Youtube page.
- Write-up of the 175 racers.

I'm currently working on an article about the racing Corsaro 1200s. I expected this to be a quick thing but it's a lot more involved and interesting than I expected! Will be a couple of weeks yet.

I'm also making Photoshop templates for the upcoming events posters so that they can quickly & easily be created and updated to the website each year.

I've put a job spec on the FTP site.

I'm happy to stand again as web editor for the coming year unless anyone else wants a bash at it.

Have a great w/e.

John

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## Affiliation Officer's Report

As usual I can report that I have had no member enquiries in respect to MAG/BMF/riders rights issues, etc. The hot topic of the moment is “soft segregation” – these are techniques to separate cyclists from the rest of traffic. In simple terms they are large lumps of plastic bolted to the road (Google “armadillos” if you want to know more). They have no Dept of Transport approval, MAG is very concerned (accidents have already occurred), and the BMF seemingly ambivalent to the point of them having been quoted as endorsing their use. In other areas, e.g. working with the new unitary authorities MAG is making great inroads. Their employment of Lembit Opik opens doors that have not previously been opened to riders groups. For example Lembit and MAG's Chairman were in the bar in the Houses of Parliament and were able to approach Alex Salmond over transport issues in Scotland. A few days later a meeting was arranged and the problem solved. These high level political contacts mean that the new Mayor of London had been approached prior to the election and a positive relationship has already been established. As ever there is so much going on I could waffle for ages. I don't think I've ever seen a time when riders issues have had such a high profile (particular in the case of MAG and I make no apology for making that distinction, the BMF have been there in the past and may do so again) but its at a time when riders groups are really struggling for membership. Both MAG and the BMF have falling membership. They need more full members to survive. If you are not a member I urge you to join one or both. No one else is going to stand up for riders issues.

Have a good AGM.

Regards

Andy Carrott

PS I am willing to continue in the role of affiliations officer but if someone else wants to do it please feel free to elect them instead.

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## Trackday Report

Cadwell Park, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- All sessions will be full
- Current entries (including confirmed entries not yet received)
  - Morini 39
  - Moderate 43
  - Rapid 37
  - Total 117
- Receipts banked £11,550
- Projected receipts £13,000
- Morini session breakdown
  - Moto Morini 22
  - Velocette 8
  - Other makes include Manx Norton, Gilera & Aermacchi
- There are four overseas entries
- Motor Sport Vision are waiting for John Shepperd to return the hire agreement. This must be sent to Michelle Parker asap.
- Do not know if the invoice camping at the Three Horseshoes has been paid.