

# Morini Riders Club – AGM Minutes 2017

**The Buck & Bell, Long Itchington, Warwickshire**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Agenda Item	Minutes
<b>1. Welcome by Chairman</b>	In Mark's absence David Marlow chaired the meeting & welcomed us to the AGM.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Mark Bailey, Mike Hill, John Shepperd, Simon Pancheri and Arthur Farrow
<b>3. Minutes of the previous AGM</b>	The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted unanimously.
<b>4. Committee Reports</b>	
<b>4a. Chairman's Report</b>	Thanks were expressed in memory of Dave Hunter who was treasurer until illness prevented him from continuing the role. Dave passed away in March this year. Thanks were also expressed to John Griffiths who had been website editor And thanks also to Paul Emmerson for continuing to organise entries for track day at Cadwell Park and his readiness to continue the role
<b>4b. Secretary</b>	The usual work of keeping the paperwork in order and ensuring meetings are conducted properly continues. Draft job descriptions for committee positions have been circulated. The report was accepted unanimously.
<b>4c. Treasurer</b>	See attached summary of accounts & assets. Mike Hill has accepted the role of treasurer. Chris Webber has been signatory while Mike Hill's position is agreed with Santander.
<b>4d. Membership</b>	See attached report. Membership currently stands at 363. A breakdown (by UK/Europe/Rest of the World or free/virtual/others) is not available.
<b>4e. 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>4f. Website</b>	SWS are withdrawing support for online shopping so Tom Farrow has changed the website to use Shopify. This is working well and gives us better information about sales.
<b>4g. Web Editor</b>	John Griffiths has resigned due to other commitments. Tom Farrow will manage content for the time being. A volunteer is invited to take up the position.

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<b>4h. Products</b>	<p>No report was received.</p> <p>Chris Webber said that the ATG binders were a good 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary present for club members although were not selling well. They are now being sold as a loss-leader.</p> <p>Products are being restricted to what might sell. No more pin badges are being ordered. Clothing offers are concentrating on 'limited' edition T shirts rather than standard designs.</p> <p>Other products are kept in relatively low quantities and topped up as stock runs out.</p>
<b>4i. Publicity</b>	<p>Roy Masters asked for more help running the Stafford shows due to personal commitments. The committee will take this on board.</p>
<b>4j. BMF/MAG</b>	<p>No report received.</p> <p>Andy listed a number of issues of concern to MAG &amp; the BMF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injunctions against riders – brought in to tackle urban anti-social behaviour problems (eg. illegal use of trail bikes on housing estates) but have the potential to impact all riders</li> <li>• Light segregation, “armadillos and orcas” – obstacles being placed in the road to segregate cyclists and other traffic. MAG has conclusive evidence that these are serious trip hazards</li> <li>• Congestion charging – fighting proposals to levy heavy charges on motorcycles and scooters over a certain age in city centres</li> <li>• Tolls – fighting proposed charges on new river crossings</li> <li>• Motorcycle crime – attacks on riders, theft of scooters and motorcycles and their use in crime (theft, mugging, drug and weapon running)</li> <li>• VNUK ruling – concern over an EU ruling that would require all motor vehicles to have insurance that could bring an end to motorsport. The EU courts decided that all motor vehicles should have insurance (including riding on tractors and vehicles used in sport) but experts say it would not be affordable for those involved in sport at a club level eg. schoolboy motocross.</li> </ul>
<b>4k. Other Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bucks &amp; Berks section regularly has 6 members attending</li> <li>• East Midlands section has 4-5 members</li> <li>• Devon section has 4-6 members</li> </ul>
<b>5. Election of Officers</b>	<p>The existing committee members were re-elected:</p> <p>Mark Bailey – Chairman  Jem Moore – Secretary  Les Madge – Membership  David Marlow – ATG Editor  Tom Farrow – Webmaestro  Chris Webber – Products  Paul Emmerson – Public Relations  Andy Carrott – Affiliation Officer</p> <p>The following were elected as new officers:  Mike Hill – Treasurer</p> <p>The following positions are vacant:  Web Editor</p>

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<b>6. Motions for vote</b>	<p>Motion to change the constitution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Delete the category of Corporate Members (section 2.b)</li><li>2. change signatories for payment to only need one (section 6.b)</li></ol> <p>Proposed by Jem Moore, seconded by Les Madge. Supported by Chris Webber &amp; Mark Bailey.</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>See attachment for revisions.</p> <p>The signed constitution is available from the club secretary and on our website.</p>
<b>7. Any Other Business</b>	<p>The committee plan that the 2018 rally is held in Kent and promoted as an international rally. The intention is to attract as many non-UK Morini owners as possible and offer them the same hospitality as our members have received in The Netherlands, Italy &amp; Germany.</p> <p>There were no objections.</p>

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## Accounts Report for 2015-2016

### Financial Summary

#### MRC Unaudited Figures 2015 /16

Bank @ 01/11/2015	£13,567.88
Cash	£34.61
Total	£13,602.49

Bank @31/10/2016	£15,328.09
Cash	£38.13
Total	£15,366.22

<b>Difference</b>	<b>£1,763.73</b>
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In		Out	
Membership	£7,550.20	Membership	£730.64
Products	£2,055.29	Products	£644.37
Cadwell	£13,499.14	Cadwell	£10,101.81
Other	£502.57 *	ATG	£6,346.16
		Postage	£135.11
		Advertising	£700.80
		Other	£1,898.97
		AGM / Rally	£1,285.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>£23,607.20</b>		<b>£21,843.47</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>£1,763.73</b>		

### Assets

Assets at 31/10/2016; actual figures to be agreed

	Qty	Cost New	Age	Value now
Pole banner and base	3			0
Pole banners w/o bases	2			0
Five Bike' banner	2			0
Pull up banner	4			0
Display boards	2			0
laminated pictures	1			0
collection of ATGs	1			0
Clothes rail	1			0
Morini model range picture	1			0
Apple Mac laptop and software	1	2000	5	0
Club bike	1	0	40	£3,000.00

Products @ purchase price (31/10/2016)	£1,500.00
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Fixed Assets	£4,500.00
Bank Balance	£15,328.09
Cash in hand	£38.13
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£21,366.22</b>

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## Membership Secretary Report for 2017 AGM

As agreed at the 2016 AGM membership fees from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 increase by £2.00 to £26.00

This did create a bit of an administrative nightmare, as 47 members who pay by standing order failed to notify their bank of the change. Some left it so late informing them that no payment to Morini Riders had been received, the original standing order was cancelled and the amended one wouldn't pay until October 2017. A follow up letter or email was sent out to those not paying the additional £2.00. During the next few weeks most had paid the increase thus allowing me to send out their Christmas ATG.

A reminder to others that hadn't renewed in time to receive the Christmas addition of ATG was also sent out, over 100 members had not renewed at this time giving cause for concern. A further note prompting and encouraging lapsed members to renew was sent out in January, thanks to Jem Moore for assistance with this. The last member to finally contribute his £26.00 for the current club year made his payment during May. In June 2016 total membership stood at 372 and to date the total is 360 so we have almost fully recovered.

With the new database constructed by Tom Farrow in place, processing membership has greatly improved; this makes my job considerably easier.

Along with Mark Bailey and Chris Webber we attended a new classic 'bike show held at the East of England Showground, Peterborough. Although only a few weeks after the Stafford Classic 'Bike Show we thought it was worth trying. The venue was excellent, well supported by the public and we all thought the publicity for our club was well worth the effort involved. I have reserved a space for the 2017 event to be held at the end of October and at the same venue. During the past year I have also supported The Bristol Classic 'Bike Show at Shepton Mallet and the Italian Day held in the streets of Bristol. The Devon Section Meetings that I host have proved to be very successful with on one occasion Morinis outnumbering other makes, even the Triumphs and BSAs. An email was sent out to all local members as well as ex members inviting them to attend our regular social gathering. As there is now somewhere to go and meet up with like-minded people, three local based ex members have re-joined. If similar meetings were set up in other areas of the country perhaps we could encourage some ex members as well as new ones to join us. During the next 12 months additional events will be held that include a Green Lane Weekend in Cumbria, see ATG 347, and a camping weekend in the spring that will include a visit to a local brewery. The brewery will give us a guided tour of their premises and they claim to sell the largest selection of bottled beers in England. The date for the Devon based weekend will be announced as soon as we have the Cadwell Park meeting confirmed.

Safe riding,  
Les Madge  
MRC Membership Secretary

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## Revised Constitution



### The Morini Riders Club Constitution

The club shall be called The Morini Riders Club; hereinafter known as "the Club"

#### 1. Aims And Objectives

- a. To promote & support interest in Moto Morini motorcycles
- b. To arrange events for members

#### 2. Membership

- a. Membership shall be open to all individual persons and the minimum age for membership is 16 years.
- b. Members shall be full members or associate members in the following categories:

**Ordinary members** who pay the full subscription. They receive the club magazine & other communications as physical copies.

**Virtual members** They shall apply individually and be full members who do not reside in the United Kingdom and choose to pay a reduced subscription. They access the club magazine online and receive club communications by e-mail.

**Life members** They shall apply individually and be full members who are recognised for their services to the club and do not pay a subscription. They receive the club magazine & other communications as physical copies.

They shall be appointed by a general meeting and be full members

**Honorary members** who are recognised for their services to Moto Morini motorcycles and do not pay a subscription. They receive the club magazine & other communications as physical copies. They shall be appointed by a general meeting and be associate members

**Corporate members** who represent organisations & businesses which support & promote Moto Morini motorcycles and pay the full subscription. They receive the club magazine & other communications as physical copies. They shall be appointed by a committee meeting and be associate members

- c. People who wish to join the club shall be ordinary members unless they reside outside the UK in which case they may choose either virtual or ordinary membership
- d. New applications for membership shall only be accepted:
  - i. on receipt of a signed application form together with the remittance for the required subscription

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- ii. On receipt of an on-line application through the Club website together with an on-line payment for the required subscription by whatever means the club decides to accept from time to time
- e. All members agree to abide by the Constitution of the Club
- f. Only full members shall be entitled to all benefits of Club membership
- g. Membership may be refused or cancelled by the Committee in their discretion without giving a reason

### **3. Organisation and Management**

- a. The Club shall be managed and the Club's activities shall be organised by a committee comprising no fewer than five full members each with a minimum of 12 months full membership
- b. The Committee shall always comprise the following officers: Chairman, Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Officer. The Committee may in addition comprise: Magazine Editor, Website Editor and Products Officer. The Committee may create additional offices as may be necessary from time to time
- c. The offices of Chairman, Club Secretary, Membership Officer & Treasurer must be held by different full members
- d. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club; nominations for Officers of the Committee may be made at the AGM. All Committee officers shall remain in office for one year and shall then retire, but shall be eligible for re-election at a subsequent AGM
- e. The Committee may invite full members to fill any Committee office vacancies which arise during the year; any replacement shall only be effective until the next AGM
- f. The Committee may remove from office any Committee member who is not able to carry out their duties
- g. The registered address for postal mail shall be that of the Club Secretary. The registered address for electronic mail shall be the designated Club e-mail address of the Club Secretary

### **4. Meetings**

- a. The Chairman shall preside at all General and Committee meetings. In the absence of the Chairman or in cases of conflict of interest the members present at any meeting shall elect a chairman to preside at that meeting
- b. The AGM shall be held once every calendar year between March & October. The Committee shall decide the number of General meetings in any year
- c. The quorum for a General meeting shall be enough full members to represent 5% of the total full membership

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- d. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four Committee members who are full members
- e. The Chairman's report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the previous year shall be presented to the Club at the AGM
- f. Reports to General meetings shall be included with the minutes of the previous meeting
- g. Any full member shall be entitled to call for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) by presenting the written support of the greater of 10 full members or 10% of the full membership of the Club to the Club Secretary. The meeting shall be held within 8 weeks of the notice being received
- h. The date of any General Meeting shall be notified to full members by not less than four weeks written notice in the Club publications or by individual letter. Notice shall also be published on the Club's website
- i. Any full member wishing to include any matter for discussion at a General Meeting shall notify the Secretary in writing not less than two weeks prior to the meeting; such notification shall include the names of the proposer and seconder
- j. Minutes shall be taken at General and Committee meetings and these shall be made available on the Club's website and from the Club Secretary on request
- k. Only full members fully paid up are eligible to vote at General and Committee meetings. Business shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast, other than a change to the Constitution which shall require a majority of 75% of the votes cast at an AGM
- l. The Chairman will have a casting vote in cases of equality of voting at any General meeting or Committee meeting
- m. Every full member, who is not a Committee member, shall have the right to attend a Committee meeting on giving 7 days' notice to the Club Secretary
- n. Voting at any meeting shall be by show of hands unless a majority of those present require a vote by ballot in which case the Chairman shall preside over the ballot

## **5. Subscriptions**

- a. Membership runs for twelve months from the 1st November; new members joining after that date shall pay a pro-rata subscription according to the number of months remaining
  - i. New members joining in January to April will be granted membership until the end of October of the current year
  - ii. New members joining in May to December will be granted membership until the end of October of the following year
- b. No refund of subscriptions shall be made to any member resigning from the Club

## **6. Finance**

- a. The Club's financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> November in one year to 31<sup>st</sup> October in the following year

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b. Any payment from the Club's current or deposit accounts must be signed by ~~two~~ **a** Committee members who ~~are~~ **is** authorised by the Committee to sanction payments

c. Authorised signatories for payments must be members of the Committee; at least three members of the Committee shall be authorised signatories for the Club

### **7. Affiliation**

a. From time to time, the Committee may affiliate the Club to other organisations which represent the Club's interests nationally

### **8. General**

- a. Any alteration or addition to the Constitution must be approved by an AGM
- b. all members on joining shall receive a copy of the Club's Constitution
- c. The Constitution shall be available on the Club's website. A printed copy shall be available by application to the Club Secretary
- d. Non-members may attend Club events by invitation from members
- e. Non-members attending Club events may be required to pay a charge at the discretion of the Committee
- f. Children under the age of 16 attending Club events shall do so under the supervision of their parent or guardian and at their own risk
- g. The Committee will ensure that full public liability insurance for the Club and for the Club's activities and events is in force at all times whilst the Club is in existence
- h. The Treasurer shall maintain a current account at a Bank or Building Society at all times for the receipt of all Club income and for the payment of all sanctioned payments. Other current accounts and deposit accounts may be maintained in the discretion of the Committee from time to time as necessary

### **9. Winding Up**

In the event of the Club being wound up, and once all debts have been discharged, any assets shall be divided equally amongst full members of the Club only. Associate members shall have no right to a share of the Club's assets.

Name _____	Date _____	Committee Office _____
.....	.....	Chairman
Signed: .....		
.....	.....	Secretary
Signed: .....		

For approval by the AGM of the Morini Riders Club on: **13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**