

Morini Riders Club – AGM Minutes 2020

Online publication of reports and election of committee May-November 2020

Prolegomena

2020 presented many difficulties to sports & social clubs as the Covid-19 pandemic meant that face-to-face meetings after February were not possible and there was no prospect of a gathering for the AGM. After February the committee switched to online meetings, every month rather than quarterly, to better keep in touch as the situation developed.

The decision was made at committee meetings to hold a 'virtual' AGM online. Reports to be published on the club website and the election of the committee to be held during November with votes cast online.

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Welcome by Chairman	
2. Apologies	
3. Minutes of the previous AGM	The minutes of the 2019 AGM will be formally approved at the 2021 AGM.
4. Committee Reports	See attached
5. AGM Voting	For the whole of November 2020 an online form was available for members to vote remotely. Details of the voting are available from the club secretary
5a. Approval of accounts	2018/2019 accounts were approved by the online vote
5b. Election of Officers	The following were elected by online vote: Chairman Tom Farrow Secretary Jem Moore Treasurer Nick Hancock Membership Mark Bridger ATG Editor David Marlow Webmaestro Tom Farrow Products Chris Webber Web Editor no candidate
5c. Club constitution A change was proposed to the club's aims & objectives to make it not-for-profit (a full copy of the constitution is available on the club website or from the club secretary)	1. Aims And Objectives a. <u>The club is a not-for profit organisation; assets and any financial surplus are used for the benefit of members within the aims of the club</u> b. To promote & support interest in Moto Morini motorcycles c. To arrange events for members This change was approved by the online vote

Signed: Date:
 Position Name Signature
 Secretary Jem Moore

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E-mail from Tom Farrow, Chairman MRC

Morini Riders Club AGM and Rally 2020 - Postponement

Given the current situation regarding coronavirus and the country in lockdown, you will not be surprised to hear that the AGM, originally planned for mid-May must be delayed. The annual rally, due to take place over the same weekend has been cancelled and might not take place at all this year.

The AGM, however, cannot be put off forever and constitutionally we must make efforts to hold an AGM, in one way or another by the end of October. The club's committee is proposing the following as a way forward for this year.

- In May (the original date planned for the AGM) committee reports shall be available to members by publishing them on our website.
- An interim committee for 2020-21 shall be appointed by the outgoing committee comprising officers prepared to continue in their role and replacements for those officers who are standing down.
- The interim committee shall look to holding a face-to-face AGM in the Autumn.
- If a face-to-face AGM is not possible by the middle of September then a distance ballot shall be held to ratify the appointment of the interim committee or to elect new officers. The exact format of this ballot has not yet been defined.

Every member is entitled to question or challenge these arrangements and should contact the chairman or secretary in the first place.

The MRC Committee

Please bear in mind during these difficult times that the club is an entirely volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation. The Committee are continuously monitoring the Government guidelines. Our aim is to mitigate the risks to our members' and the wider public's health whilst also looking to minimise the financial burden on the club that this year will bring.

We will be keeping you updated predominantly on the website www.morini-riders-club.com but should you need to contact us please do not hesitate to. Our contact details can be found in the back of ATG, or alternatively you can email us at:

chairman@morini-riders-club.com, secretary@morini-riders-club.com, membership@morini-riders-club.com,
editor@morini-riders-club.com

Wishing that you all stay safe and healthy, and are able to use the time at home to finish those projects lurking in the garage. See you when we're through this.

Morini Riders Club- Keeping Morinis off* the road

*Briefly, normal service will hopefully resume soon

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Chairman's Report

The club's year got off to a very good start with the rally/AGM at Lower Lode in Tewkesbury. The venue was very welcoming and the event was well attended, with a number of new faces and bikes

– one of the benefits of changing the rally's location around the country each year. There were many positive comments about the rally afterwards, and we took the decision to hold the 2020 rally at the same location rather than holding it together with the Cadwell track day.

The track day itself was another successful event, with Mike Condliffe taking over Paul Emmerson's flawless organisation and introducing an on-line booking system, which went very smoothly for its first occasion, and the club's relationship with Cadwell's owners, MSV, continues to be constructive. For such a small club as the MRC to be able to run such a successful and enjoyable track day, for a wide variety of bikes old and new, I remain proud and grateful.

The club is of course a non-profit-making organisation, and we are aware of the importance of the track day's revenue allowing us to keep other club activities at their high standard, particularly ATG and our attendance at shows throughout the year. Let's hope that health & safety legislation and insurance issues don't stop the track day from happening for many years.

Butch and Julia have done a great job in co-ordinating the shows around the UK and we've also had much help from Les Madge, Jem Moore, Alan Pike, Dave Mason and others in organising the club's stands around the country.

And then it all went wrong. In March, we had booked the Lower Lode for the rally, the trackday was sold out, and a number of other events had been planned. With the advent of the Covid virus, the committee started making contingency plans but it was soon clear that we would have to postpone all the club's activities indefinitely as the country was put in lock-down. We can only wait and see how the situation develops.

And this is how my chairmanship ends, not with a bang but a whimper. I'm standing down after five years as chairman because of family and other commitments, and I'll remember this time with pride and gratitude for the help of all the people – committee members and other volunteers, who've given so much time and effort to make the club the organisation that it is, punching well above its weight.

So, my thanks to everyone, and best wishes to Tom Farrow who's going to sit in the chair. I hope to see many of you again next year.

Mark Bailey, May 2020

Secretary's Report

None received

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Treasurer's Report

Unaudited		Money	Products	Stafford	Membership
Bank @ 01/11/2018	£18,918.54				
Cash	£351.51		£56.01	£41.80	£253.70
Total	£19,270.05				
Bank @31/10/2019	£18,468.88				
Cash	?		?	£41.80	£0.00
Total	£18,468.88				

In		Out	
Membership	£10,032.30	Membership	£585.92
Products	£1,517.29	Products	£1,776.49
Cadwell	£13,450.00	Cadwell	£10,461.34
Dart Tanks	£0.00	Dart Tanks	£17.49
P+P	£209.44	Postage	£364.89
Advertising	£0.00	Advertising	£643.20
		ATG	£7,527.00
		AGM / Rally	£935.34
		Web	£145.31
		eCommerce	£642.10
		Affiliations	£916.00
		Club Bike	£0.00
		Other	£1,693.61
	£25,209.03		£25,708.69
Total	-£499.66		

Note:

I use a simple method of booking money as paid or received.

I do not pull forward money into future financial years etc. The new Treasurer may want to look into this. Other in outgoing included £1260.00 audit costs for three years audits.

Financial year end is 31st October, but a lot of subscriptions arrive in October.

Cash in hand is unknown. Anybody holding club money must account for it at year end Products – values given at cost basis.

Assets – known to me. As per cash, anybody holding club equipment please let the committee know. 75% of Membership money goes into the club magazine.

The club had the Dart tanks made. In my opinion care must be taken if the club decides to make any further products.

1. Financial – to ensure the club at a minimum breaks even.
2. Have an eye to product liability etc

Advertising. The club receives money for insurance policies sold by Footman James. The club does not charge advertisers in ATG. This is a source of income that would assist the club.

I do not recommend a subscription increase for 2020/21 year.

The club made an unaudited loss of £500 last year. The club has sufficient reserves. Looking at the above the areas that could assist are advertising and products.

The committee should seek ways of balancing the books that does not include increasing the subscriptions.

Mike Hill, resigning Treasurer.

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Assets

	Qty	Cost New	Age	Value now
Pole banner and base	3			
Pole banners w/o bases	2			
Five Bike' banner	2			
Pull up banner	4			
Display boards	2			
laminated pictures	1			
collection of ATGs	1			
Clothes rail	1			
Morini model range picture	1			
Apple Mac laptop and software	1	£2000	5	
Club bike	1	£0	40	£3,000.00
Pullup Banners	2	£240	02/01/00	£80.00
Dart Tank Jigs	1	£50	2	£0.00
Gazebo	1	£75	1	£50.00
Products @ cost price (31/10/2019)				£2,874.23
Fixed Assets				£6,004.23
Bank Balance				£18,468.88
Cash in hand			Not complete	£41.80
Total Assets				£27,439.14

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Membership Report

Despite 'Lockdown' re-joining and new memberships continue to be processed, it's always worth noting when fees are reduced there is a spike in applications.

As previously agreed ATGs are not sent out with applications.

During this difficult period I have and continue to send out regular emails to my Devon Section Members.

Transfer of the membership post to Mark Bridger I expect to take place at the end of May. During the intervening period I will be addressing any issues Mark Bridger may have. A copy of the MRC Database has been sent to Mark.

Membership Numbers 12/05/2020

UK 377

EU 15

RoW 11

Virtual 10

Paying Members 392

Leslie Madge, resigning Membership Secretary

E-mail from Mark Bridger, appointed Membership Secretary, 13th August 2020

As renewals are now due, the membership total is probably a high water mark.

We have 436 members (one of which is the library) - of these 12 are free.

So we have 424 paying members.

There are 13 virtual members.

16 new or renewed membership since 1st June.

Mark

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Editor's Report

ATG continues. We had a few setbacks due to Coronavirus which delayed the last issue being printed and distributed but made the decision to remain with our current printer as we have a very good relationship with them, and those difficulties have now been resolved by DPS.

ATG costs remain the main outgoing of the club and you will see elsewhere that there are financial considerations to be resolved. Our previous discussions on this over many years have identified that as ATG is the main if not only communication that the club has with the vast majority of members then we should not be reducing either the regularity, size or print quality of the magazine in order to cut costs or trim the budget. This will obviously be discussed regularly so that we are always up to date on the options.

There are also frequent requests that ATG be put online so that new (or existing) members can catch up with older issues. We have always been cautious about this as ATG is the intellectual property of the club and our fear is that if old copies are freely available on line by unscrupulous single year member posting all of them on Facebook just to get 'Likes' for example then people will cancel membership and rely on the ability to find them for free. This would have a disastrous effect on membership and likely cripple the club financially.

A similar request is also frequently heard asking if we could digitize all the old issues so that people could run a search to find information. If anyone wants to take this on please step forward, I do not have time to do that at the same time as writing it and so even though the club has a desire to do this it is not likely to happen any time soon.

Content wise I am always worried that I will not have enough, and will need to invent more nonsense or run old photos in ever greater enlargements at lower DPIs, but I seem to be getting away with it. This year I will suffer as there will be no big Cadwell photo issue, or AGM photo issue, but something will happen. The Christmas issue may be a special or may not, I've no fixed plans at the moment as I am seeking inspiration. The Club iMac is getting a bit creaky as it is 8 years old and unable to run the latest software updates but should be ok for a while, it is almost full though so we may need to look at a solution for storing several hundred Gb of photos.

ATG continues to get occasional very positive comments from members and the press, never a meh reaction so that's nice.

I'm happy to stand again. Cheers

David Marlow

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Products Report to May 2020

Web based sales for the first half of the Clubs' 2019–20 financial year are at £632 compared to just over £720 for the whole of the 2018-19 year. Sales at the Shepton show were in excess of £150, together with six new or re-joining membership payments. Thanks must go to Butch Almond and Julia in addition to the usual crew for an outstanding performance at Shepton; the coffee pot, tea and display added a welcoming sense of cheer to the well laid out bikes.

After this excellent start, the impact of the Coronavirus on the remainder of the year will undoubtedly have a negative impact on sales with shows and events either postponed or cancelled. Restocking existing products is therefore put on hold to ensure that we do not incur any unnecessary expenditure, which would expose the Club and its' membership to financial risk. We will refer any such proposals to the full committee for pre-authorisation. At the start of the year, stock value was in excess of £3,000 - $\frac{2}{3}$ rds held in the web shop and the remainder with shows; total stock asset value is now £2,369.55 with $\frac{1}{5}$ th of this held as show stock by Butch Almond and Julia. The sales and current asset values reflect income and purchases of stock between reporting periods – the Sport T-shirt, purchased ahead of the autumn Stafford Show, did not therefore feature in the last full financial analysis. The figure also includes a number of Morini and 3½ full-sized tank and side panel badges not previously accounted for due to an unknown provenance. We have given an estimated written down value of £6 each; guidance on a reasonable sale price would be appreciated!

Total cash held in floats is £98.04, resulting in the Club holding £2,467.59 of assets in merchandise and cash (Appendix 2).

With no claim intended at this time for postage and miscellaneous expenses (currently

£19.57; a claim will be made at the end of the Financial Year).

Chris & Diane Webber, May 12th 2020

MRC Product Sales - Web based 2019 - 2020 FY					
4.98	Packing costs, The Range				
32020	14	3.35	1.72	26/02/2020	Parts cat, 3.5 badge
32023	13.35	4.55	3.45	09/03/2020	Buff, red keyring, 3 stickers
32030	22.5	3.35	1.83	25/03/2020	Catalogue, 4 panel pins
32033	12.5	3.35	0.88	30/03/2020	4 side panel pins
32035	14	3.35	2.14	13/04/2020	Sport T, red M, calendar
32038	7	3.35	1.15	15/04/2020	2 side panel pins
32039	18	3.35	1.83	16/04/2020	3 badges, buff, cal
32040	9.5	3.35	1.64	18/04/2020	Red Sport T Medium
32041	20.5	3.35	3.1	28/04/2020	Red Sp T, 5-bike T, both L
32043	10	3.35	1.83	30/04/2020	Parts catalogue
Totals	632.8	151.75	122.08		Note; £721 total sales for 2018/
Sales summary					
		1st quarter		491	
		2nd quarter		141	
		3rd quarter			
		4th quarter			
		Total		632	

Total sales - £632;

Total Postage collected £151.75;

Total postage costs £122.08

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MRC Products Stock List 2019-20 FY Mid Year

Item	Size						No Joint total	Stock value	Total value	Comments
	Small	Med	Large	XLarge	XXL	Web + Stafford				
White 5 bike T	1+1	2+1	0+1	1+1	1+1	5+5	10	£7.20	£72.00	
Red 5-bike T	0+1	1+1	0	1+1	2	4+3	7	£7.20	£50.40	
Grey 5-bike T	1+1	0	3+1	0	0	4+2	6	£7.20	£43.20	
Blue 5-bike-T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	£7.20	£0.00	
Red Polo	1+2	1+1	1+1	1+1	0	4+5	9	£10.20	£91.80	
Black Polo	3+1	3+1	4+1	2+1	3	15+4	19	£10.20	£193.80	
Red Sweatshirt	3+1	3+1	4+1	5+1	1	16+4	20	£11.40	£228.00	
Black Sweatshirt	4+2	4+1	2+1	4+1	1+1	15+6	21	£11.40	£239.40	
3.5 Polo			1	1		2	2	£6.00	£12.00	Proposed new?
Sport T White	0+1	2+1	1+1	1+1	0	4+3	7	£6.60	£46.20	
Sport T Red	1+1	0+1	0+1	1+2	2	4+5	9	£6.60	£59.40	
Misc T-shirts						3	3	£7.00	£21.00	Cadwell T
Neck muffs (Rally)						0+7	7	£2.20	£15.40	
Rubber side panel pins						110+16	136	£1.50	£204.00	
ATG binders						15+7	22	£3.60	£79.20	
Dart prints						5	5	£20.00	£100.00	
Side panel badges 3 1/2						7	7	£6.00	£42.00	? Estimated
Tank badges Morini						5	5	£6.00	£30.00	? Estimated
Brake bleed nipples						0+4	4	£3.50	£14.00	
5-bike Mug						0				
Rally Mug						0	0	£8.50	£0.00	
MRC sticker						10+21	31	£0.55	£17.05	
Key Rings - Black						35+9	44	£5.40		
Key Rings - Red						34+6	40	£5.40	£453.60	
Calender 2020						2+2	4	£5.00	£20.00	
Memory stick						0+1	1	£6.00	£6.00	
Lapel badges - MRC current logo						71+12	83	£1.70	£141.10	
Lapel badges - 500 white						0+2	2	£1.00	£2.00	
Lapel badges - 500 black						0+6	6	£1.00	£6.00	
Lapel badges - Morini black						17+9	26	£1.00	£26.00	
Lapel badges - 3½ black						20+17	37	£1.00	£37.00	
Lapel badges - Old MRC Logo						9		£1.50	£13.50	
Lapel badges - MRC 30 years						53+2	55	£0.50	£27.50	
Lapel badges - other						0+3	3	£1.00	£3.00	
Mick Walker book						0		£16.95		
Parts catalogue						6+4	10	£7.50	£75.00	
Total									£2,369.55	All stock
Float Split										Web sale stock
Stafford 41.8 Products 56.24						98.04			£98.04	Stafford stock
									£2,467.59	Total asset value

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Webmaestro's report May 2020

The website continues to be an important shop front for the club, particularly in these unprecedented times. I don't know if the increased web traffic and garage projects during lockdown will convert into new members and renewed enthusiasm from dormant members, but I am hopeful.

Website costs are:

- £115 per year for the website hosting, Members area security, Club email accounts, and committee ftp fileshare
- £15 per year (paid every 5) for domain registration
- £60 per year for the forum
- Online shop costs 2.2% + 20p transaction fee plus around £15 per month

Aside from a £30 increase in forum hosting costs due to our capacity limit, our website costs have increased by less than £10 over the last 5 years and I feel still represent value for the club for our needs and the service we receive.

We have seen a continued use of the online shop during the lockdown, and thanks must go to Les and Chris for continuing to support the processing of membership and products orders during these times. Year-To-Date online sales are down on last year, due to no Cadwell purchases going through the shop, and due to the majority of membership renewals happening before the December cut-off (thank you). Online product or new membership sales continue at a rate of around 10 per month, which is good for this time of year.

Online membership renewals and trackday registrations again worked well this year and I think are an established and reliable method for us now.

Forum traffic has been high and it has proved to be a useful resource, possibly as more people dive into lockdown restorations. We are regularly seeing in excess of 100 users online at the moment, which is significantly up on the average. Recently the forum was down for around half a day due to us exceeding our storage quota, and I had several emails letting me know, and a thread on the Morini facebook page, so it is good to know that the forum is valued enough for people to panic when it goes down. The club has increased the forum's size limit, which has resulted in an increase in our hosting fee, but still represents good value for what is perhaps our most publicly accessible resource and also a good marketing tool for the club.

The website itself is now due a refresh- both in terms of updating the architecture and also in providing new content. For now I am keeping it maintained and up to date with latest ATG, events and information regarding the impact of Covid-19 on club activities. As we move to update the website over the next 12 months or so, we would appreciate any suggestions, offers of help or content submissions.

As I will be taking over the Chairman's role in the coming months, I will be looking to hand web responsibilities over to somebody else in the near-term. I have already had one kind offer to take on the role when the time comes but, as always, if anybody wishes to stand for the webmaestro position, please get in touch so we can vote on the succession properly.

Tom Farrow, MRC Webmaestro



MORINI
RIDERS CLUB



2020 On line AGM special pull out supplement



MORINI RIDERS CLUB- AGM under lockdown

400 members get to have their say. What could possibly go wrong?!?!?

2020 has understandably been a bit of a washout year, and the AGM being amongst the events which we have not been able to hold. Our club constitution states that we will hold an AGM every year, and even in these unprecedented circumstances the Committee feel it important to give the club membership the opportunity to hear what the club is involved in, how our finances sit and more importantly elect (or kick out!) the committee!

As communicated back in May, the Committee appointed interim successors for standing down Chairman (Tom Farrow taking over from Mark Bailey), Membership Secretary (Mark Bridger taking over from Les Madge) and Treasurer (Nick Hancock taking over from Mike Hill) until we were able to hold a formal AGM and ratify new appointments.

Additionally, the Committee have proposed a change to the Club Constitution (which needs to be voted at AGM). For many years the treasurer has been questioning the possible tax liability should we make a surplus of cash from subscriptions, trackday etc than we spend on ATG and running the club. A change to the club constitution to designate the club a 'not-for-profit'- organisation should absolve this liability.

Unfortunately, we still cannot hold a face-to-face AGM so we will be implementing an on-line Ballot to allow you to vote on the club constitution change and the 2020/2021 committee positions (or stand forward if you wish to take on a role).

We will be using an online system similar to the Cadwell Trackday registration process which many of you are already familiar with. This is new territory for us and regulars at previous AGMs might miss the banter and impassioned debates that have arisen. However it is the best we can do in the circumstances and a big plus is that an online vote gives over 400 members the chance to have their say – more than 10 times the number who usually attend AGMs.

With the exception of the Webmaestro position, all current committee members are happy to continue to hold their current posts for another year. Whilst I apologise that we cannot hold a face-to-face AGM, I hope that the system we have put in place will be accessible to all and easy to engage with us.

Here is how it will work:

Right now you can see the AGM reports from all committee members, the proposed constitution changes and the items to be voted on at the below link (you will need your current members area username and password to access the page): Here also is a QR code that will take you there but you will still need your username and password.

<http://www.morini-riders-club.com/members/AGM2020.html>



- ☐ If you have any questions, or wish to stand for a committee position you should let the Secretary and Chairman know before 31st October.
- ☐ If you need reminding of your members area username or password please contact the membership secretary.
- ☐ Voting will open on the 1st November and run through to 30th November.
- ☐ You will only be able to vote once.
- ☐ After voting closes, the results will be available to view on the same page from early December.

Tom Farrow, MRC Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TOM FARROW

Firstly whilst I have been sitting in the Chair for some months now, I must thank Mark, as outgoing chairman for his work and dedication to the club over the past years. Similarly, to Les and Mike for your tireless efforts in keeping the club membership up to date and finances squeaky clean, I thank you.

As communicated back in May, the Committee appointed interim successors for Mark, Les and Mike until we were able to hold a formal AGM and ratify new appointments. I hope you will join me in thanking the rest of the committee, both old and new for their hard work in keeping the club running during what has been a challenging year. The committee has been meeting online monthly throughout the coronavirus pandemic to discuss best plans for the club and our members, and whilst we have had to make some difficult decisions with regards trackday and club events, the club goes into 2021 in a strong position and with a renewed enthusiasm for Morini-ing when we are able to do so amongst many of our members.

Despite the challenges this year has presented, we have continued to deliver ATG, and support members with advice and information and a small number of local section meetings where permitted. Financially, we have not had the cash injection Cadwell normally provides us, however due to also not having expenditure to attend shows and host the rally etc, we have not had to eat too much into our (fairly healthy) reserves. Membership subs for 2020/2021 will be frozen for UK and Virtual members but will increase by a small amount for Overseas members (£2 EU and £4 Rest of World) due to significantly increased postage costs abroad. We still make a loss on overseas postage, but feel that the small increase is a fair compromise for our valued worldwide members.

Looking ahead to 2021 and whilst we can't predict how the pandemic will continue to play out, at this stage we are certainly planning for a full year of events if we are allowed to do so, starting at the Shepton Mallet show in February and certainly including Cadwell unless we are told we cannot.

Thank you all for your support during this difficult year, and I look forward to welcoming you back as renewed members in a couple of months' time.

Tom

TREASURER'S REPORT

NICK HANCOCK

Firstly I would like to thank Mike Hill for the sterling work he has put into the MRC Treasurer's role over the past three years and I shall endeavour to maintain his high standards. As last year's financial report was published in the member's area of the website and we are not yet at the end of this financial year for the club, I shall take this opportunity to update you on my progress as opposed to boring you all with figures.

I have officially taken over the club Treasurer's role as far as Santander are concerned and I now have full access to the club account, which if any of you have performed similar roles will understand what a headache this process can be. Many thanks to Jem Moore for organising this.

Having gained access to the accounts, my first goal was to acquaint myself with how the club is run financially and I'm pleased to say that it's a fairly tight ship however, we do rely on the annual track day to supplement income for the club.

I have also taken steps to introduce both an expenses policy and a budget for 2020/2021 based on previous years finances, with a view to keeping the club 'on the road'.

High level figures for the financial year:2018-19

In:	£25,209.03
Out:	£25,708.69
Difference:	-£499.96

Nick



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MARK BRIDGER

I must start as is customary by thanking my predecessor Les Madge, who having done the job for 5 years has done more than many to keep the club running. I was able to shadow Les who kept everything in good order for a few months which meant that the transition in June was pretty easy.

The Corona virus lockdown has I suspect brought some Morinis out of long time slumbers and rekindled interest from former members. We have seen quite a surge in members; both returning and new since the spring. With the absence of shows and meetings all but one new member has signed up on line. I aim to get members access to the on line resources within 24 hours (weekdays) and so far all new members have received the latest ATG.

Membership status as of 1st September 2020 (Aug 2019 in brackets)

We have **436** (427) members of these 12 are free/life members

So we have **424** (412) paying members.

There are **13**(17) virtual members.

There have been 16 new or renewed membership since 1st June, with a broad spectrum of interest from 1950s 175 singles, 250 twins, 350s, 501 camels right through to Scramblers and Corsaros, perhaps next year will see new Members with Milanos, Super scramblers, X-capes and Seimezzos?

Renewals are now due for memberships expiring in October 2020.

Renewal Rates in UK sterling.

UK 26.00 unchanged

Europe(inc Ireland) 32.00 increase by 2.00

Rest of World 38.00 increase by 4.00

Mark Bridger

MRC Membership Secretary

0753 125 1459 (Before 10pm. Please)

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EDITOR'S REPORT

DAVID MARLOW

Many thanks to all those of you who have sent me contributions over the past year, as you know I am supposed to be ATG's editor and not the writer so the contributions are vital to give ATG a spread of opinions and views to reflect the whole club and not just my alternative world view.

Even though we have been locked down for much of the year I have managed to meet members face to face at various events and it is good to know that the views on ATG are as overwhelmingly positive as they are online, although I did finally hear a story of someone who some time ago had cancelled their membership because of ATG, the final straw apparently being because I included an article about coffee in a motorcycle club magazine. That in itself was interesting because it was also one of the few articles I have written that I have had specific feedback on to say how much the correspondent enjoyed it.

The answer to all this is as ever, if you send me content, I don't have to make rubbish up. It doesn't have to be Pulitzer quality because I can edit it and may well give it a different slant just to make it stand out so the contributor gets more kudos, but at least its not me again.

Thanks also to the small group of permanent contributors who give me stuff every issue that lets me keep a structure, if anyone else fancies a permanent column let me know. I am always struggling to get content on singles as you have seen.

I do know that the sort of ramblings that used to appear in MCS under various bylines enthusing over MZs and Honda automatics are much missed by myself and others, although my favourite read was always the Duct Tapes in Cycle Magazine. Remember this, having a small task with a regular deadline is a very positive thing for mental health.

To summarise, ATG will continue as before, no changes are planned to the format, please send me stuff I can use, I promise to avoid ATG looking like other commercial newsletter productions, and I am honoured to be allowed to continue as Editor in the tradition of the MRC.

David

PRODUCTS REPORT

CHRIS WEBBER

Web sales for the first nine months of the Clubs' financial year 2019–20 are £829 compared to just over £720 in the whole 2018-19 year. At the start of September, this figure is at £890. Many shows and events are cancelled; the rise in on-line sales compensates for this, but has significantly reduced opportunities for promoting the Club.

At the start of the year, stock value was in excess of £3,000, but has now reduced to a more manageable £2,000. We have banked further cash as there is little point in holding a large float when we are not attending shows.

Restocking existing products is therefore principally focused on 'core products'; Club stickers for distribution to new Members joining being the sole example so far. Other products will be supplied by using a 'print on demand' service; the first items of which are the 5-Bike T shirt and a new design of MRC-branded mug, available on the Clubs' product pages. This approach reduces risk and costs involved in holding unsold stock.

Financial Summary;

Total sales - £893; Total Postage collected £216; Total postage costs £169

Chris & Diane Webber. October 12th 2020



WEBMAESTRO REPORT

TOM FARROW

We have seen a continued use of the website, Forum and online shop during the lockdown, and thanks must go to Mark and Chris for continuing to support the processing of membership and products orders during these times. We will be adding print-on-demand capability to supplement our products range and to minimise stock holding and risk on some lines going forward.

Annual website costs remain similar to the previous 5 years and represent good value for the club:

£115 for hosting, Members and committee area security & email.

£15 for domain registration

£60 for the forum

Online shop costs 2.2% + 20p transaction fee plus around £15 per month 'Virtual AGM' voting will be handled in a similar way to the online Cadwell registration, which is fairly tried and tested now so I hope it works smoothly for you... Please get in touch with me if you have any issues.

The website is now due a refresh- both in terms of updating the architecture and content. I will be looking to hand website responsibilities over to somebody else in the near-term. I am happy to hand over as of this AGM or continue until the next AGM if nobody volunteers this time around.

If you wish to stand for the webmaestro position, please contact me for more information or get in touch with the secretary ASAP so we can ensure your name is put forward in time for online voting during October



SECTION UPDATES

BBO

Regular section meetings with typically 6 to 8 members.- Pie night at The Berkshire Arms. - Several rides and meet ups at other places, events and cafes.- One or more visits to other MRC sections.- Overseas trip to Antwerp (for Morini book launch).- Some "Zooming" (Until the place where we meet reopened). Cheers Gary

CORSARO SECTION

The Corsaro section south, five years on, is always well attended. In the winter months we still have up to half a dozen people with their bikes, spring and summer up to fifteen and sometimes more if warm and sunny. Most of those are club members, with their friends coming along too. The more the merrier in my book! This year, however, has been a challenge with covid 19 going on, making it impossible for any meetings between March and August.

The meetings have created a fantastic opportunity to catch up with each others biking news and news in general and have a fun social occasion. The pub with no name is still serving us well with their real ales, good food and olde world character. Although I am now an ex member, riding a Buell XB12, I will still be attending on most occasions just to keep an eye on Nick!! I know he will do a grand job! Floyd

WARWICKSHIRE

During 2019 I joined our Chairman Tom on several evening rides during the summer to a new pub near Stratford which has some interesting cars and bikes turn up on a nightly basis, and this has become the venue for the newly appointed Warwickshire Section Meet held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Dad joined me in the 50 mile run from Leicester taking in the Fosse Way, with September's meet falling on a unseasonably hot afternoon meaning a storming run with me on the Corsaro and Dad on his Dart (next year we will be turning up on a pair of Darts for sure). A chat with some new faces (Edward on a very nice 3 1/2 lives only a few miles up the road), MRC Chairmen past and present arrived to join us and a look around the car park at the arriving treasures meant a great evening. Caffeine and Machine is a cross between a pub and a living Motor Museum, with some nice pieces inside the building and plenty to look at outside depending on what turns up.

A Warwickshire Section WhatsApp group has expanded the chatter around these meets and so far we have seen 6+ Morini's and plenty of new faces. With great food also on offer here and some inside space we are hoping to keep going through the winter and then roll on 2021! Chris Skinner

LONDON

In early August the section started with a WhatsApp group and plans quickly formed for a meet at the Ace Café on Saturday the 29th of August. I couldn't make that one, a wedding to take, but photographic evidence shows that at least 7 Morinis, Dart, Corsaro, Stradas and Sports made it. Our second meet was at Ryka's in Surrey on Saturday the 26th of September, a smaller gathering, in the end 3 Morinis made it, and two additional members arrived on other bikes from their stables. Plenty of information shared so far and great conversation, a wonderful way to spend a few hours. In the new year I hope to plan a meet at Brooklands Museum that might attract members from further afield too!

Revd Dr Mike Branscombe

GREEN LANE SECTION

See main article in ATG

DEVON

During the last few months of these difficult times, as you would expect, no meetings at Buckfastleigh Railway Station have taken place. As lockdown eased, I suggested that we meet at The Steamer Quay Totnes for a coffee and a chat. One Morini and the rest of us on a mix of other brands were in attendance. (Giles Bowerman's story about the lonely Strada is elsewhere in this issue). In early August in conjunction with a recently formed closed Facebook Group, several MRC Members attended a camping weekend in North Devon. The campsite owners gave us exclusive use of their site, and this is normally peak holiday season. On the Saturday Mike Hill on his 1200 Scrambler led a ride around the Exmoor Countryside including visits to Lynmouth, Blue Anchor Bay and the notorious section of road out of Porlock, listed as one of the five steepest hills in the country.

August Bank Holiday Weekend we met at The Otter Valley Cafe near Honiton for a morning coffee. Another well attended club meeting, this time 6 Morinis were present plus several other club members on other manufacturers motorcycles. If ever you are heading west along the A30, call in to this cafe for what several have described as some of the best ice cream they've ever tasted.

Our next event will be another camping weekend, this time in Cornwall. We are using Blue Hills Touring Park near St. Agnes. The campsite is only a short distance from one of the most famous sections used on The Land's End Trial. This time we have an exclusive area for our members, so again no issues with social distancing. Les Madge



The Morini Riders Club Constitution

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

1. Aims And Objectives

- a. The club is a not-for profit organisation; assets and any financial surplus are used for the benefit of members within the aims of the club
- b. To promote & support interest in Moto Morini motorcycles
- c. 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
- 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
 - 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



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- 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
- 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



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- 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 1st November in one year to 31st October in the following year
- b. Any payment from the Club's current or deposit accounts must be signed by a Committee member who 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



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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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee Office</u>
Tom Farrow	02/12/2020.....	Chairman
Signed: <i>Tom Farrow</i>		
Jem Moore.....	8 Jan 2021	Secretary
Signed: <i>Jem Moore</i>		

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