

Morini Riders Club – AGM Minutes 2022

Manifold Inn, Hulme End, Hartington SK17 0EX
Saturday 3rd September 2022

46 members attended.

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Welcome by Chairman	Tom welcomed us to the AGM. Thanks were expressed to Simon Panchieri, Ben Wylie and Sam West from Motohub, Doug from Mdina Italia
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Judy Dommett-Knight, Steve Brown, Les Madge, Jem Moore, James Bowen, Les Skinner, Arthur Farrow, Benjy Straw, Hugo Wilson
3. Minutes of the previous AGM	The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted
4. Committee Reports	
4a. Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All is good. Whatsapp is helpful, Track day was successful (a beer for Mike Condliffe). Motohub were very good at Cadwell this year.33 dating certificates have been issued including Irish and Dutch. There are some 650 owners in the club. Club Strada has been reworked with new ignition and barrels/pistons. Calendar 2023 underway. <i>See Appendix A for attached report</i>
4b. Secretary	No report
4c. Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For 20-21 £31k in accounts. £4.2k surplus. Main costs are £9k for ATG. A budget was set.The motion to accept the accounts for 2020-2021 was passed unanimously <i>See Appendix A for attached report</i>
4d. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Membership. 476 UK members from 1/8/22. Large number of members without a local section in postcodes for Norwich, Peterborough, Cambridge <i>See Appendix A for attached report</i>
4e. ATG Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ATG continues, no cost rises seen yet from printers, so waiting for this as likely to happen <i>See Appendix A for attached report</i>
4f. Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mike Branscombe stands down due to pressure of work
4g. Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last year Approx £1300 sales. Print on demand is working well, Side panel pin rubbers to be restocked when suitable supplier confirmed.Calendars to go on sale as pre-order in time for membership renewal <i>See Appendix A for attached report</i>
4h. BMF/MAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Subjects of concern include motorcycle theft, M/C are 1% of traffic but 25% of crime, autonomous vehicles, Bus lanes, IC engine bansIt was proposed that the MRC continues its affiliation to MAG, BMF & NABD. This was passed nem con
4i. Section Reports	<i>See Appendix B for attached reports</i>

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5. Election of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed that all other committee officers are re-elected with a single vote. This was passed Tom Farrow – Chairman Jem Moore – Secretary Nick Hancock – Treasurer Mark Bridger – Membership David Marlow – ATG Editor Chris & Diane Webber – Products Andy Carrott – Affiliation Officer Julian Harty- Web Editor Committee to identify and confirm new Web Maestro when identified New post of social secretary identified to work with new and existing sections and maintain any international links with other Clubs. Unanimous agreement for committee to appoint these posts in year if a candidate is found
6 Trackday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event was full at 120 entries; margin for break-even is 108-112. We are currently awaiting dates for 2023. Scrutineering was successfully dropped this year following advice about club liability for litigation
7 Section Reports	<p>Marches 3 or 4 regular members</p> <p>NZ section</p> <p>Warwickshire section 5+ regular members</p> <p>BBO section 10 regular members</p> <p>Devon 6 regular members</p> <p>Corsaro section Average 8 members at meetings</p> <p>Green Lane section Stand run at Dirt bike show and additional stand at next Stafford as well as normal Club stand. Also attendance at the Adventure Bike Riders Show</p> <p>Cruiser section Many Cheers for this. Still only 1 members admits to being a member, but visible and has a number of event points</p> <p>Midlands section 3 regular attenders</p> <p>London</p> <p>South East Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
6. Any Other Business	
6a. International Rally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman emphasized the club's desire to run another international Rally in 2024, This will require volunteers stepping forward to take the task on in the near future due to the time required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> set the rally up book a suitable venue and particularly advertise the rally to the continental clubs <p>Bear in mind that 2023-24 is likely the subject of 50 years of the 350 celebrations.</p> <p>No volunteers have so far come forward</p>

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6b. Club Bike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club bike has been subject to top end rebuild and much fettling at Straw Auto Moto Electrico following realization that it was very tired and low on power. <p>It now has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new ignition system from Alex Luzzi in order to do some testing on these as a direct replacement a pair of low mileage Gilardoni barrels and pistons and had a deal of tidying and other fettling including a replacement exhaust heat shield, properly fettled front brake, and a pair of refurbished marzocchi rear shocks. <p>The intention being to make it as close as possible to a properly set up Strada as it would have been in period, rather than a bike with 40 years of improvement (big bore pistons, cartridge forks, hotter cam etc)</p>

Signed: Date:
Position Name Signature
Secretary Jem Moore
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Appendix A: Committee Reports

Chairman

Welcome to the Morini Riders Club 2022 AGM. As you will hear in the other reports, the club is still performing strongly both financially, socially and in membership numbers, and as life has returned to normal we have been able to attend more of our regular events as well as establish some new ones. Use of WhatsApp for communicating within sections continues to be a popular enabler for ad-hoc meetings too. It was great to see the paddock spectators back at Cadwell this year, and special thanks to Mike and David for their relentless efforts in organising the day, and to the Moto Hub team for taking the time out from their working day to support our trackday by bringing an excellent selection of Morini and showing us how they should be ridden.

Interest in Morinis both new and old continues to grow and it's been great to see some new faces and bikes in the club recently. Over the last 18 months or so the club has issued 33 dating certificates spanning almost the entire range of air-cooled Morini from as early as 1948 to 1987. Thanks to Arthur for his knowledge and approach as Machine Registrar, which has kept the DVLA happy and put dozens of classic Morini back on UK roads. At the other end of the spectrum, the new 650s are in the country and selling well, although we are yet to see any new members as a result of 650 purchase.

Hopefully you will have seen the club strada over the course of this weekend, making an appearance once again following a top end and ignition system rebuild by Benjy. We will be running it in carefully in the short term after which time it will be available to members to borrow and for shows. This is a great asset to the club and one which is available to you all.

We are already starting to put together the diary for 2023 and I would welcome any feedback on how the club organises events, which events we participate in and any we should do.

Tom Farrow, September 2022

Secretary

No report submitted.

Treasurer's Report 2022

For the 2020 – 2021 financial year the club remains solvent, with total income being £31,902.17 and total outgoings of £27,667.46. This provides a surplus of £4,234.71 for the year. The club's greatest expense and greatest provider of income is the annual Cadwell trackday which has generated £4,185.20 of this surplus. Without it, the club's outgoings would very nearly equal the club's income.

Membership income stands at £12,396.90 with the cost of publishing and providing ATG being £9,048.76. The remaining not only contributes to the costs of running the club, but also subsidises the AGM and Rally Weekend.

We have performed favourably against the budget with an excess of £3,898.84 and I revised the figures for the 2021 – 2022 financial year. I plan to revise the budget again for financial year 2022 - 2023 following two years of collecting data and may look into creating a budget linked to Operating Expenditure and Capital Expenditure with a view to further protecting the club's finances.

Nick Hancock

Membership Secretary Report September 2022

As of 01/08/2022 the current paid up and life membership, and excluding corporate, count stands at, 01/08/2021 numbers in brackets

476	UK members	[448]
13	EU members	[15]
14	RoW members	[11]
19	Virtual members	[19]
522	total	[493]

Compared to 01/08/2021 membership has increased by 29

The new members are generally new to Morinis and the most popular choice is a 3½ Strada followed by 3½ Sport

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New members with 350 and 500 off road bikes is encouraging
Only one new member with a 1200 and so far no new members with 650s

Membership renewals spanned from October right through to late December.
The vast majority of members renewed promptly by standing order, online purchase or cheque in early November
So a big thanks goes to those who do renew promptly.
Two reminders were emailed and a small number needed reminder letters to be sent; this is time consuming and costs the club money.

Of the 80 new members who joined in 2020/2021 only 16 did not renew, so new member retention is pretty good.
A number of longer standing members did not renew with sale of bike being the most common reason for not renewing.

Looks like East Anglia needs a section meet to me! Contact the chairman to get started.

Mark Bridger

Membership secretary

ATG Editor Report September 2022 & Librarian's Report September 2022

For 2022 we have seen no change, ATG continues to be published 6 times a year and we intend continuing that it stays in the same A5 format it has been in for the last 42 years because nothing is more annoying than different sizes of the same magazine (A well known one on my shelf had 4 formats in 17 issues).

We must pay attention to the cost of producing ATG because as shown in the treasurer's report it is the majority cost of the club subscription. So far we have not seen the costs increase but I think it must be inevitable with the current rate of inflation and this will need to be covered by subs. There will also be a need to update the editorial iMac and software at some stage in the near future but this is expected to be covered by existing club funds.

Please send me stories and pictures so I can come up with more nonsense!

David Marlow

Web-maestro (resigning)

Tom Farrow, September 2022

Web editor

No report

Products

Overall; With the improved health situation we are once again attending shows across the country, with stock on offer at both the Shepton Mallet and spring Stafford shows – we also had a presence at the Scottish show thanks to David Gray where the X-Cape Morini was in a new dealers display. Sales appear to be lower than pre-pandemic reflecting lower attendances.

The Figures; Web sales for the FY 2020-21 year (i.e, up to end October 2021) were at £1,391.47, with total postage costs of £317.66 paid; of this almost £80 were incurred through web-based sales. Total postage costs recovered from members was £392.50, and stock value of sales was £1,057 giving us a 'margin' of approximately £250, or less than 15%. If we were a commercial organisation we would consider increasing sales prices, but as we offer a service to members we can continue to operate with this approach – especially as many of our sales are now print on demand. Total stock value held at the end of the Club's FY 2020-21 was £2,210.46

Highlights

- The move the Club made to offering 'print on demand products' continues to be successful; the recent Valentini products for the Green Lane Section and the 2022 Cadwell T shirt both being cases in point, giving a strong contribution to on-line sales
- Sales of other 'limited editions' have gone reasonably well – the print on demand Strada T shirt has meant we avoided holding sizes of low demand (small and XXL), ensuring that we avoid high stock values – stock held at the end of the 2020 – 2021 Club Financial Year was just over £2,200, down from over £3,300 several years ago

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- Returning to Motorcycle Shows has been a double-edged sword – it allows us to present a public face to fellow motorcyclists but increases costs to the Club, and with generally lower attendances the pure sales income is insufficient to cover these
- Sales at shows to date include £98 from the South West show, of which £19.50 was for a membership; Stafford also included a new member joining – albeit with a MM! At both these shows the Trading Standards team from the local authority were active in moving on counterfeit sellers, which resulted in fewer traders at both events
- Rubber side panel pins continue to sell steadily across the world, to both club members and other Morini owners
- The Club Calendar again sold out before the end of 2021, and is also a useful PR item.
- Sales to date for 2021 - 22 are at £1,578 plus shows and some section meetings (so totalling over £1,600) with postage costs just in excess of £260. Product costs are £1195, so we have a surplus of some £400

Thanks; to Julie and Butch for their unstinting help in offering a range of products at shows; to David for putting together our most collectable calendars, to Tom for work with the web shop, design and creating the line of print on demand items, and to you all for supporting the Club through your purchases over the year.

Chris and Diane Webber, MRC Products

BMF/MAG

Andy Carrott gave a report at the AGM

Appendix B: Section Reports

Corsaro Section Report

Nick Hancock gave a report at the AGM

Green Lane Section Report

Steve Brown sent a report at the AGM to be read out- cant remember who read it- Julian??

London and South East Section

John McNally

South Coast Section

Dave Roberts

Devon Section

The club year in the southwest has been as successful as Pre-Covid. Attendance at the monthly meetings, as well as ride outs and the most popular camping weekends, remains consistent. We have ventured into Cornwall and Dorset with our camping weekends, non-camping members living within easy reach of these locations have been encouraged to join us for the Saturday afternoon or evening. At present this has been our only attempt to encourage other members living in the adjoining counties to meet up with some of us on a weekend. No one from Cornwall ever came to the Tuesday meetings at The Engine House Bistro near Callington. Some of our meetings were attended by lads and lasses from the home counties, the green lane section, one stalwart even came down from Oop North.

Our club stand in the grounds of Powderham Castle was well received. Several of the Morinis on display also had interesting and sometimes unusual histories. Visitors to the stand certainly appreciated learning about a motorcycle brand they were not familiar with.

Due to a change of franchisee at Buckfastleigh Railway Station, a venue that suited us extremely well, we've moved to Holne on the edge of Dartmoor. The staff and poor customer service at the railway station café, especially the price hike and almost undrinkable coffee, was the incentive to move to a more suitable venue.

Attendance at our monthly meeting at this community café has remained constant.

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Adjacent to the community café at Holne is The Church House Inn, also run and operated by the same family. I'm really pleased to report that we have outgrown the café and now enjoy the same level of service at the village pub.

As there are currently no meeting places in Cornwall, Dorset or Somerset, suitable venues will be sought beyond the Devon Borders, these will not be on a regular basis, but emailed out nearer the time to those on my mailing list.

Despite the geographical layout of the Southwest of England and the challenges it presents, I look forward to an even more successful 2022/23. At the end of October a provisional diary of events will be sent out to those on my mailing list. If you're not on our mailing list and would like to be. devon@morini-riders-club.com

One continues to make progress by falling forward,

Les Madge

New Zealand Section

Greetings, to all of you at the AGM.

We've just had the wettest winter on record here so it has not been safe or conducive for meet-ups, especially as many major roads have literally been washed away. Our NZ membership is also very spread out in all corners of both islands.

However, not all has been lost as a few of us in Auckland have managed to get together.

We had four Morini owners and three bikes at the NZ Motorcycle Show in May, one being Morini Malcolm's gorgeous, restored 1976 Sport. It took overall second place at the show thus turning a few more heads our way. Clearly my People's Choice award for my 1983 K1 must be stuck somewhere in the post ... I'm still waiting for notification that Bike 233 won something! Well done, David K, who rode a few hours on his 1200 to be there, too.

In an extremely unusual turn, the local marketplace has seen a relative flood of Moto Morini: not only do we have prominent local marketing of the new X-Cape but a record three 3½ Sports on the market at once. The only genuine Sport registered in NZ in-period (twin-disc/spokes) sold at auction for a very reasonable price and a recently-imported, minty Double-drum is also available in Auckland as I write. I do my Morini fettling with long-term owner, Paul W, who has his freshly-restored Sport on the market but no bites yet.

A new arrival to the club, Richard E., and I are planning to meet up this week to get his newly-imported Strada through some rough running, so wish us luck there. If he suspects the carbs, I'll put my money on the ignition system and vice-versa!

It's been a challenge during restrictions to plan a national get-together but at least the Auckland owners can meet at the Italian Festival, this November 22nd in Newmarket. I like to park up with the Ferrari boys and watch their incredulous looks when I mention the great Ing. Lambertini and where he started out.

Best wishes to all for a great weekend and AGM.
ATG from a spring-like Auckland!

Dom Blaazer

Warwickshire Section

Tom Farrow gave a report at the AGM

North Midlands

Phil & Sally gave a report at the AGM

Marches section

It has been very hard work getting anybody much to turn out to meetings. At least on a couple of occasions nobody turned up at all, but there are now a small core of members who can usually be relied upon to attend, but I mean only three or four at most. These are, of course, the ones closer to the centre of the area covered, which is vast, so that's understandable and I think it unlikely that numbers will go up by much.

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I do move the venue around the area to try to help out the more distant members but, at the age of 78, there is a limit to the distance that I myself am willing to travel, usually about 45 miles. Finding suitable venues also difficult sometimes and I am thinking of cutting down to about a regular two or three.

Next time we shall be going to Midwest Moto again, and I think that will be one of our regulars, then one somewhere diagonally opposite into North/Mid Wales, and a well-known biker cafe called The Owls Nest in Llandovery to the SW.

Will have to see how it goes. I am prepared to keep trying for perhaps another year, then may ask one of the younger members if they would take over the not very arduous duties.

I do enjoy the meetings and the members who attend are now good friends - which is the whole point isn't it? Hope the Rally goes well. I regret that it is just a bit too far for me to manage on the little TreSette.

James Bowen