

**REIGATE & REDHILL NORTH DOWNS MOTOR CLUB  
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
17th FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE HOME COTTAGE, REDSTONE HILL, REDHILL**

**Present**

Paul Brightman, Samuel Brightman, Dave Charman, Eric Clarke, Malcolm Coles, Richard Coles, Bob Collins, Keith Cross, David Cutler Carol Dark, Chris Dark, Grace Dark, James Dark, Scott Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Katie Don, Matt Don, Ben Edwards, Luke Edwards, Rob Edwards, Danny Haste, Mike Hammond, Martin Howell, Tim Howell, Jo Jenkins, Pete Jenkins, Rob McKenzie, Casey Newman, Paul Newman, Brett Norris, Rick Parish, Antony Read, Stuart Read, Mark Stubberfield, Derek Tickner-Wand.

**Chairman's Welcome**

Richard welcomed everyone and explained that RRND comprised of two different Clubs, ACU and AMCA, and normally we would have two different agendas, but for ease we had decided to have one combined agenda.

**Apologies for Absence**

None.

**Minutes of AGM held on 17th February 2010**

Posted on the website and approved.

**Matters Arising**

Two matters from last year remain outstanding. Firstly, the club logo was found and then lost again but club clothing will be organised during the course of this year. Secondly, the Over 40 class remains and there is no Over 50 class. However, as most riders who are over 50 would still opt to ride the Over 40 class it has been decided to leave things as they are.

**Committee Reports:**

**Editor's Report**

The E News system has continued to work successfully over the past year, and is good value for money, costing around 36p per copy, compared with around £2.50 a copy for the previous printed version.

The vast majority of members now receive it electronically, with only 6 or 7 requiring a hard copy posted, due to having no access to e mail.

A small group of members (mostly the Committee members) have regularly contributed items for publication. The E News will only be an interesting read if a wide variety of articles are included, so I would encourage anyone who has not yet contributed to send in articles about anything bike related – just put them in an e mail to me, along with any accompanying photos. All contributions will be very gratefully received!

Finally, please remember to notify any change in your e mail address to both Rob Edwards and myself, so our records can be updated, and so that you continue to receive information from the Club.

Richard thanked Debbie.

### **Treasurer's Report for year ending 30th September 2010**

Jo distributed copies of the accounts showing reserves of £13,025, a similar figure to last year.

Jo explained items on the income and expenditure account. The figure of £362 recorded under income as surplus on club trials relates to the cost of the printing of score cards. Under expenditure, the insurance of £294 is the clubs affiliation to the 'bmf' for, amongst other things, the social third party cover that it provides, which we need for the camping weekend. The cost of the newsletter is down. Internet and web costs of £250 relates to the honoraria paid to Bruce for maintaining the website and the donation of £100 was the sum given by the club in memory of the late Roger Farmer. The camping weekend made a small profit as the entertainment was not paid.

Richard explained that the honoraria to Bruce would continue to be paid each year in recognition of his work on the website, which he did as a volunteer for many years.

Richard thanked Jo and also Rick, for preparing the accounts.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

The club ended 2010 with 118 members (123 in previous year). This includes 3 new honorary members; Pat Lloyd-Jacob, and Carol Dark and Debbie Don as committee members. There now being 3 non-riding committee members including Jo Jenkins. 35 of the total are brand new members to the club.

This year efforts have been made to raise the club profile. These being the article in the Surrey Mirror and the stand at the 'rb Festival of Sport' which Dave Charman organised.

So far membership to date stands at 72 which is the same as this time last year. Membership forms were distributed at the November club trial as well as there being reminders in the newsletter and e-mails.

Richard pointed out that we will in future be asking members to show their cards at club trials to avoid doubt.

### **Competition Secretary's Report**

Firstly I would like to thank all the people who have helped put on trials over the course of the year. This has been a considerable group with people laying out routes, doing the signing on, taking down afterwards, cleaning and storing the gear (usually Pete!), doing the results (Brian) and the paperwork – Jo. Not to forget Antony who is the club recorder for all the

Championships and the only person who really understands the handicap system and Bruce who maintains the website and never complains when I send him update after update!

Without all these people there would not be any RRND trials and this does not include those who have actually set out the trials themselves. There is always a need for volunteers to lay out our trials and can I just make my pleas once again – if every member laid out just one trial per year we would have more than enough helpers! I know that I am preaching to the converted here... as most people in this room do a lot to help at our events.

As always over the past year, some venues seem to have been less popular than others – if we judge purely by numbers attending – although I realise that there could be other factors impacting entries – clashing with other events/holidays etc. Ockley always seems to get a low entry and yet I think it is one of our better pieces of land – do people not enjoy riding there? Please let us know.

Some venues are now becoming quite expensive to use, with the result that we might only just about break even or make a loss if we have an entry below 30 odd riders. I'm not sure if Jo or Dick will talk about entry fees but members should be aware of the cost of some bits of land.

Another factor which the committee felt was impacting entries was the Sunday on which we hold Club trials. Last year we ran on the fourth Sunday, in order to give riders a weekend between Group Sunday and then the club trial. However, entries were down last year and it was felt that this was a contributory factor. Thus club trials have now been moved to the third Sunday of the month. What do members feel about this? Anything? Personally I am against it, but we felt the need to try it. I was informed at the weekend that we now clash with Worthing club trials – and that some of our members are Worthing members too – so this has caused an issue.

Do members prefer the third Sunday or the fourth? Can we have a show of hands?

Those in favour of running club trials on the third Sunday?

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This year the club also organised a camping weekend and training day at Ockley with Sam Connor giving training. The cost of this training was subsidised by the club and yet there still weren't many people taking part. This was a shame as it takes effort on the part of the committee to arrange these events and it is disappointing if they are not well supported.

If people would like a similar event run this year then please let the committee know...

Following the show of hands it was found that most members were indifferent, but a couple of members preferred the fourth so club trials will now revert back to the fourth Sunday again. This motion was proposed by Rick and seconded by Paul.

### **Social Secretary's Report**

The camping weekend was a roaring success again with numbers up on last year. Jo thanked the Reads for organising 'Frog racing' for the Saturday evening entertainment. Monday's event was dressage on bikes. At this point a member queried the lack of club trial on the Monday and Jo invited members to leave feedback on this matter. Richard added that he has

spoken to Roy and the land will always be available to us for the camping weekend, as long as it remains popular.

There was a road riding trip to the Alps and some members including Pete, Danny and Pat took part in some 24 hour trials.

As always Jo pointed out that the committee are open to suggestions about any other social events.

### **Chairman's Report**

I sat down to write this and thought that I might save myself a bit of time cutting and pasting from last year's report and then realised that of course we would have just reviewed that same report and someone may have noticed!

In some ways it has been a less turbulent year for the club, with a solid foundation of a good committee. In that committee of particular note has been the contribution by Carol (Dark) who despite her illness has carried on to perform an excellent job, including that of Secretary of the Star Group Trial. I would also like to mention the whole Dark family who have supported her and also helped considerably in other respects- the results for Star Group come to mind.

We did not run the Codger of course, and neither have some other ideas for a replacement youth event or similar come to fruition. This is largely because the responsibility for running our club trials is falling repeatedly on the same people. Many of those individuals have other commitments as well and it is only by others stepping forward to support the normal club events that we will see an opportunity to develop some new ideas.. The website has been changed to highlight the problem and we have seen some members come forward to help- including members who are not currently riding trials. Our thanks to all who have helped at our events over the last year.

We have one change on the committee. Eric (Clarke) is standing down as work pressures have proved to be too time consuming. Our thanks to Eric for his contribution to the committee in the past. His place on the committee is being taken by Colin (Don) - although Colin did not leap at the Comp. Sec. Position. For the moment Malcolm (Coles) and I will work to fill the timetable that Debbie (Don) has already set and will manage the permits. Pete (Jenkins) never did get rid of the setting out gear and for that matter any of the camping and BBQ equipment, and our thanks to him and Jo for providing storage facilities for it. Please remember that Peter is not responsible for the gear, for getting it to trials or for checking it or replacing items and we need to spread that responsibility.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee for their support as we move to the election of the committee for 2011.

### **Election to Committee**

Every year it is standard practice that the whole Committee stands down and is re-elected by the members. All Committee members are up for re-election, with the exception of Eric Clarke who will be standing down as Competition Secretary. However, all positions are offered to the Club.

Following this, Colin's election to the committee was proposed and seconded and the remaining existing Committee members were unanimously voted in en-bloc.

The 2011 Committee are:-

Chairman	Richard Coles
Secretary	Carol Dark
Treasurer	Jo Jenkins
Editor	Debbie Don
Competition Secretary	Vacant
Membership Secretary	Rob Edwards
Assistant Competition Secretaries	Stuart Read and Malcolm Coles
Social Secretary	Jo Jenkins
Committee Members	Pete Jenkins, Dave Charman, Danny Haste, Colin Don

### **Any Other Business**

The Clubs continuing membership of the 'bmf' costing £294 was discussed; bearing in mind the ACU membership may well duplicate our insurance. However, on Rick pointing out that the ACU regulations may not be complied with at the camping weekend, as we do not have a trial and therefore no permit, it was decided to continue the affiliation to this organisation who support motorcycling in general. Antony further added that we should promote the 'bmf' within the club so that members can take full advantage of its benefits and recommended the rally held in May.

### **Presentation of Awards**

Richard and Carol presented the individual awards.

The Committee Cup was awarded to Mike Hammond for his help at club trials throughout the year.

The Clubman's Cup was awarded to Carol Dark.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.