

# **REIGATE & REDHILL NORTH DOWNS MOTOR CLUB REIGATE & REDHILL NORTH DOWNS MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE HOME COTTAGE, REDSTONE HILL, REDHILL**

### **Present**

E Clarke, M Coles, R Coles, K Cross, C Dark, C Dark, G Dark, J Dark, S Dark, C Don, D Don, K Don, B Edwards, L Edwards, R Edwards, M Hammond, D Haste, J Jenkins, P Jenkins, P Lloyd-Jacob, R McKenzie, P Powell, A Read, S Read, M Stubberfield, E Tickner, G Tickner, D 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**

P Brightman, S Brightman, D Charman, T Charman, M Don, R Farmer, N Lewis, R Parish.

### **Minutes of AGM held on 25th February 2009**

Approved.

### **Matters Arising**

Richard explained that two matters from last years meeting had not been dealt with. Firstly, obtaining a bike for training trials could not be pursued as there were too many maintenance issues and it would invalidate our insurance, as AMCA exclude cover in those circumstances. Secondly, the copy of the new club logo had now been found and new clothing will progress in future.

### **Committee Reports :**

#### **Editor's Report**

It was this time last year that I agreed to become the Editor of the Club Newsletter.

Initially, the Newsletter continued to be produced in a hard copy format. However, this was slow to produce and the Committee had concerns about the costs, which had to a large extent previously been hidden, as David Wooster had been heavily subsidising the Newsletter.

The concept of sending out a Newsletter in an e-format was looked into, and the costs of subscribing to an e-news service compared very favourably with the existing printed format.

The printed version was costing over £200 per issue, whereas the e-news service costs £25 per month.

The Committee (in line with other trials clubs) therefore took the decision to move to an e-news format. This has the advantage that members can be communicated with almost immediately, and proved its worth during the snow at the beginning of this year, when we were able to advise members quickly that the Group and Star Group Trials had been cancelled.

The vast majority of the comments received on the new format have been favourable, and it is hoped that those members who are unsure will be won round as they get used to the new basis.

I have been lucky to have the support of a dedicated group who have regularly produced articles for me, but the newsletter is only as good as the content, so I would ask that if you have not yet written a piece, you do so as soon as possible!

I would also ask that if you change your e mail address, you let both Rob Edwards the Membership Secretary and I know as soon as possible, so we can ensure you continue to receive the e-news.

### **Treasurer's Report for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Jo distributed copies of the accounts showing reserves of £13,337. There have been a couple of drains on the accounts this year; the club magazine, which has now been sorted and the cancellation of the Dinner Dance with a subsequent loss of the deposit of £800. Land has also gone up and although we are more vigilant about charging the guest fee, helpers and those laying out, only pay half. Antony pointed out that the club trial figures included the South Coast Trial and should be separate. Jo said she would be happy to e-mail anybody who wanted more information in particularly in relation to the Old Codgers. Jo proposed a vote of thanks to Rick Parish for doing the accounts, usually at short notice.

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

At the end of 2009 there were 124 members. 82 Adults, 32 Juniors, 3 Social and 7 Honorary. There has been a steady decline since 2005 when there were 173. Rob has made up an information pack for new members and these are handed out at training trials. Also this year members have been slow to renew and e-mails and mail shots have been sent to remind people. Rob is also looking into different methods of payment, such as direct debit, standing order or on-line banking for the future. We are now members of rbsport and can have a stand at Reigate and Banstead Council's Festival of Sport in Priory Park to advertise the club. We can take a bike along, for display, although we will not be allowed to start it! Rob asked for volunteers to man the stand. Antony said that when Betchworth belonged to Don Barrett, anyone who wanted to practise there had to be members of the club first, so there would have been more members at this time.

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

As outgoing competition secretary Pete congratulated the 2009 Championship Winners. He also thanked everyone who had helped at trials throughout the year and with the fun trial at the camping weekend. He commented on the success of the training trials and the relaxed atmosphere that put no pressure on newcomers. Pete concluded by wishing good luck to the new competition secretary. Richard proposed a vote of thanks to Pete for his many years in the post.

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

Jo spoke of the 70s Night that she and Pete hosted which was a great night and invited all members to another evening they have kindly offered to host on 27 March. This time it will probably be a cheese and wine party at £5 per head, details will go on the website. Pat and Danny went to the Italian lakes on their road bikes and also trail riding in Wales which some other members joined them on. See [www.trailrides-wales.com](http://www.trailrides-wales.com). There have also been a couple of road runs with Burgess Hill Club. The camping weekend went well as usual with the popular race night. The Monday was different this year, instead of the usual open trial there were a few sections in the woods and an arena style fun section on the field. Feedback on this would be appreciated so that we know if members would like this repeated next year.

### **Chairman's Report**

This has been another busy year for the club with some excellent club trials, and members representing the club in a wide range of centre events. On the social front, although the year started with the disappointment of having to cancel the dinner/dance, the Jenkins Family very kindly stepped in with the offer that they would hold a party at their house. This they did and very enjoyable it was too. (Unbelievably they are to hold another social event at their house on 27<sup>th</sup> March- all members are invited.) Changes were made to the camping weekend and the new format proved very popular with those attending. The photographs certainly show a great time being had by all. Some of the road-riding members enjoyed several run outs to meet up with Burgess Hill m/cycle club members.

Not all has been plain sailing however. During the year we have seen the resignation of both David and Shelley Wooster. After a move to the coast with their family Dave closed his business meaning that he was unable to carry on as editor and the distance proved too remote for Shelley to carry on as

membership secretary effectively. They have both been very valuable members of the club putting considerable effort time and no doubt money in producing an excellent magazine. Their resignation was followed shortly afterwards by that of Jan Smewing our secretary who had run the position most efficiently. I would like to thank them all for the hard work they put into the club. Various issues led to the cancellation of the Old Codger Trial and doubts over its' future.

I am very pleased that Debbie Don, who had been assistant editor for a short while, felt able to take on the full role of editor, and that she was joined by Carol Dark as secretary and more recently Rob Edwards as membership secretary. All have proved to be most capable and enthusiastic in their new roles. Pleas for help during the year also met with a great response, with observers turning out in force for the star group Trial and Brian Edwards and Helen Smith committing to doing the scores for club trials and training trials. Our website has become a centre of attention and is quickly updated with the newsletters and photographs, the site being excellently maintained by Bruce Deacon. The committee has decided that his efforts should be rewarded not just by the Honorary Life membership, but by honoraria to at least offset part of his expenses.

I would like to thank the committee for their support this year, and all club members who have worked to assist at club events and functions over the year. We have two changes on the committee, with Peter Jenkins standing aside from the main role of Competition Secretary after a tremendous run (but staying on the committee I am pleased to say) and Pat Lloyd Jacob standing down after a tremendous run of 19 years. Eric Clarke is to take the role of Competition secretary and Stuart Read and Malcolm Coles have agreed to join the committee as assistant competition secretaries.

As my last act as 2009 Chairman I would ask you to join me in thanking Pat for his service and approving that he be made an honorary life member.

### **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 Pete Jenkins who will be standing down as Competition Secretary but will be continuing as a committee member. Eric Clarke kindly put his name forward for this position. Pat Lloyd- Jacob will also be standing down, leaving vacancies for two assistant competition secretaries. Stuart Read and Malcolm Coles kindly put their names forward for these positions. However, all positions are offered to the Club.

All the above mentioned were proposed and seconded and the remaining existing Committee members were unanimously voted in en-bloc and the 2010 Committee are:-

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

### **Any Other Business**

The Over 40 award is still in question as to whether it should be Over 50. Antony advised that several riders are aged between 40 and 50 and it was decided to continue monitoring this to see if a change is necessary.

A member raised the matter of the committee's decision to cancel of The Old Codgers Trial. Richard reiterated that whilst it was a shame to cancel a traditional event that had been thought of in high regard, it was a decision made by the whole committee after much discussion. However, Richard said that if anyone wanted to offer to stand as secretary of the meeting the committee would reconsider. Nobody came forward and the decision of the committee was then approved by the members present.

The trophy awarded in memory of the late Tony Tutt will be held for the time being as has previously happened in similar situations in the past, when events have been in decline.

**Presentation of Awards**

Richard and Jo presented the individual awards.

The Committee Cup was awarded to Brian Edwards for taking on the club trial results in 2009.

The Clubman's Cup was awarded to Pat Lloyd-Jacob for 19 years serving on the committee.

Antony Read kindly proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for all their hard work following which the meeting closed.