

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

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE RED LION, OLD REIGATE ROAD, BETCHWORTH**

### **Present**

Mike Blackman, Dave Charman, Tom Charman, Eric Clarke, Malcolm Coles, Richard Coles, Gordon Cumberland, Carol Dark, Chris Dark, James Dark, Colin Don, Debbie Don, Ben Edwards, Luke Edwards, Rob Edwards, Trevor Howell, Robert McKenzie, Antony Read, Stuart Read.

### **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**

Keith Cross, Pete Jenkins, Danny Haste, Neville Lewis, Pat Lloyd-Jacob.

### **Minutes of AGM held on 15th February 2014**

Posted on the website and approved. Proposed by Colin Don and seconded by Dave Charman.

### **Matters Arising**

- Limited company status – we now have Limited Company status giving protection to the committee members. This may mean we need to make some changes to the way we run things in order to comply with company regulations.
- LDT – This will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The course has been plotted; it is about 100 miles and will incorporate a high profile at the Sports day in Priory Park.
- Committee members standing down – Richard invited members to come forward to join the committee. Colin Don wishes to stand down.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

2014 has been a difficult year for me, in finding time to produce the monthly E News.

Reluctantly, several months ago I advised the Committee that I would no longer be able to produce this and you will have noticed that the 'all singing, all dancing' publication has therefore ceased.

Despite advertising the position, no one has so far volunteered to take over. I am happy to remain on the Committee, producing short reminders about events etc. and if anyone has any articles they would like published, these can be included on an ad hoc basis.

Our website is a fantastic resource, and thanks go to Bruce Deacon who maintains and runs this for us, and who uploads items for us extremely quickly.

What has been really successful in 2013 is our Facebook Group Page, which now has some 114 members, and is very active – this is your forum for chatting to other like-minded people, and is very well supported. Club news and reminders are all posted on the Page.

To participate on the Group Page, membership has to be approved by one of the Admins (myself, Stuart Read or Rob Edwards). However, we also have a public Facebook Page which does not require membership, on which our events etc. are also advertised.

Consideration needs to be given as to whether or not we retain the E News service if no longer publishing the full monthly E News. This costs the Club £30 per month. Views are welcome, and the issue can be discussed under ‘Any Other Business’ at the end of the AGM Agenda items.

I would mention the Burns Night dinner dance I organised which Club members attended in January 2015 at the Reigate Manor Hotel. Some 26 of us attended, and enjoyed a fantastic evening with a four course dinner, parade and address to the Haggis, and dancing. The table toys proved very popular, especially the gentlemen’s stick on moustaches, which turned one Club member into Hercules Poirot! I am hoping to organise another event later in the year, so if anyone has any suggestions for venue, activities etc. please let me know and I will see what I can do.

Whilst mentioning social events, I would also mention our camping weekend in August will have a different flavour, in that it is currently intended that a closed to Club trial will be run on the Saturday, followed by an evening hog roast and day tickets will be available for those Club members and their guests not wishing to camp. Mike Blackman will be organising this event, and I hope you will support him and come along.

Richard thanked Debbie for all her hard work.

### **Treasurer’s Report for year ending 30th September 2014**

Copies of the accounts had been made available and Mike began by thanking Rick for preparing the accounts again and reminded everyone that the year end was the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. He also thanked everyone for putting themselves forward to be directors of the new limited company.

The ACU accounts which included the LDT made a profit of approx £1000 with the purchase of all the mugs being included in the expenses. The Star Group Trial made a profit of approx £250.

The AMCA accounts included income from membership (approx £1000) and from club trials (£617). Included in the expenditure is all general expenses, awards, donations (£45 Joan Westbrook, Cancer Research and £20 Guides), newsletter (£450). Also the camping weekend which suffered a loss of £870 due to lack of support.

The total profit for both clubs came out at £384.

Antony queried the figures from the LDT which Richard explained and it was agreed to sell the remainder of the mugs. Richard thanked Mike and also for his work in organising limited company status.

## Membership Secretary's Report

By the end of 2014 the total number of members was 76, a decrease of 5 from the previous year, which incidentally is still higher than the total of 73 members in 2013 which was lowest number of members since my records began in 2001

The 2014 membership was split into the following categories:-

- 59 Adults, down 1 from 2013
- 8 Juniors, down 4 from the previous year
- 9 Honorary as per last year including 2 non riding members that are honorary members whilst serving on the committee.
- The total number of members at the end of 2014 was down by 25 from the figure three years ago from 101 at the end of 2011
- In 2014 there were 7 new members to the club, all adults. In addition there were 4 adults that previously been members and re-joined the club.
- There were 16 members from 2013 who did not renew membership in 2014, 13 adults and 3 junior members. This compares with 17 members that did not renew membership in the previous year.

- **Raising the profile**

During the year the club didn't participate in the Reigate Festival of Sport in Reigate Priory, due to a clash with the long distance trial, It has generated little interest in the club in previous years, so is not thought to have had a huge impact on raising the club profile. However the LDT did attract several new members to the club.

We have taken a few opportunities during the year to raise the club profile through social media, advertising events at local on-line communities, namely Surrey Bikers face book page and the Box Hill biker's forum.

There were been several practice events held during 2014, held at Bear Gill, with a mixed number of attendees. We will look to run further events this year.

- **Current Year**

At the time of the AGM we have 61 exactly the same as the figure at the time of AGM last year. This includes 5 new members to the club, 2 juniors and 3 adults.

Oliver Cleveleine, Matteo & Giovanni Lombardo, Marc & Myles Morley-Freer.

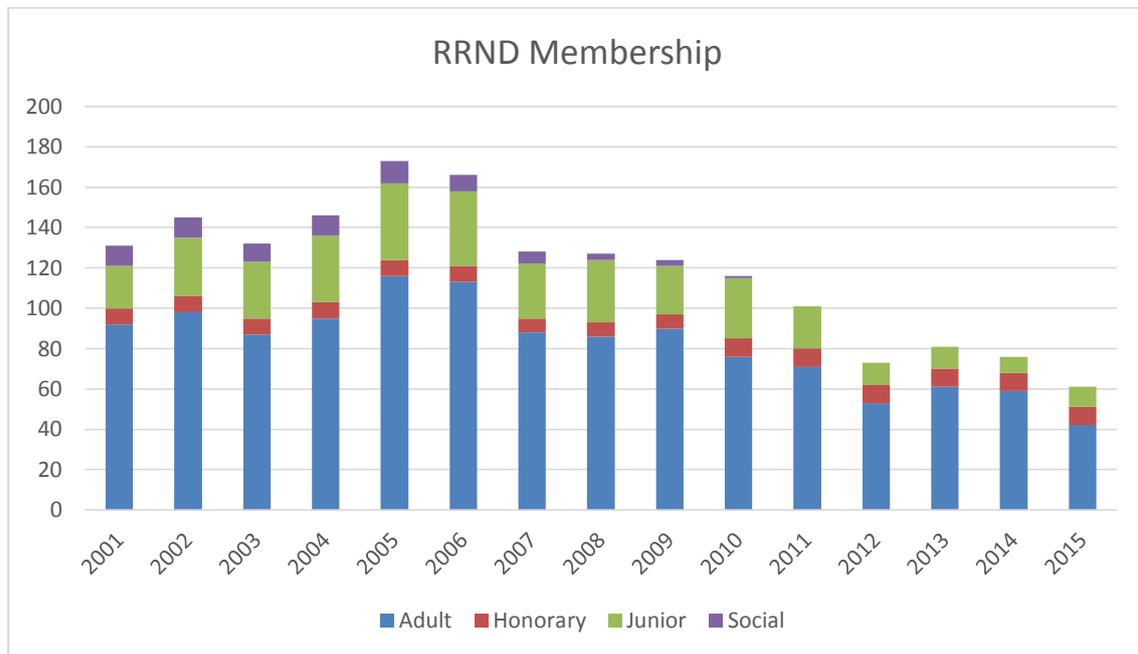
Anyone who is expecting a membership card, see me after the AGM.

Supporting Information

- **Honorary Members 2014**

Bruce Deacon, Ron Dumbrell, Dave Figg, Ken Sherlock, Pat Lloyd-Jacob, Bruce Clarke, Antony Read, Debbie Don and Carol Dark.

Member Type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adult	92	98	87	95	116	113	88	86	90	76	71	53	61	59	42
Honorary	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	9	9	9	9	9	9
Junior	21	29	28	33	38	37	27	31	24	30	21	11	11	8	10
Social	10	10	9	10	11	8	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>61</b>



### Competition Secretary's Report

Thank you all for attending tonight. Without the assistance of the membership our Club would struggle to continue.

2014 I think was another successful year for RRND. We had 11 Club trials, 2 Group trials, a Long Distance trial, numerous practice/training trials and some evening trials. Some events were better supported than others but overall most were successful. A detailed breakdown is available from Antony Read.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the setting out teams for the Club and Group trials and also Carol and Grace Dark for doing most of the signing on. Thanks also to all those who observed at the Group and Long Distance trials.

There have been a number of changes for 2015 with the addition of 50/50 and other routes.

Venues have been booked for this year, but I haven't booked any evening trials as yet - I thought the new Comp Sec (whoever he or she may be) may want to do this.

I was also hoping to introduce a summer, winter and spring competition series where 3 or 4 trials are taken and awards given as appropriate. I hope that this may encourage riders to do a few more Club trials.

I would also like to establish a fourth setting out team, anyone interested see me later, or contact me.

Finally thanks again to everyone who contributed to another successful year for our Club. Without your support, our events just wouldn't happen.

Richard thanked Colin.

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

Although we do not currently have a social secretary Richard thanked Dave Charman for organising the camping weekend. He added that we have addressed requests from members and this year's event will include a trial and members will be able to attend all or part of the weekend. Mike will be organising it this year.

### **Chairman's Report**

My sincere thanks to all the committee and helpers behind the scenes who continue to work hard to plan and run RRND events. The reluctance of people to step forward and to serve on the committee still causes me some concern but there has been no lack of support at our group trials or in preparation for the club trials.

We would like to see a boost in membership and have consulted with riders to try and make our club and it's events as attractive as possible to all classes of riders. A recent practice trial saw a good turnout and a return of some past members.

The Long Distance Trial attracted a large entry and was a high profile event for the club and brought in some useful funds. It will be repeated this year and it is hoped that we will be able to link the event with the Priory Park sports event.

The recent club social (Burns Night) was well attended and the committee would like to encourage more family involvement and with this in mind the Hog roast and a Saturday trial will be open to non-campers at this year's camping weekend.

Finally, we have at last secured our limited company status which will help to protect committee members in the unfortunate event of any litigation. My thanks to all who have put themselves forward to be directors but particularly to Mike for his work on gaining it.

This year should be a good one for the club. There will of necessity be some changes to the way we run the magazine and events because of committee member's commitments. Please keep an eye on announcements and assist if help is asked for.

### **Election to Committee**

Richard explained that every year it is standard practice that the whole Committee stands down and is re-elected by the members. This year all Committee members are up for re-election except Colin Don who wishes to stand down. However, all positions are offered to the Club.

Following this, Rob McKenzie came forward to join the committee, proposed by Eric Clarke and seconded by Colin Don and on the basis that nobody came forward to take over Competition Secretary, Colin agreed to stay as caretaker for the time being. All other existing Committee members were then unanimously voted in en-bloc. The positions of Assistant Competition Secretary and Social secretary remain vacant.

The 2015 Committee are:-

Chairman	Richard Coles
Vice Chairman	Rob Edwards
Secretary	Carol Dark
Treasurer	Mike Blackman
Club Publications Editor	Debbie Don
Competition Secretary	Colin Don (Caretaking)
Membership Secretary	Rob Edwards
Assistant Competition Secretary	vacant
Social Secretary	vacant
Committee Members	Dave Charman, Pete Jenkins, Rob McKenzie, Stuart Read.

#### **Any Other Business**

- Richard thanked Trevor Howell for his time and suggestions whilst a committee member.
- Richard suggested that it was left to the committee to decide on a cost effective way of sending messages/updates to members as an alternative to the newsletter and everyone agreed.

#### **Presentation of Awards**

Richard and Carol presented the individual awards.

The Committee Cup was awarded to Bruce Deacon for continuing to maintain the website.

The Clubman's Cup was awarded to Colin Don.