



**Annual General Meeting of The Vintage Motor Cycle Club Ltd ('The Company')
at the National Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull. B92 0EJ
on Sunday 1st March 2020 at 11am**

1. Meeting Convened.

Welcome from Chairman and President

2. Minute silence for members who have passed away

A minute's silence for those members who have passed away during the last year. [People missing from the list were noted]

3. Apologies

Jeff Read, Andy Relf, John Turrell, Richard Caddick, Gordon Mowat, John Coverdale, Jeremy Retford, Martin Pagett, Ann Davy, Pat Davy, Mario Costa-Sa

4. Scrutineers elected

Tim Penn and Bob Badland were elected.

5. Minutes of the previous AGM

Chairman: To receive and, if approved, confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd March 2019.

6. Matters Arising from minutes

Nothing arising the minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved.

7. 2019 Annual Reports

The 2019 Annual Report, for the financial year ending 30th September 2019 was received.

8. To authorise the board to appoint the auditors of the Company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company and to determine the Auditors' remuneration.

Vote on Item 9: 402 for, 4 against, 29 abstentions, carried by 99%

9. To elect four Board Members.

Election of four members to the Board of Directors, two for 2020/2023 and two for 2020/2022. Two appointees with the highest votes will be elected for the three year periods, the remaining appointees will be elected for two years providing they achieve the required percentage for appointment.

9.1 Patrick Bramman – Proposed by Mario Costa-Sa, seconded by Mike Chapman.

Patrick Bramman – Gave speech

9.2 Clifford Harris – Proposed by Bob Clark, seconded by Mike Chapman

Clifford Harris - Gave speech



9.3 John Holt – Proposed by Rob Moon, seconded by Malcom Weaver

John Holt – Gave speech

9.4 Richard Thirkell – Proposed by Ian Trotman – seconded by Brian Grice

Richard Thirkell – Gave speech

Vote on Item 9.1 : 283 for, 40 against, 45 abstentions, carried by 88%

Vote on Item 9.2 : 244 for, 47 against, 57 abstentions, carried by 84%

Vote on Item 9.3 : 322 for, 27 against, 40 abstentions, carried by 92%

Vote on Item 9.4 : 331 for, 25 against, 42 abstentions, carried by 93%

John Holt and Richard Thirkell are appointed for three years, Patrick Bramman and Clifford Harris are appointed for two years.

10. Change in Bye Laws.

To consider and adopt the following Bye Law revisions:

Part 8 of the Byelaws proposed amendment to existing wording of:

8. Eligibility of Machines

8.1 A machine shall be deemed twenty five years old under the rolling twenty five year eligibility rule on the 31st December of the twenty fourth year following its manufacture.

8.2 Machine classes are recognised as follows:

Veteran manufactured before 01/01/1915

Early vintage manufactured between 01/01/1915 & 31/12/1924

Late vintage manufactured between 01/01/1925 & 31/12/1930

Post vintage manufactured between 01/01/1931 & 31/12 1945

Post war manufactured between 01/01/1946 & 31/12/1960

Post 1960 manufactured since 01/01/1961 and more then twenty-five years old

10.1 It is proposed that Bye Law 8.1 be amended to read:

A machine shall be eligible for participation in Club events if it is a motorcycle, motorcycle and sidecar, cyclecar or three wheeled vehicle that it is at least twenty-five years old. A machine shall be deemed to be twenty-five years old on the 31st December of the 24th year following its manufacture.

10.2 It is proposed that Bye Law 8.2 be amended to replace the words Veteran Manufactured before 01/01/1915 with:

Early Veteran Before 1908



Late Veteran 1908-1914

10.3 It is proposed that Bye Law 8.2 be amended to replace the words Post 1960 Manufactured since 01/01/1961 and more than twenty-five years old with:

Early Classic 1961-1980

Late Classic 1981 and more than twenty-five years old

10.4 It is proposed to add a new Bye Law 8.3 as follows:

At the discretion of the event organiser a member riding or driving a machine less than twenty-five years old may assist with the organisation and safe operation of a riding event but such members will not be considered to be participating in the event

Chairman: Give background of why this is needed and answers questions from members.

Item 10.4 was amended

Vote on Item 10.1 : Withdrawn

Vote on Item 10.2 : 305 for, 89 against, 37 abstentions, carried by 77%

Vote on Item 10.3 : 383 for, 29 against, 31 abstentions, carried by 93%

Vote on Item 10.4 (as amended): 350 for, 864 against, 33 abstentions, carried by 85%

Formal Closure of the Company AGM meeting.



11. To announce the President 2020/2022 – Mike Wills

Chairman gave a speech on the current President's worthy tenure in difficult times

President made an outgoing speech

New President made a speech and presented past President Alistair Alexander with Past President Badge

12. Presentation of Major Awards

- The Dreadnought Trophy: Presented for an outstanding effort on a veteran or vintage machine –

Presented to Adrian Lockrey

- The Harry Knight Trophy: Presented for the best performance of the year on a veteran machine –

Presented to Frank Dolman

- The Harry Mack Trophy: Presented for an outstanding achievement on a sidecar outfit –

Not Awarded

- The John Griffith Salver: Presented for outstanding activities within the Club –

Presented to Eric Longsborough

- The E. E. Thompson Award: Presented for outstanding efforts in promoting or organising Club activities.

Not Awarded.

- The H. O. Burton Award: Presented for an outstanding riding performance by a Club member using a post 1930 machine -

Presented to Gareth Thomas

- The Bob Currie Memorial Award: Presented to one who, in the opinion of his peers, has made a significant contribution to the world of motor cycling 'in the Bob Currie tradition'. For this award a citation is required -

Not awarded

- The Mrs Daphne Hedington Dent Memorial Trophy: Presented to a VMCC member under the age of 25 who consistently rides in Club events

Presented to Victoria Feldon

- The Syd Plevin Trophy: Presented to a VMCC member for outstanding work within a Section of the Club -

Presented to Alex Graham



- The Footman James Spirit of the Club Award: Presented to a member who, in the opinion of his peers, operates and helps in the background and would in some cases go unrecognised for his efforts in helping the club -

Presented to John Wills

Presentation of Special Awards

President's Award – John Donaldson

President's Certificates – Reg Eyre, Gordon Mowat, Norrie Russell, Peter Hill, Peter Dungey

Editors Award – Alan Randall

Open Forum

- 1: 2018/19 Accounts and current and future financial position and matters from this morning

Chairman made a speech on accounts with support from Steve Martin

Published accounts [audited] – not including BHR money and any confidential information.

Where does our money from: Membership, Insurance, Advertising, Raffle, Library Services, Events nett profit, Sponsorship which is covered by Commercial Confidentiality Clauses so no details can be given. This all equals operating income. Three quarter of income is Membership and a lesser but significant figure from Insurance Commission.

Costs: Journal and administering journal membership, retail stock write down, retail operating losses, starting costs, payroll, Allen House, admin costs [additional staff on top of the buildings and the staff - computers, running website, web shop, audit, legal, administration, photocopying and biggest cost was auditing and accountancy costs [higher as was bought in consultancy rates]

Several questions of clarification were asked by members, these included:

- How much were consultancy fees
- What were total staff costs
- How does the Membership subscription get used
- National Events how are costs split between Festival, Banbury, Scarborough and training days
- Breakdown of commercial operation
- Library contribution and costs.
- Role of Archivist
- Confirmation of the Club losses for this year and did BHR make a loss this year
- What are the Club's assets worth
- Level of interest from Cobbing Legacy and other cash

The Chairman stated: We are projecting a shortfall in this accounting year and if we leave things as they are; we would be projecting an even bigger shortfall in the next accounting year.



One big thing that has changed is the insurance commission as we heard in early January that Footman James have changed the rules and reduced our commission rate from ten percent to five point five percent from next January onwards

It was noted that we had a downward trend in membership and the knock on effect of that combined with the lack of insurance income was a major factor.

The Chairman stated that the board would be working hard to address a new marketing approach to increase membership.

We would be exploring the possibility of offering corporate memberships. In addition, we want to get sections more involved in member retention and recruitment.

He also reported that we would be studying the effectiveness of Allen House and how things could be improved.

There was a detailed discussion on future financial plans and what would be needed to provide a sustainable financial model.

The Chairman stated that the Board we have come to grips with the scale of this problem quite rapidly over three months and we are dealing with it as quickly as we can

Alistair Alexander outgoing President made a statement: We haven't got that winning formula and we have had good income from deposit income and insurance in the and we are increasingly having to fall back on our own resources and it is a real challenge and successive directors have tried to square up to this challenge. I am very encouraged by this group of people and the analysis they have come up with and the capability they bring to the table to get somewhere. I have been the subject of it too, I got a lot of abuse especially in the first year of my presidency but you do your best and you will get there. I think this Board that we have now got can actually make a difference but it is not just them, everybody blames them but we are guilty of it as well because we need to sell the Club more effectively and encourage more people to join. I feel that we should be kinder to the Board directors because as far as I am concerned being the President and being a director there is little appreciation. Get behind them and they will deliver.

2: Subscription rates:

The Chairman outlined the Boards thinking behind the proposal to increase subscriptions. The Board is proposing to make an increase from £37 to £40. That will counter balance the lack of any increases since 2016 where we have had significant increases in costs, like the amount of postage we pay on the Journal which has gone up 5% to 8% and due to go up again but with no increase in income. It is also proposed that the discount given to senior citizens members has outlived its usefulness and that over the course of a three-year period it should be phased out. There will be a presumption of an annual increase in subscriptions will be tied to the rate of inflation unless the Board wishes to make a special case for saying we want to do something that is different and we need more money and that will be a discretionary real increase in subscriptions. There is no proposal to ask the members to pay more real



money but please let us catch up to where we would have been if we had had inflation increases every year.

There followed a discussion with members raising several points which were discussed.

3: The Library:

The Chairman noted that before Christmas we resolved, as a Board, to set up a collections committee asking members of the Club to stand forward to join this collections committee. The committee will be asked to review what should be done with the clubs collection of material and how it can be made accessible to members. The committee will report it's finding through the journal.

The proposal was discussed with many members urging a quick turnround on the committee's findings.

4 Club bikes:

The Chairman stated we need to make better use of the Club bikes as there is no purpose in a scheme where the Club financially supports a few dozen people each year who get to ride a bike, they have got to be used for advantage and we will be looking at how we can do that. The basic proposition is that we get someone from the membership that will take on a coordinating role and ensure that maintenance is properly taken care of and a key proposition is that many of the bikes would be farmed out to a section for a season at a time and they take on the management of them to go to local shows, share them out amongst people who have not had the opportunity to ride classic bikes. It is too late to change it for this year but over the Summer the Board is looking to put in place the plans for a new regime that comes into force over next Winter into early summer next year.

The proposal was discussed.

5 Closing remarks:

Chairman: We did not get down the list so I will take the final five items on the agenda and write them up and they will appear the course of the year either in the Journal or section secretary's newsletter but preferably the Journal as there other issues.

Meeting closed.

These minutes prepared by the VMCC Finance Director, Clifford Harris were approved by the VMCC Board on Thursday 18th March 2021.

Mario Costa-Sa

Acting Chair