



Cossack Owners Club 2013 AGM held at Wing Hall camp site

1st September 2013

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting taken and prepared by Tony Jones.

The meeting commenced at 11.05am and the Honorary President, Peter Ballard, took the Chair. He welcomed the Committee and members to the meeting.

Committee members present

Peter Ballard, Honorary President, Technical Adviser and Editor of the Horizontal View.

Tony Jones, Club Secretary

Paul Thomas, Treasurer

Gina Inman, Membership Secretary

David Cox, Web Master

Peter Barker, Editor Horizontal News.

Thirteen members attended the meeting

1. Welcome to Members

Identification of AGM Chairman, Peter Ballard, and Secretary, Tony Jones. Peter Ballard welcomed members and Committee to the meeting and each Committee member was identified.

2. Apologies for absence.

Carl Booth, Show organiser, could not attend the meeting because of work commitments and Amada Wright did not attend the meeting as she had tendered her resignation.

3. Minute Approval.

Approval of 2012 AGM minutes as published in the newsletter.

The minutes as published were proposed by Tony Simmons and seconded by Paul Codling. There were no objections and the minutes were accepted.

4. Committee reports.

Each Committee member read out a short report on their activities over the last year. Tony Jones read out Carl Booths report and there was no report from Amanda Wright, Regalia.

The main points were;

Peter Ballard apologised for not being very active this year because of health problems and other commitments. As Editor of Horizontal View he apologised for not having published one for over a year. He has enough content but just needed time to organise it. He stood in as Editor of Horizontal News for September. As Technical Adviser he has given advice and provided dating letters were required.

Tony Jones has spent the year taking phone calls and emails on behalf of the Club and he has been active in identifying a venue for the 2016 East European Rally.

Carl Booth has attended a number of shows over the year to display our bikes and to promote the Club.

Gina Inman has handled all the membership matters and said that there were 285 paid up members and 24 Honorary members. There has been an increase in membership of 3 over the year. She thanked David Angel for continuing to give one year's membership with every new Ural he sold.

Paul Thomas read out a detailed account of the Clubs finances for the past year. There is £1184.53 excess income over expenditure.

David Cox gave an off the cuff report on the development of the website including completely redesigning it over the year. He is giving some thought to a member's only area.

Peter Barker is prepared to act for another year but he would like to resign after that. The main reason was that he is entirely responsible for the newsletter content and he is running out of steam.

5. Proposals from members.

Tony Jones made 5 proposals. 1. That paragraph 8 of the Constitution be deleted. 2. That rule 5 of the Clubs rules be amended to include OR HER after 'failing him' 3. Rule number 4 be amended to include OR HER after 'resign his'. 4. Rule 3 be amended to read COMMITTEE MEMBERS after the word 'two' and that OF THE TREASURER, SECRETARY, MAGAZINE EDITOR AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR be deleted. 5. Rule 5 be amended to read SECRETARY instead of 'Chairman'.

All these proposals were discussed and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

6. Election of Committee.

Phil Inman was proposed as Treasurer by Nidge Duckett and seconded by Paul Codling. Carl Booth was nominated as Regalia secretary by Nidge Duckett and seconded by Paul Codling. The existing Committee members were nominated for re-election by Nidge Duckett and seconded by Paul Codling. All members agreed unanimously.

7. 2014 AGM Venue.

Was discussed and the present venue was provisionally agreed on.

8. Any other business.

Peter Ballard mentioned an excellent book written by Nev Mason formerly of Nevals.

Tony Jones suggested returning to the bi monthly magazine instead of the H.N and H.V. Peter Ballard and Peter Barker agreed to consult over this.

Tony Jones suggested a reduction in membership fees for members opting to take their magazines by email. A reduction of £2.50 was agreed.

Nidge Duckett proposed a members fee increase of £1 to help build up a kitty for the money needed to stage the 2016 East European Rally. Tony Jones said that £1000 would be needed up front but most of that would be recouped

after the rally. The proposal was seconded by Tony Jones. The fee increase was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.