

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Dave Greenwood, Paul Codling and David Cox.
2. Approval of last years minutes as printed in Horizontal View. Proposed by Phil Whitney and seconded by Tony Jones. Unanimously approved.
3. Committee reports. Peter Ballard, Tony Jones, Phil Inman and Gina Inman read out their reports. Tony Jones read Paul Codling's report. No reports were received from Carl Booth and David Cox. Copies of the reports printed below.
4. Election of Committee. Mike Rowe proposed that the Committee be re elected en bloc. Seconded by Father Alan. Unanimously approved.
5. Next years AGM. Tony Jones said that next years AGM would be held at the Greetham Community Centre during the East European Rally. Hopefully this would encourage more people to attend the AGM.
6. Proposals from members. No proposals were received from members.
7. Any other business. Tony Jones informed the meeting that David Cox has resigned from the Committee citing not being able to make any further progress in developing the website in particular sorting out some of the issues we are having with the service provider. Peter Ballard thanked David for all the work that he has done with the web site over the years.

Charlie Macintyre, who happens to be a website developer, volunteered to have a look at how the website was running and hopefully suggest some solutions.

Tony Jones also informed the meeting that he has been negotiating with an insurer to be the preferred insurer for the club. Details will be published in HV when available. We had a discussion about what we would expect from an insurer and these comments will be passed on.

Finally Tony Jones informed the meeting that the 2020 East European Rally (Red Star Rally) had been arranged for 21st to 23rd August 2020. This site is next to the Greetham Campsite. The meeting closed at 11.30am.

After the meeting we all had a walk to the Greetham Community Centre to inspect the facilities. There is a large, flat camping area, function room with kitchens and adequate toilet and shower facilities.

On the way to the AGM Charlie Macintyre met Stefan Anderson from Sweden at F2 Motorcycles. As Stefan was riding a Dnepr outfit Charlie invited him to the AGM. Phil Rushworth had produced some cast aluminium plaques to give out as trophies and one of these was presented to Stefan as a memento of his visit to the UK.

On Saturday afternoon Phil Inman guided us out for a ride around the local area. As we were pulling into the Windmill Cafe it started to rain. We sheltered for half an hour until the rain cleared up. This was the only rain that we had during the weekend. Phil Rushworth brought along a digital projector and treated us to a short film and slide show on Saturday evening. A perfect weekend was had by all and hopefully everyone arrived home safely. See you next year?

Committee reports.....

Membership Secretary, Gina Inman.

Membership numbers: Year 2018/19, 318 paid up members, 21 honorary members, 339 members in total. Year 2017/18, 294 paid up members, 22 honorary members, 314 members in total.

As you can see this is an increase in numbers from the previous year. This shows a slow but consistent increase ever year for the past 5 years.

Overleaf is a table showing the monthly breakdown of new and renewed membership. During the course of last year 84 people have joined the club compared to 94 in the previous year. This, of course, means more people are remaining in the club and renewing their membership. Overall we have an increase in membership of 25 from the previous year.

Month	New members	Renewals	Total Sep 18	10	19	29
Oct 18	14	25	39			
Nov 18	8	12	20			

Dec 18	9	12	21
Jan 19	2	13	15
Feb 19	10	12	22
Mar 19	5	17	22
Apr 19	10	17	27
May 19	3	31	34
Jun 19	6	17	23
Jul 19	2	30	32
Aug 19	5	29	34
Totals	84	234	318

GDPR General Data Protection Regulations? As stated last year the introduction of GDPR has meant some changes in the way the Club holds personal data. Primarily in security of the data and how long data is kept after resignation from the club. The membership Database is backed up to the Cloud and password protected.

As most people don't formally resign but simply fail to renew their membership this has proven to be a bit of an issue when someone forgets to renew until they realise they haven't had a magazine recently. We aren't permitted to keep data post resignation so if someone renews after simply forgetting for a couple of months technically we need to issue a new membership number and treat them as new members!

In accordance with the law the committee put together a GDPR Statement that is on every membership welcome letter.

Horizontal View Distribution: In my role as Membership Secretary I am also responsible for the distribution of Horizontal View. Last year we contracted the Printer to distribute the posted magazines while I continue to send out the email copies. Postal copies cost about 20p per magazine per person more than doing it ourselves but it is definitely a benefit to the club and me personally! The increase in the number of people taking email copies has continued to rise but much slower this year.

Should it be the will of the membership I am happy to continue in the role of Membership Secretary.

Treasurer and Regalia Secretary, Phil Inman.

Please see the attached Year-End Report, which gives a detailed breakdown of Income and expenditure, by category.

Our bank balance at Year End was £6935.33, compared with £7090.80 for Year End 2018. Income amounted to £6132.44, coming as usual mainly from membership subscriptions. The provision of Dating Certificates generated income of £43.27, whilst Regalia Sales amounted to £539.94. Income from member subscriptions showed a significant increase of £924.77 over last year.

Expenditure amounted to £6287.91, compared with £4341.44 for last year. Postage costs were £486.17 lower than last year. This reduction is largely accounted for by the fact that our magazine printer now mails each edition of Horizontal View on our behalf and these postage costs are subsumed into the overall cost of magazine printing, being included by the printer on his invoice. The club benefited from a postage refund of £251.70 from our franking machine provider, being the amount of pre-paid postage that the Club had previously loaded onto the machine.

The largest item of expenditure was, as usual, the printing and postage of the Club magazine, followed by the cost of provision of an Apple iMac computer for use by the Magazine Editor. This year, the Club's expenditure has exceeded income by £155.47. I make no recommendation for an increase in membership subscriptions but anticipate that this may need to be considered next year.

Regalia sales have shown a significant increase this year, although total Regalia purchases for the year (£618.51) exceeded sales (£539.94) by £78.57. Stock levels are good and should not need to be replenished for some time. Regalia items continue to be taken to the two Stafford Classic Shows during the year and sales there continue to be encouraging.

Unless there is another willing soul out there, I am happy to continue as COC Treasurer for the next year, should that be the membership's wish.
Club Secretary, Tony Jones.

As last year I have been the main contact point for the Club. I receive all emails and correspondence directed to the Club and either answer them or forward them as appropriate. This system seems to be working well so far. Most of the outside enquiries have been machine dating related followed by membership enquiries.

I have also attended some shows, with the Clubs gazebo, barbecue etc, to promote our Club. I am also responsible for arranging the venue for the AGM. I think you will agree that it is a superb site. I have negotiated a site for the 2020 Red Star rally and it is here in Greetham village. The Community Centre seems ideal for our needs and it is conveniently located in the centre of England. We have arranged a site visit to take place after the AGM.

I have been negotiating with a Motorcycle Insurer and I hope to make them the preferred insurer for our club. I am prepared to stand again as Club Secretary.

Horizontal View Editor, Paul Codling.

I can't explain how grateful I am that people send things in. If you have thank you, thank you, thank you! Encouraging new members to introduce themselves is marvellous and I'd love to have time to keep in touch to follow up how all these projects are getting on but racing's been the big priority for several years now, not just last year.

The latest edition has much about the nightmare age related registrations are but I wonder if we might be misunderstanding the exact meaning of the vague wording of rejection letters. If that's so, my Voskhod test vehicle might be registered by now and if it is, I'm going to keep the additional evidence I found for anyone else who wants to register a 1974 Voskhod.

Maybe contributions to HV might become a worthwhile archive of their own if DVLA will accept history as documentary evidence. In that case I'd like to suggest Chris Drucker for the Alan Mottram award for the heroic collecting of tons of it. I still want to create some sort of frame number/reg number register when I get time so can we please keep that box on the membership renewal forms?

As ever, HV continues to be not quite the usual owner's club magazine. I'm not sure how this happens but it does and so far, after more than four years (!!!), everyone seems happy with it. Interestingly I've met several people who receive it by email who don't get time to read it within a few days of it appearing in their in boxes and then forget it as it gets swamped by their more important commitments. I seriously think we might lose something as a club by producing a digital magazine. A lost reader is a lost response and lost future content. I know, we can't go back now!

I get the Jawa/CZ club mag by email, quickly scroll up the pdf once in case there's any pretty pictures then resolve to download it later, but don't. Once the computer's switched on I'm distracted by the internet or busy at work. I know how much work goes into it and I feel horribly guilty but.....

Something like on that subject HV makes an interesting comparison with Facebook where fantastic things everyone should know about flare up in a blaze of exposure then fade into oblivion twenty minutes later. Such is the nature of digital media. Despite the worry that HV might not be able to compete with Facebook, on paper it feels like it's carved in stone!

At lot of interesting content comes from email exchanges, usually about technical advice we need to have a chat about. Sometimes this drifts off into the realms of automotive engineering theory or anywhere, sorry if that gets boring. We rarely know if we've fixed anything so I can only assume no news is good news, a bit like being a parent.

I hope no one objects to me having an occasional poke at the senseless futility of consumerism. For me that's pretty much what riding a Russian motorcycle is all about. I'm both fascinated and

horrified by the imminent death of internal combustion as one of the mainstays of our global economy. Will the future of our club depend on how precarious the supply of petrol becomes? HV is likely to reflect this concern.

After a shaky start Apple's istudiopublisher has turned out to be brilliant and the COC Mac is purring along sweetly, so all is well. Fancy another year? I do!

President and Technical Adviser, Peter Ballard.

I have represented COC at FBHVC events and had long discussions with their officers with reference to age related registrations and 'sidecar sides'. The FBHVC officers now do understand both the issues, neither unique to COC. With reference to V55/5 age related applications the FBHVCs have had discussions with DVLA but have been unable to get DVLA to explain or justify their unilateral tightening up on issuing age related registrations. The new DVLA computer system takes any initiative away from the clerks, so many reject letters are standard letters and do not reflect the actual issue the clerk has with the application. FBHVC have also examined the various rules and regulations reference the Aug 1981 ruling on sidecar sides, so now understand the issues and conflicts. I have been in touch with other clubs with the same issues with sidecar sides.

Technical Advice; this year barely a handful of enquiries typically on telephone, mostly easy to diagnose. Guess most members try the lucky dip version on the various forums.

Date Certificates; I have issued 33 in the last 12 months. Only those with old foreign registration documents have been accepted by DVLA and had age related registrations applied to them, except a Polish Junak that relied on the Junak Owners Club's transcribed factory records. DVLA are adamant now that V55/5 applications for an age related reg must have either an old reg doc or factory proof of year. With an old/current EU reg doc some applications go through without need for a Date Cert. Happy to continue.