



Cossack Owners Club 2012 AGM held at the Market Harborough Rugby Club

26th August 2012

(During the 2012 East European Rally)

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

The meeting commenced at 11am and the Honorary President, Peter Ballard, opened the meeting and welcomed the members and committee. The meeting was chaired by Peter Ballard.

Committee members present : Peter Ballard, Honorary President, Editor Horizontal View, Technical Adviser

Tony Jones, Club Secretary

Paul Thomas, Treasurer

Gina Inman, Membership Secretary

Carl Booth, Show Organiser

Peter Barker, Horizontal News Editor

Twelve members attended the meeting. John Fryir, Vice President Russian Motorcycle and Sidecar Owners Association (Australia) attended as a guest.

1. Welcome and identification of AGM Chairman and Secretary.

Peter Ballard welcomed the members and Committee to the meeting and each Committee member was identified.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were sent by Dave Cox, Regalia, who could not attend the meeting because he was away on business.

No other apologies were received.

3. Approval of 2011 AGM minutes as published in Horizontal View.

The minutes of the 2011 AGM, as published in Horizontal View, were proposed as accepted by Dave Angel and seconded by Tony Jones. There were no objections and the minutes were accepted.

4. Committee reports.

Each Committee member read out a short summary of their activities during the year. Copies are attached to this report. Peter Ballard read out Dave Cox's report. Peter Ballard thanked the Committee members for their efforts during the year. Peter Ballard wanted to know if the meeting had any thoughts on if there should be two 32 page Horizontal View's or one 64 page edition each year. Gina said that this would result in a 20 pence increase per member which was about £80 in total. Kevin Alexander asked about dates for submission of articles. Dave Angel offered the use of any article from his blog site for use in Horizontal View. It was decided that there would be one issue of Horizontal View this year and two next year.

5. Election of Committee.

Paul Thomas stated that he was willing to act as treasurer again for the coming year but that he would be resigning at next years AGM.

David Cox sent word that he would like to retire as Regalia Secretary because of work commitments. Tony Jones informed the meeting that Amanda Wright was willing to fill the post of Regalia Secretary.

Peter Ballard informed the meeting that Dave Cox had his own business selling his own line of regalia and technical manuals and he would continue to offer this service and that it would be completely separate to the Club's Regalia stock.

Dave Angel suggested that a new Committee post of Web Master be created and that Dave Cox be invited to become the relevant Committee member. No objections were made and it was agreed that Dave Cox be invited to become a member of the committee to be formalised at next years AGM. (the reason for this being that proposals should be notified to the Secretary with 28 days notice.)

Amanda Wright offered her services as the Regalia Secretary. She was co-opted onto the Committee with her Committee member status being confirmed at next years AGM.

The Committee members were voted in en bloc by a unanimous vote.

6. Proposals by members

There were two proposals laid before the meeting by Tony Jones. No other proposals had been made with 28 days notice.

Proposal 1. Proposed by Tony Jones and seconded by Gina Inman.

That Rule 8 of the Club Rules be amended as follows; "The AGM shall be held at about the beginning of September each year on a date and at a venue to be set by the Committee to receive the Financial Report and Balance Sheet, duly audited for the year ending 31st July, to elect Committee members and to conduct and other business."

Tony Jones suggested to the meeting that the current Rules tied the Club to having the AGM at the beginning of September. This was too restrictive and didn't allow for changing circumstances. It seems sensible that the next AGM venue and date be proposed at the AGM but that the final decision should be left to the Committee.

There was a general acceptance of the proposal but the wording was changed slightly and 'at about the beginning of September each year' was changed to 'at approximately 12 month intervals'

There was a unanimous vote to accept the proposal.

Proposal 2. Proposed by Tony Jones and seconded by Gina Inman.

That members details be available to Club members for Club purposes only. That the membership form and renewal notices should contain a tick box for anyone NOT wanting to allow their details to be shared.

Tony Jones cited an example where there was a new member living locally and that he could not access his details to make contact with him. It seemed strange that Committee members could not access members details. Gina Inman cited another example where she had not been able to pass on another members details to someone genuinely needing them. It was stressed that these details would not be released for commercial reasons.

Dave Angel wanted to know who would decide what were reasonable reasons to release the information. It was decided that reasonable reasons were any reason that could be justified to the member.

The meeting was in general agreement with the proposal and there was a unanimous vote to accept the proposal.

7. Any other business.

Gina Inman proposed the Waterloo Camp site near Market Harborough for next years AGM. Phil Whitney suggested the Popham site.

Peter Ballard asked the meeting if we should re-join MAG or FBHVC. He informed the meeting that he had written to both organisations asking what they could do for our Club. FBHVC had responded but MAG hadn't.

There was a general discussion about the merits or otherwise of each organisation. Kevin Alexander suggested that most members were already members of one or the other organisation via their membership of other clubs. Paul Codling suggested that affiliation to either organisation would increase the membership fees with little or no benefits. Amanda Wright commented on her experiences of MAG.

It was decided by unanimous vote not to re-join either organisation.

Tony Jones introduced John Fryir from RMOA and John gave a short speech giving a little flavour of motorcycling in Australia.

Membership fees were discussed. Phil Whitney mentioned that fees had not increased in the last two years. Amanda Wright asked about Joint membership. Paul Codling suggested that £2 would be too much. Paul Codling proposed a £1 increase in membership fees and this was seconded by Phil Inman.

There was a unanimous vote to accept the proposal. The increase would take effect from 1st January 2013

Tony Jones informed the meeting that it was the Cossack Owners Club's turn to organise the next East European Rally. There was a general agreement that the current venue for the East European Rally was acceptable.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30pm. Peter Ballard thanked members for attending.