

MORRIS MINOR OWNERS CLUB

DORSET BRANCH

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1st October 2008 20:30

Apologies: Jacky Wood, Ian Evans, Ray Driver, Des and Tina Waller, Steve and Michelle Brown, Steve and Carole Ford, Heather and Colin Curtis

Minutes of Last Meeting. These had been printed in the current newsletter.

President's Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 2008 AGM and saying that the AGM was all about looking backward over the previous year and forwards to the new one He then handed over to the committee members for their reports.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave a brief summary of the past year's events and said that we started with the Christmas D & D closely followed by the Mistletoe Meander and the Plowman's Lunch event in January which was a new event this year. Another 'new' event was the Sidmouth Weekend which, whilst being affected by the weather was enjoyable. Suggestions for venues next year are welcomed. Other events this year were the Aubrey Batt Run, IoW Rally, and the very successful '3 in 1' Run last weekend. He congratulated Vicki, Lyn, Chris and Margaret for taking part in the Race For Life in Poole. The National Rally excursion attended by a group of members was mentioned. Our own big events this year were the Beaulieu Spring Autojumble which achieved the goal of 60 cars to commemorate the 60th year of the Morris Minor. He gave his thanks to the Beaulieu Events team for their help and generosity in the planning of the event. Nick Palmer's car was featured in the literature and on the day. He also thanked Dave Daniels for the loan of the 'Mosquito' model for the display. The Branch Rally was a success despite the problems caused by the Gypsies and we had 130 cars attending. The decision to hold the Saturday night party in the café proved to be a good one. Also thanks were given to Bull Motif for the sponsorship this year. The Classics Monthly photoshoot was mentioned and this had brought valuable publicity to the Branch. He praised everyone who had won a prize with their car at events - in particular, Roger and Tony Ware. Also it was good to see Nick and Val Palmer's car used in connection with the Dorset Air Ambulance. He mentioned the sad loss of our friend and committee member Ron who was missed. There was a letter of thanks from his daughter, Lindsay in the current newsletter. Looking ahead to next year, the Lord Mayor's Show preparations are well advanced and the D&D is planned for the 29th November, with the Mistletoe Meander just after Christmas.

Treasurers Report

Brian Wood was standing in for Jacky due to her recuperation from a recent operation. The summary accounts were printed in the current newsletter. The Spring Autojumble was our first major gathering of the year and we are awaiting the reimbursement of some of our expenses from the MMOC. The hospitality (tea/coffee) in the marquee was almost self supporting and the marketing materials and gifts were generously provided by Beaulieu. The Branch Rally was at risk of cancellation just prior to the weekend and we had incurred various costs in relation to the bags, trophies, guide books etc. Had it been cancelled, we would have had to refund the entry fees and this would have incurred a significant loss. On the day, the event broke even (excluding the surplus of £573.83 from cakes, bric a brac and raffle tickets). The other events are self supporting and the only one which is deliberately subsidised is the D&D where the Branch pays for the wine on the tables. A new gazebo (£189.00) was purchased and Brian Tilley was

thanked for his conversion job to make it fit inside the van. Other improvements were carried out to the Van including a new front wing, a roof sign and some refurbished 'van' wheels to replace the saloon ones currently fitted. Charitable donations made this year were, £173 to Marie Curie (£110 from blind auction and £63 from branch member, Helena Carr), £60 to Cancer Relief - Race for Life and £60 to 'Spring' Charity. There were breakdowns of the individual trading accounts for inspection if anyone wished to look. There were no questions.

Chairman's Report

John commenced his report by saying that most of the things about the year had already been said. He passed on sincere thanks for the support for all the events throughout the year and asked for new ideas for events and clubnights etc from the floor. The advertisements for the newsletter were now due for renewal

Committee Elections

Graham Jarvis (President) thanked the Committee for all their efforts over the past year.

The new Committee Nominations were as follows:

Chairman: John Jenkinson - prop Sue Blewer, sec Chris Tilley
Secretary: Laurie Blewer - prop Val Palmer, sec Mike Sheppard
Treasurer: Jacky Wood - prop Sue Blewer, sec Val Palmer
Membership Secretary: Des Waller - prop Margaret Pateman, sec Rosemary Bainbridge
Events/H & S – Neville Gerry – prop Val Palmer, sec Vernon Goodwin
Newsletter/Website Editor: Brian Wood – prop Vicki Blewer, sec Chris Tilley
All elections carried on a show of hands.

Any Other Business:

John Jenkinson thanked John and Rosemary for their efforts in running the parts operation and Richard Cyster for the regalia sales.

Sue Blewer proposed that the 07-08 accounts be accepted. Dave Walker seconded this and this was agreed on a show of hands.

Brian Tilley asked how many members there were (prior to renewal). There were currently 153 meaning that the majority do not attend the clubnights. Was there a reason for this? Brian Tilley asked if it would be worth polling the members who do not come to find out why not?. John and Brian gave the reply that the membership is spread fairly wide geographically and there are only a certain number within a reasonable travelling distance for an evening out. Also others have work commitments and other activities on a Wednesday.

Dave Walker commented that he was aware that a National Classic Car Club has 'borrowed' some ideas from our web site.

AGM closed at 21:00pm.

Signed



Laurie Blewer – MMOC Dorset Branch Secretary