

## **Minutes of the Cambridge & District MGOc AGM 2016.**

Date 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Time 8.00-9.30pm. Venue, The George & Dragon, home pub.

Agenda.

1. Apologies.
2. Acceptance of 2015 AGM meeting minutes.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Secretaries Report.
5. Treasures Report.
6. Web Masters Report.
7. Election of new committee for 2017.
8. Designated Charity for 2017.
9. Events calendar for 2017.
10. CMOTYA.
11. Any other business.

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### **1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from, Liz & Tweed Harris, Lysette & Aidan Joy, Jennifer & David Steer, David Parker and Emma Allen.

### **2. 2015 AGM Minutes were accepted without comment.**

### **3. Chairman's Report.**

What a packed year, since the last AGM – I've lost count of the number of events that have been organized in the last 12 months – some were traditional like the New Year's Day Run and Snowdrop Run, some were additional events like the Father Christmas Run and home and away Quiz's where we met up with and competed against the Northampton Morris Minor Club, and then we had events some hosted by our members on their estates or their floating Gin Palaces. It was good to see some new event organizers – keep those suggestions coming in. Most of the events have been recorded for posterity in photographs on Flickr via a link from our website – if you haven't seen them go for a browse to see the range and cleanliness of some of our MGs & their owners! My role as Chairman has been really easy this year – our small committee has kept everything running smoothly and our Club Secretary, Chris

has been extremely active in planning, organizing and attending most of the events, and in recruiting new members – Treasurer Tim will be giving membership details later. The website has survived and content is growing thanks to Glenn. The 2016 Snowdrop Run was another resounding success – the starting point at Over was again very well received, Liz and Tweed found another beautiful run through the fens and the finish at Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk provided a very interesting National Trust moated Manor House (despite its lack of free toilets!). Many thanks to all those others who contributed to the staging of this event – David Parker for sorting the entrants and collecting the money, Chris Shurlock for finding the snowdrops and the charity, Glenn Pascoe for producing the route book, and the helpers on the day, Pat and Barrie at the Registration Desk, Liz and Lin at the ever popular tombola and the essential marshals for keeping parking and traffic under control. The Snowdrop Run was a very successful event and we were able to donate £1650 to our designated charity, Blue Smile who help so many emotionally challenged children in Cambridgeshire's Schools Our big annual event, the 12<sup>th</sup> Snowdrop Run is being planned for Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – I will be setting up a sub-committee to organize this and we'll need help on the day. All in all another successful year, let's hope the next 12 months are equally successful.

#### **4. Secretaries Report.**

Firstly, I must thank you all for electing me as your club secretary for a second year, a duty I have thoroughly enjoyed. I must again thank Tim Clark for taking on new membership duties, Glenn Pascoe for keeping the club web site up to date with events and photographs, even with my last minute changes. I should also thank Des Chalk for being a good chairman, and wicket keeper! Committee meetings have been held throughout the last year, as and when necessary for the smooth running of the club. I have continued to keep up to date with monthly club reports to the EMG magazine, though I would all ways welcome input from club members should you wish to include anything. I have ensured that we always have Public Liability Insurance in place where necessary. As for events, I would like to thank Roger Plummer for taking on his first two Mid Week Fun Runs this year, David and Theresa Ouzman for a magnificent day out on their river cruiser on the Norfolk Broads. John Riley for his organization of the second Fish and Chip Flyer. Sue Reynolds, and Debbie Hitchin for stitching us up on a fine summer evening First Aid course. Janet and Alan Humphreys for the Concourse Day at their marina, and finally Glenn Pascoe for the trip to Houghton Mill, complete with jam scones afterwards.

The home pub nights have continued to be very popular at The George and Dragon, as have alternative pub nights around the county. My thanks to those club members for organising the alternative pubs. I have tried to include monthly runs to suit all members throughout the year, and I hope I have succeeded.

The Jersey Weekender was this year the best ever for our club. As you know we won the Fancy Dress Trophy for our interpretation of James Bond characters, we also had four Pride of Ownership awards, and I was awarded the Committee Cup for my small efforts in part organization of the event, I think this is the best club performance of any entrants for some years.

Pat and I were very pleased with the turn out for our Mystery Fish and Chip Run, one which we will try to repeat in some form in 2017.

As you know I made contact with the Morris Minor Club of Northampton this year, and I am pleased to report that we won both home and away Quiz Nights with them, hopefully we will return next year.

I am also in contact with the Bedford MGOC on the possibility of joint events in 2017, I have already invited them to join us on our Father Christmas Run in December to see how we get on together.

Of the six events listed at last year's AGM only one was actioned this year, John Riley's Fish and Chip Run. I will give more consideration to the remaining five in the coming year, although I already have some thoughts for the coming season. I also have a planned meeting with Stephen Farrow to discuss new classic car shows for 2017.

I am pleased to report that the club membership has grown considerably over the last two years of my being secretary, but I guess that is just coincidence!!! Tim Clark will give you full details of numbers in his report, but if we can maintain our current membership, then we could well achieve fifty cars in the coming year, that would be a membership of almost one hundred people. I do not think this is an unmanageable number as we will never get full club attendance at any event, but it does give us a good bank of membership.

I would like to say that I have enjoyed being your club secretary for the last two years. I have enjoyed working with Des Chalk, and the rest of the committee, but in particular I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given me in that time.

I should of course thank Pat for attending most of the club events with me, and for putting up with my endless hours on the computer. Also for her early Sunday morning enthusiasm when MG's start to turn up on the drive!! When I took the role on in 2014 I said I would do it for a maximum of two years which is now up. The reason being I was not sure how I would get on with the job, and how you, the club would get on with me doing the job. I am pleased to say that I have enjoyed the role and the response that I have had from the membership, so much so that if you wish I will continue for another year. Thank you all.

## **5. Treasures Report.**

We started the financial year on 13 Sep 2015 with a balance of £1,506. David Parker did a great job with the paying in for the Snowdrop Run as I was away on a winter holiday. After paying all the expenses, the Snowdrop Run produced an income of £1,968. During the year Chris Shurlock has had his 'butterfly net' at work, and as a result we had a record number of 43 members by September 2016, generating a further £630. Membership numbers are still increasing. Our only other income during the year was £80 from the MGOC for an article by Des Chalk about the Snowdrop Run. The Club total annual income for 2015/16 was £4,184, including the opening balance. During the year Club expenditure totaled £2,360. We donated £1,650 to our Blue Smile charity, spent £320 on last year's Christmas Dinner, and £232 on a new Club event shelter. Other minor expenditure included the costs of running the Club website and image library, and buying business cards, screen stickers, concourse and quiz prizes, etc. Putting all these figures together, the Club balance at audit on 13 Sep 2016 - many thanks again to Lin McCreith for this - was a healthy £1,824. At the end of a busy and enjoyable year, we are well placed for funding the 2016 Christmas Dinner and expenses in support of the 2017 Snowdrop Run and Club activities next year. There is, therefore, no need to increase the annual subscription of £15 at present.

## **6. Web Masters Report.**

The club website operates using freely available WordPress Software and has pages covering About us, Events, Contacts, Links and Photos. There is a Members page, however due to limitations with WordPress the password protection on this can only be a single password, which only I can change.

We do not seem to have missed a Members page that much, however the one thing that would be useful (and a feature of the previous website) is to be able to easily confirm whether you are attending an event and be able to see who else is going.

There are some options if we want to pursue this.

Option 1 – Change to a different website software, this would need someone to become familiar with whatever the new software we use is and there would be some set up costs.

Option 2 – Get someone to write or integrate some existing software with WordPress. This would probably cost in the order of £500 - £1,000.

Option 3 – Put our events on Facebook (using a Cambsmgoc Facebook page) so that those who use Facebook can make use of its existing event feature. This is free, easy to use and allows individuals to say if they are going, may go and see who else is going . It is also easy to share things of interest. The question is how many members use or would be interested in using Facebook.

Option 4 – Stay as we are and keep looking on the Internet for some event software that will integrate with WordPress. I have looked (and asked a Web Consultancy) but so far have not come up with anything.

My preference is to go with Option 3 and use Facebook as it is free and I know it works.

Other than that the website seems to do what is required, it takes between 1 and 2 hours each week to keep it up to date, so is not too onerous to manage. If members have any suggestions or comments they would be welcomed, there is always room for further development!

## **7. Election of new Committee.**

As the existing Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Web Master were standing for re-election, and there were no other names put forward, a block vote was proposed for these positions. This was accepted, and proposed by John Riley, and seconded by Philip Towel. The position of Events Organiser has now been filled partly by the Secretary, and partly by members organising individual events.

## **8. Designated Charity for 2017.**

The secretary suggested we support Blue Smile for a second year. Peter Cowper suggested Addenbrooke's Hospital as a number of club members had reason to be treated there. We have however supported the hospital in the past, and we normally support a charity for at least two years before looking at another. This was accepted, proposed by Glenn Pascoe, and seconded by Philip Towel.

## **9. Events for 2017.**

As the Father Christmas Run was a great success last year it was suggested that it be run again this year, but be extended to include taking presents to the local hospital children's ward. The secretary will look in to this proposal. Alan Griffin suggested a visit to the Gun Powder Mills and Museum at Waltham Abbey. Linn McCreith also suggested the North Coast 500 Excursion in Scotland. Janet and Alan Humphreys offered to host another BBQ at their home and garden. The secretary to consider, and take forward these proposals where possible.

## **10. Club Member of the Year.**

The committee once again agreed to make the award to a club member, or members who they felt did just that little bit more for the club. This year the award goes to Liz and Tweed Harris for attending most club events, organising the Christmas Dinner, and plotting the Snowdrop Run. Unfortunately, they were not at the AGM, it was agreed to keep the award quiet, and present it to them at the next club natter night.

## **11. Any Other Business.**

Alan Humphreys suggested that we thank Sue and Steve Reynolds, and their sons for supplying, and cooking bacon and egg rolls at various club events, this was accepted by all at the meeting. The chairman then declared the 2016 AGM closed.