

Minutes of the Cambridge & District MGOc AGM 2019

Date: Wednesday 16th October 2019

Time: 8.15 – 9.15pm. Venue: The George & Dragon PH, Elsworth

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence. See below
2. Acceptance/Matters Arising from 2018 AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Web Master's Report
7. Election of the Committee for Season 2019/2020

Proposed:

Chairman	Des Chalk
Secretary	Chris Shurlock
Treasurer	David Parker
Web Master	Glenn Pascoe
Membership Secretary	Tim Clark
Auditor	Lin McCreith

8. AGM Proposals – none to date
9. Proposed charity for 2020

Those received to date are:

Main Charity: Roger Taylor, Guide Dogs for the Blind

Secondary Charity: sponsorship presentation by a guest

10. Events Calendar 2020
11. Club Member of the Year Award
12. Discussion and Close of Meeting

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: John & Ann Riley, Harriet (Riley), Peter Cowper, Ian & Chris Harriman, Alan Cumming, Liz & Tweed Harris, Karen & Chris Wray, Roger & Jennifer Glover, Tim Cant, Roly & Kathy Merrill, Mike & Jane Starnes, David & Teresa Ouzman, Pam Gavin, Philip Towel, Tom Johnson.

2.2018 AGM Minutes

There were no comments arising from the 2018 Minutes, and so they were accepted. Acceptance was proposed by Robin Carter and seconded by David Coventry.

3.Chairman's Report – see attached.

After reading his Report, Des presented a gift to outgoing Treasurer Tim Clark for his duties over the previous years.

4.Secretary's Report – see attached.

5.Treasurer's Report – see attached.

Also mentioned this year's Christmas Dinner to be held at the Golden Ball on Saturday 14th December as 46 places already taken up, limit of 55.

6.Web Master's Report – see attached.

7. Election of new Committee

As the existing Chairman, Secretary and Web Master were standing for re-election and there were no other proposals put forward, a block vote was proposed for these positions. This was accepted and proposed by Roger Taylor and seconded by David Coventry.

As Tim Clark was standing down as Treasurer, David Parker was nominated, and Tim was put forward for the new role of Membership Secretary which were both accepted, proposed and seconded in the block vote.

An Auditor was a new nomination for this year, Lin McCreith put her name forward which was accepted and proposed by Des Chalk and seconded by Pat Shurlock.

8.AGM Proposals

None.

9.Proposed Charity for 2020

Michelle Taylor, along with Blaze, gave a talk on puppy training and how Guide Dogs for the Blind get no government funding so relies heavily on fundraising. She also related one lady's journey on losing her sight and becoming a guide dog owner. After Michelle's talk, the Charity was accepted, Glenn Pascoe proposing and seconded by Tim Clark. This will be our main Charity for 2020.

A secondary charity was proposed. Molly Childerley gave a talk on how she will be going to Ecuador in July 2020 where she will be working in the community and with wildlife, which will cover helping with buildings and planting trees etc thus helping the community to grow and survive. Molly will also have a week in the Galapagos Islands collecting plastic which will benefit the wildlife. The collected plastics will then be used for art projects. Molly has had to raise £5000.00 herself for funding.

This secondary charity was accepted, proposed by David Gower and seconded by Roger Taylor. It was stated that some funds from the 2020 Snowdrop Run will be used for this Charity.

10.Events Calendar 2020

Per the Secretary's Report, events for 2020 are already in the planning stages. Des also put forward the Cambridge Museum of Technology and Roger Plummer is happy to organize the Drive it Day, normally held in April.

The Witham Oil factory tour, Roger Taylor, was mentioned again, as this didn't take place this year as too few numbers. Roger is happy to organize again, minimum number would be 10 and possibly a trip to Rimmer Bros. at the same time.

The 2020 Snowdrop Run proposed date is Saturday 15th February, starting again from Melbourn Village College. End venue will be a city destination, yet to be announced.

11.Club Member of the Year

The Committee agreed to make the award to a club member or members who they felt were worthy of an award. This year the award went to Roger Plummer for his organization of various events throughout 2019. The award was presented by Chris Shurlock.

12.Discussion and Close of Meeting

Item: discuss the unsuitability of accessibility of the George & Dragon as a Club meeting venue.

Des undertook to look at advantages/disadvantages of the G&D for everyone involved. Geographically it is central for the membership of the Club, but obvious drawbacks are that there are no disabled toilets and parking can be an issue.

A discussion to change took place, it was felt overall that the management were good to deal with, and the room we use for our meetings is a good size and possibly we would not get this if we changed to another venue, so Des stated that there will not be a change of venue.

Item: Proliferation of emails – are there too many emails?

A mention had been made that there were too many emails sent out which could be annoying for members who were using work mobiles or on call etc.

Discussion had taken place before the AGM between Des and Chris and it was agreed that the subject matter would be put in emails so members would know whether the email pertained to them or not.

David Parker pointed out that emails can be answered when and where the recipient was able to, so being at work or home didn't appear to be an issue.

Chris defended sending emails, and will continue to send them.

Closing the meeting, thanks were given from Des for attending. A proposal of thanks for the Committee was given by Dick Martin.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.