

BOURNEMOUTH & NEW FOREST SECTION OF THE V.M.C.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22st JANUARY 2020 AT 8 PM

HELD AT THE CARPENTERS ARMS, BRANSGORE

- ATTENDANCE** 14 members attended.
- OPENING** The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all attendees.
- APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Bernie Kuroпка who had nominated Tony Townsend to stand in as Chairman of this meeting. No other apologies received.
- MINUTES** The minutes of the last AGM held on the 21st January 2019 were presented by the Hon. Secretary. It was proposed that these were accepted by Ian Barr, this was seconded by Peter Keeping and agreed unanimously.
- MATTERS ARISING** The question arose of whether Rodger had taken over as Treasurer. Tony Bristow agreed that he would present the Treasurers report to this meeting and would hand over his role to Rodger at the end of the meeting if Rodger was voted as the new Treasurer.
Bernie had not arranged the trips to Richard Frampton's Cidery so this action would be carried forward.
- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** A copy of the Chairman's report is attached.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** The year ended with a balance of £784, down £50 on last year due to small run numbers. It was proposed that donations be reduced to £125 to each of the same charities as last year excepting the usual biennial change; that is - Hampshire instead of Dorset Air Ambulance.
It was further agreed that the Treasurer will monitor programmed runs and verify that contributions are properly banked.
- Donations will be made as follows:-
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| Julia's House | £125 |
| Hampshire Air Ambulance | £125 |
| British Legion Poppy Appeal | £125 |
- This left a balance in the account of £409 available for expenses and social events.
- The Treasurer's accounts were offered for inspection by any member, and it was then proposed by Tony Townsend that they be accepted. This was agreed unanimously and the accounts signed by the Secretary
- SECRETARY'S REPORT** A copy of the Secretary's report is attached.
- ELECTION OF** All section officers with the exception of Tony Bristow indicated their willingness to continue for one more year. Roger French indicated his willingness to stand for the vacated roll of Treasurer and Richard Hutson indicated his willingness to stand as a Committee member. No other candidates were put forward for election so a vote was taken for each section officer and they were accepted by a majority of hands raised.

The follow officers were elected:

Chairman	Bernie Kuroпка
Hon. Secretary	David Bowmer
Hon. Treasurer	Rodger French
Committee	Ian Barr, Peter Keeping and Richard Hutson
Social Secretary	Tony Townsend

The above officers and Tony Bristow were thanked for their contributions to the section by Tony Townsend.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

Meeting dates and venue

The change of meeting dates and the new venue of The Carpenters Arms was agreed by all present as being a significant improvement on previous options.

The section will now meet formally at The Carpenters Arms, Bransgore on the second Wednesday of each month. **David Bowmer** will revise the programme and book *The Carpenters superb meeting room for the rest of 2020* - (action: **David Bowmer**);

Relay Rally

Dave King had suggested that this section should provide a relay checkpoint for the VMCC annual relay rally on the 3rd of May 2020 to be manned by members not wishing to ride in the rally. This was agreed. The Sammy Miller Museum was proposed as the best venue but there was an Autojumble scheduled for the same day. Bernie has spoken to Viv Bracket of the Sammy Miller Museum Trust who has offered an area at the start of the main drive and passes to allow attendees to use the toilets and cafe.

The following activities were identified:-

- *Organise the people managing the checkpoint.* The following have indicated their willingness (depending on clarifying their availability) :- Tony Townsend, Ian Barr, Bill Humpreys, Tony Bristow, Peter Keeping, David Bowmer - (action: **Tony Townsend**);
- *Complete the necessary forms* - (action: **David Bowmer**);
- *Contact the VMCC to request a banner* - (action: **David Bowmer**);
- *Find a gazebo or other shelter* - (action: **David Bowmer**);
- *Make arrangements with Sammy Miller's* - (action: **Bernie Kuroпка**).

Programme of events and run issues

The programme of events was compiled and agreed in October 2019 in order to meet the VMCC printing deadline for the Yearbook.

Changes identified so far are:-

- The change of date and meeting venue (as above) (action: **David Bowmer**);
- *Change date of 'Spring Run' from 3rd May to 10th May* to avoid clash with Miller Autojumble and Relay Rally - (action: **David Bowmer**);
- *Change start time of 'Wessex Wander' to 10.30am* - (action: **David Bowmer**);
- *Change start time of runs (in programme of events) to actual start time ie 11.00 am* - (action: **David Bowmer**).

The rest of the programme was agreed for the time being. These changes reflect the issues raised in the Secretary's Report and the need for flexibility.

*Changes will be notified in the website, BNF Facebook page and by Bernie's regular email updates (action: **David Bowmer, Bernie Kuroпка**)*

Recent problems with the 'second man dropoff' system were raised whereby two recent runs had minor disruptions caused by participants not keeping to their station.

Solutions proposed were :-

- *The **run leader** is to clearly explain the method at the start of each run;*
- *A good tabard will be made available to the last man who will be identified by the run leader on each run (action: **Bernie Kuroпка**);*
- *Runs should have a couple of intermediate stops to allow re-bunching;*
- *Last man should not stop for breakdowns other than to provide location of the final destination.*

Speakers and presentations

The following actions were agreed:-

- *Give a slide presentation of his recent jaunt in Tasmania, on the 2nd February - (action: **Richard Hutson**);*
- *Approach Don and Derek Rickman to give another of their excellent presentations - (action: **Bill Humphreys**);*
- *Arrange trips to Richard Frampton's Cidery_- (action: **Bernie Kuroпка**);*
- *Make all arrangements for the Christmas Dinner at the Carpenters - (action: **Tony Townsend**).*

Intersection quiz

There was no interest in the Intersection quiz.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tony T highlighted the problem with the raffle at the Christmas Dinner and asked if money paid for tickets should be refunded. This was rejected but he was given responsibility for ensuring that ticket sellers were properly instructed in future - (action: **Tony Townsend**)

CLOSE OF MEETING There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Chairman's Report 22.01.2020 by Bernard Kuroпка

I begin by apologising to you for my non-attendance this evening. Regrettably, with the change of venue and date of the Meeting, it clashed with a prior engagement my wife and I had planned. However, I am happy to leave you in the capable hands of Tony Townsend and Section Secretary Dave Bowmer. I wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to meeting you in February.

Our New Year's Day run from the Carpenters Arms, Bransgore, was a great success. We had reasonable weather and not too cold. A really good number of riders turned up to support, thank you all. Thanks must go to Ian Barr for organising the route. Thanks also go to those who turned up to wave us off, it was much appreciated. I wish all our Section Members the very best for 2020 and hope that you and your machines are able to attend as many meetings and rides this year as you are able. Special thanks must go to our Secretary Dave Bowmer, and our Treasurer Tony Bristow who is standing down this year after many years supporting our Section, thank you Tony.

Both of you, along with our small Committee of 3 men, give up their time year after year to help things along for our Section. We couldn't do this without you.

I must thank Social Secretary Tony Townsend in particular, his Section Christmas Dinner, this year again held at the Carpenters Arms, was excellent. The Carpenters team delivered yet again, the meal was great, portion size generous, hot and tasty. Even the Raffle was different this year with potentially no winners or two winners for every prize . . . ☺

Don't worry, we will have it sorted for next year !

I also have to thank those Members of our Section who put so much effort into planning, testing and conducting our Section Runs throughout the year. Thank you all and to those acting as Tail End Charlie, it makes taking part in our rides so much easier.

A sincere thank you to all those riders who turned out time and again for our Section runs, for their support. Your £2 sign on fee all goes to Charity, with no administration costs. I trust that those who took part enjoyed the runs as much as I did. I hope you have some good memories too of our ride outs.

We have welcomed some new members into our Section during the year, the Monthly Report from Allen House allows us most times to identify new Members to our area and contact them direct, which we do. We trust they are settling in, your comments, thoughts and feedback on how you perceive the Section would be most welcome. You should be able to access our 2020 Programme of Events, developed by Secretary Dave, from our website and Facebook page. I will continue to email the Programme out again over the coming months to ensure most have received a copy.

Addressing our concerns that we have more Members living locally than we thought, Dave Bowmer contacted Allen House in mid-November for a VMCC list of Members living in the SO and BH Postcode areas. This resulted in an email list that I have now compiled of around 230 Members, who we now email monthly. Dave and I hope that this may bring some Members back into the Section, now they are being kept informed of local VMCC activity. Who knows, maybe we will have many more riders turning up for our summer runs.

I am still acting as the local VMCC Area Machine Examiner, and on my many visits, I have had the pleasure of checking many wonderful machines and chatted to their owners. Perhaps we will see them join us during 2020?

I shall continue to send out monthly emails to those I have email addresses for. If you know of any Member who is not receiving his or her emails, please let me know and I will add them to our mailing list. Contributions that I can add to my emails are welcome, if you think there is a worthy date for the diary/calendar or a ride out to a new destination, I can always forward it on to the whole Section.

I am a quiet participant in the VMCC Regulatory Action Group (RAG) who keep a watchful eye on UK and EU Regulatory changes to Legislation etc.

This group offer advice to our Management Committee and Board of Directors on a range of issues. Led by Roger Bibbings, the Group have made several suggestions so far and are networking with other similar interest bodies.

Our Section, continues with its “inclusive approach” to Classic motorcycling, which seems to be popular with many riders. If your ‘old nail’ can’t make the run, drag out something else on two wheels, we won’t turn you away!

We network with local Reps of one make clubs and individuals who share our hobby. If we remain open and welcoming to all, they will join our Club or continue to participate with the B & NF Section.

In conclusion, we thank you for your support for our Section and our Committee, without which there would be no local VMCC activity.

Keep riding, keep supporting, keep happy !

Best wishes,
Bernie Kuroпка
Chairman

Secretary's Report 22.01.2020 - David Bowmer

This section remains robust but small compared to other sections. Bernie has made huge efforts this year to expand our contact base both by emailing every contactable member in the BH and SO areas as well as emailing every new local joiner. This is having the desired effect of encouraging quite a few previously sleeping members to try out our meeting and runs.

Numbers on our monthly runs varies from a core of five or six up to over 20. Obviously one of the main reasons for the overall reduction is the age and fitness of members, although last year it was not helped by many of our runs clashing with other events. Whilst I try very hard to avoid these clashes, I have to produce our next year's programme in October to meet the VMCC timetable while dates for these other events are often not published until early in the next year. For example I only received the dates for the 'Five Valleys', 'the Mavro', Sammy Millers and the 'Relay Rally' a couple of weeks ago. While I had correctly pre-guessed the first two, I found the latter two contended with each other and our 'Spring Run'. I have changed the date of our spring run but still have no idea of dates for some other contending events such as Popham or other section runs. While greater scrutiny by section members of the Programme published in October might help, our only real options are either to set our dates in stone (not possible for this meeting date and our monthly meetings) or to accept changes to the programme throughout the year. To this end I no longer produce hard cards of our programme but publish it on easily changeable media. I can easily change our website and the VMCC website. I can revise the programme on our Facebook site and via email. But the only timely way is via Bernie's regular email communications. This of course mean that interested members must accept their need to monitor these 'new' digital channels. Or alternatively come to one of our very regular (twice weekly) meetings to get a printed A4 copy of our latest programme.

I should probably also mention that this section is exceptional in that it organises many informal runs and meetings throughout the year. These are often more fun than our programmed events but are generally short notice. They can only be notified through Bernie's emails or through word-of-mouth.

On a similar note and given our aging membership I believe we all need to spread the desirability of this section to as many non-VMCC bike riding friends and acquaintances as possible. Bring them to our runs and our meetings; get their email addresses with consent to receiving regular updates from Bernie. Make it clear that while welcoming new members we are perfectly happy if they aren't members. At our meetings anyone interested in old bikes is welcome and on our runs they just have to have a bike – any bike. We don't enforce the 25 year rule or the requirement to be a member. Anyone can sign-on and pay the £2 donation as long as they are happy to accept the pace, quirks and occasional unreliability of some of the older bikes and also cope with our drop-off system.

As mentioned last year, I no longer have to send copies of our run sheets to VMCC central I am supposed to retain copies in the section files, so could anyone taking an organised run please ensure they send me a copy of the run sheet, as well as forwarding the money to our treasurer.

Finally I don't believe that there are any serious current issues with the VMCC and it seems the club is back to reasonable financial and organisational soundness, albeit with a likely increase in dues coming soon.

Enjoy the Riding,

Dave Bowmer