



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 14th November 2018

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.20 pm and welcomed all 18 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Geoff Drury and Ian Jayne.

Dave Roberts has been in touch as he's already planning the 2019 Sowerby Bridge bike show and would like to know if the branch plans to take the gazebo to the event, the show will take place on Bank Holiday Sunday May 26th. The VMCC have requested a club stand which he has incorporated into his layout plan, Dave has stated that the Norton Owners Gazebo would be a welcome addition. Members on the evening voted to take the gazebo to the event. Dave has said he will take the gazebo to the Hebden Bridge show later in the year, arrangements will need to be made to pick it up from Hebden Bridge and to store it later in the year.

The branch order for NOC Calendars was finalised at the meeting, 19 calendars were ordered on the evening and paid for, all being well the calendars will be available for collection at the 12th December meeting.

As discussed at the October meeting the branch will hold its Christmas dinner at the Bankhouse Pub in Pudsey for the second year running, the date of the event is Saturday the 15th December and the table is booked for 8.30pm. Bob Nabozny has kindly volunteered to organise the event and details have been circulated to members via e-mail. A table for 20 people has provisionally been booked based on expressions of interest at the last meeting. If you would like to attend we need to ensure Bob is in receipt of your choice of food and ASAP, you can make the payment by giving Bob cash (£18.95 per person or £37.90 per couple), if it's easier for you - you can make a electronic bank transfer payment to Bob's (account and sort code details already circulated) but as per Bob's request please inform him of your food choice and that you have made the payment so he knows who's paid! Note at the end of the meeting 16 places had been booked and paid for, Bob plans to finalise the numbers with the landlord on Friday 16th November. (Contact details Bob 07790 145893)

The NOC Branch Secretaries meeting and AGM for 2019 will take place at the National Waterways Museum in Ellesmere Port on the 13th and 14th of April respectively. Andy will be attending both days to represent the branch.

An enquiry has recently been received via the branch website to see if the club was interested in design drawings, promotional videos and other 'stuff' relating to the Norton Nemesis project (60 degree V8 1500cc motorcycle) designed by Al Melling and unveiled in 1998. The enquiry came from a gentleman who had purchased a boat from Al Melling and who had found all this information on board. Rather than destroy it he has kindly volunteered to donate it to the club for historical safe keeping. Andy will collect all the information and ensure it goes into the national club's records system.

3. Ride Outs 2018 (Andy Lodge)

The formal ride out program for 2018 has been completed, the next ride out will be scheduled for April 2019.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch account balance was £641.06 at the present time.

Peter reminded the group that last year the branch agreed to contribute an amount to the Christmas dinner to put wine on the table at the event courtesy of the branch, members agreed on the night to repeat this gesture so a cheque for £41.06 was made out to cover the wine costs (that nicely rounds up the branch account figure and gets rid on the 6 pence!).

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

A piston from a 1955 ES2 was shown to the group, it was interesting in that it had a split in its skirt, many members were unaware that in days gone by some pistons were manufactured in this way to enable tighter tolerances to be obtained when engines were cold, as the engine heated up the piston expanded and the split closed up. As aluminum metallurgy improved low expansion pistons were manufactured and the split pistons were no longer required.

The meeting was formally closed and sandwiches were provided by the staff at the Marsh.

Andy Lodge – NOC Yorkshire Branch Secretary

Don't forget all details of the branch activities can be found on our web-site - <http://yorkshire.branches.nortonownersclub.org>

Date of next meeting 12th December 2018