



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 13th November 2019

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.35pm and welcomed all 23 attendees on the evening.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Barry Crosby.

The NOC Yorkshire Branch AGM meeting was held as part of the November meeting, the positions of the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary all went through the election process, the existing position holders were all willing to continue in the roles, as there were no other nominee's the existing position holders were re-elected for another year.

Don Tovey brought 2020 NOC calendars along to the meeting, all the available wall calendars were purchased by members attending the meeting. Thanks go out to Don for doing a splendid job (again) of putting the calendar together, organising the printing and helping to distribute this year's calendar for the NOC.

The display kits being provided by the NOC are scheduled to be delivered next week, these consist of 3 pull up banners and 2 of the NOC buntings (flags on string). One of the pull up banners will be specific to the Yorkshire Branch, the other 2 will be promoting the NOC generally. The NOC is meeting the majority of the cost, our branch pays 16.66% of the cost which will be under £50, this final figure is to be confirmed.

3. Ride Outs 2019 (Andy Lodge)

The organised branch ride out programme was completed in September, the branch ride outs will commence again in April 2020.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter advised members that the branch funds now stood at £605, additionally some kind member had also contributed 5 Zlotie and 2 Dimes into the sub's collection.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

John Oldridge had recently attended the Colombres Rally in Spain that was organised by the Moto Piston Club. John commented that it was a very good event and highly recommended that people should attend future events, he took his Model 50 on a trailer to Spain but whilst he was at the rally he covered 998 miles on ride outs. John advised that it cost 70 euro for the rally fee (free beer was provided every night in this cost), the ferry cost him £700 and the hotel also cost him £700.

Peter Holland has booked accommodation for the 2020 International Rally (21st / 25th May) in Evora, Portugal, the NOC rally booking system is not open yet but Peter has sorted out his own Airb&b accommodation a short distance from the rally site at a very reasonable 33 euro per night, he's also sorted out his ferry crossing from Portsmouth to Bilbao.

Ian Barnes attended the National Motorcycle Museum open day recently and told members attending it was a really good event, free entry to the museum was available and the only cost was £10 to park his car (motorcycles had free parking). John McGuinness and Henry Cole were at the event giving talks.

Tony Ward had recently visited Teesdale Motorcycles in Thirsk, the salesmen told Tony that they were ceasing being a Norton dealership at the end of the year, he was told that they didn't have a problem with the bikes and could sell as many as they were provided with, however, Norton were unable to supply bikes and promises of bikes being delivered were not kept leaving customers frustrated.

Branch Christmas Dinner – Russ Ward will attempt to book a table at the Rupyal Indian restaurant in Stanningley for 20 people on the evening of Saturday 21st December, the restaurant is not licensed so it's a bring your own alcoholic drinks event. Anybody wanting to attend should inform Russ or Andy, further details will be provided once the booking is confirmed.

The meeting was formally closed.

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 11th December 2019