



**Yorkshire  
Branch**



## **Branch Meeting Minutes – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### **1. Chairman (Russ Ward)**

Russ opened the meeting at 8.30 pm and welcomed all 18 attendees on the evening.

### **2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)**

Apologies for absence – Bob Nabozny, Lawrence Wright, Bruce Senior, Barry Crosby, Ian Barnes and Peter Fairbank.

On the evening of our January meeting a just giving appeal was set up for Peter Hollands grandson Luke, on the 13th Dec 2019 Luke fell ill with Meningococcal Meningitis which has resulted in him losing multiple limb parts, to date the appeal has raised over £107K, thanks go out to all members of the branch who have made individual contributions, also thanks to the NOC East Yorkshire Branch who have jointly kindly donated £100 from their branch funds.

It has been widely reported that Norton Motorcycles have gone into administration, as a result of this the Branch Secretaries Meeting will now be held on Saturday 18th April at the British Motoring Museum at Banbury Rd, Gaydon, Lighthorne Heath, Warwick CV35 0BJ, the Annual General Meeting of the club will be held at the same venue the day after on Sunday 19th April. Both these meetings were originally planned to take place at Donington Hall. For an excellent in depth update on Norton Motorcycles status and the potential future of new Norton's see the article by Alan Cathcart that is currently on the NOC website, or access it directly via:

<https://www.cyclenews.com/2020/02/article/norton-motorcycles-enters-administration>

Brian Sanderson from the Girder Fork and Classic Motorcycle Club has asked if it would be possible for someone from the NOC to give a talk about Norton Motorcycles and the NOC at one of their meetings, the Girder Fork & Classic Motorcycle Club meets for their Club Night on the 1st Tuesday each month at Steeton Hall near Keighley. Brian says 'We are a friendly informal group so the talk could be an informal format; we have a screen and projector if you have slides or a power point presentation. But it is not essential. If you are able to bring a Norton motorcycle that would be great'.

They normally hold a raffle at their meetings for their nominated Charities (Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Manorlands Hospice and White Knights), however, if a presenter from the

NOC gives a talk they could nominate another charity of their choice. Andy asked if anybody wanted to volunteer to give a talk they should contact him and he would forward Brian's details to them. A suggestion was made by Nigel Birdsall that the branch could have a ride out and attend one of their meetings at Steeton Hall, this was supported by a number of people at the meeting so we'll arrange this in the summer.

### **3. Ride Outs 2020 (Andy Lodge)**

The branch ride outs will commence again in April 2020. Proposed dates for the rides outs are as follows:

11<sup>th</sup> April – Yorkshire Dales Ride Out organised by Andy.

16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> June

18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> August

12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> September

All the proposed dates are on Saturdays or Sundays, the person who volunteers to organise the ride out selects the date. As always volunteers are required to organise a ride out.

### **4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)**

Peter advised members that the branch funds now stood at £542.10.

### **5. Any Other Business (Andy Lodge)**

A proposal was put forward that the branch should make a contribution to the just giving appeal for Peter and Suzanne's grandson Luke, a vote was unanimously in favour of the proposal so in addition to the individual members contributions, the branch will donate the sum of £100 to the appeal.

A discussion took place about breakdown and accident recovery services, Andy made people aware that if you are insured with Carole Nash and have their breakdown recovery included in your policy this also covers recovery following an accident, with breakdown cover provided by the Halifax Bank as part of their current account (Ultimate Reward) this uses the services of the AA but only covers breakdown, they would not recover you following an accident or would charge for the service if they were able to.

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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020