



# Yorkshire Branch



## Branch Meeting Minutes – 13th April 2022 Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

### 1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ opened the meeting at 8.30 pm and welcomed all 17 attendees on the evening.

### 2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Gary Standley, Lawrence Wright, Bob Nabozny, Bob Brown and John Oldridge.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** – The Marsh Pub has become very busy due to meals being served on our traditional Wednesday evening monthly meeting, following a discussion with the landlord, May's meeting is going to be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for a trial instead of the Wednesday as the pub does not serve meals on Tuesdays. Hopefully this will enable us to continue at the Marsh, if the change is unsuccessful we may have to consider an alternate venue in the Pudsey area. So our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The NOC Branch Secretaries meeting and AGM took place at the British Motor Museum, Banbury Road, Gaydon over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April, Andy attended both meetings to represent the Yorkshire Branch. The branch secretaries meeting mainly focused on sharing ideas of what each branch was doing and also discussed the need for volunteers to ensure the club could continue to function effectively. There is an immediate need for a club treasurer, the duties required are less than previous incumbents of the role and can be tailored to suit the abilities of a volunteer with additional help being provided on an 'as required' basis.

The AGM took place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April and approximately 75 NOC members attended, what follows is a brief summary of the main events:

A large proportion of the meeting was spent voting on the resolutions put forward by the

club directors (which were all passed following a count up of the on-line votes and votes from members attending on the day. The main point relevant to branch members was the increase for the first time in 10 years of club annual sub's (standard sub raising from £19.50 to £23.50, however, a new e-member sub was being introduced were £15 would be paid annually, but for this no Roadholder magazine was be sent out to e-members, they would have access to the magazine via the NOC website electronically).

The NOC Chairman gave his review of the past year, the club financial report was presented by the outgoing club Treasurer, the election of the club directors, etc took place with all nominees being re-elected or elected for the first time. Mike Jackson gave his entertaining Presidential address, two guest speakers were unable to attend on the day.

The John Hudson award went to Brian Harriss for his long service to the club (currently he's the Trade Advert Officer). Under AOB a long discussion occurred driven by members of the Norfolk branch which was a continuation of matters raised regarding enquiries about costs of producing the NOC calendar, this was concluded when members attending voted and supported the directors stance on this matter.

At the last branch meeting Tony Ward raised a point about some insurance companies not seeming to recognise the NOC with regard to their discount schemes. Tim Harrison responded (see italics below) regarding this matter after reading our branch minutes:

*Thanks for the copy of the minutes. Regarding the item on insurance, there are a number of companies which the Club endorses and they should certainly give NOC members a discount. If other companies do so it will be a commercial decision on their part.*

*Kind regards, Tim Harrison*

Bob Brown contacted the Girder Fork and Classic Motorcycle Club regarding their Big Bike Sunday event at the Skipton Auction Mart on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, this resulted in John Hunter from the club contacting Andy to confirm the arrangements. John can accommodate our NOC marquee on the car park (tarmac area). As it's a charity event they are asking all attendees, whether showing or not, to pay the normal £3 entrance fee. So far they already have a Moto Guzzi area and an Enfield area, we will be erecting our marquee and putting on a display of Norton motorcycles.

The East Yorkshire branch of the NOC is promoting a 'Classic Bike Gathering', at the Mile End Cafe on the outskirts of Pocklington on 8th May, 11.00am to 3.30pm. (the venue is on the B1247, post code YO42 1TW). Yorkshire branch members are invited to attend, invitations have gone out to the East Yorks VMCC, AJS/Matchless Club, Royal Enfield Club. Harry Atkinson advises that if you are attending you may have to park on the grass,

so best take a piece of wood for the centre stand!

Three of the branch members have attended the last 2 informal get together's of the Wakefield and West Yorkshire section of the VMCC that meet at a cafe in Scissett every couple of weeks, the meeting date is set by their secretary dependant on the weather forecast so varies or may be cancelled. Andy is friends with the VMCC secretary so will use the branch WhatsApp group to inform members of the dates (time is always 10am start), should they want to ride over for a coffee and to chat to other classic bike owners.

### **3. Ride Outs 2022 (Andy Lodge)**

The 2022 ride out programme that runs from April to September will have a first planned ride out on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022:

Yorkshire Dales Ride Out. The meeting place will be at the Trawlerman fish and chip shop car park just off the Kildwick roundabout (the last roundabout on the dual carriageway between Keighley and Skipton at the Skipton end), this roundabout is where the A629 joins the A6068. Meet at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start.

Should the weather be poor on the day the ride out will be cancelled, if in doubt ring Andy between 8.00am and 9.00am on the morning of the ride out to ensure it's going ahead.

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

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £552.18. Peter also made a proposal that the monthly subscription should stay at £1 for attendees of the meeting, this was supported by members on the evening.

### **5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)**

The branch tool loan scheme has a compression tester included in the inventory, unfortunately this no longer works properly so a proposal was made to purchase a replacement up to a value of £60, Russ Ward will follow this up..

The Dick Craven Classic Bike Museum at Stockton-on-Forest (to the east of York) is open over of the Easter weekend (Sunday and Monday only).

A question was raised about travel guidance being issued by the NOC with respect

to the NOC International Rally in the Czech Republic (9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June), to date members were unaware of any guidance being issued. No doubt because of Brexit, Covid and Putin things are not as straight forward as they used to be!

One member reported that the AJS and Matchless club had issued some guidance to their members regarding international travel, Andy will contact the Tim Harrison to see if the club is planning to issue anything (obviously this would only be valid at the time of issue).

Dave Roberts is selling his twin bike trailer (£400), its a solid trailer build from heavy gauge material (not collapsible) and has 2 spare wheels fitted to the trailer side, Dave says that the wheel bearings have been replaced. The trailer is stored outside so would benefit from a clean up, a light board may need to be purchased. The trailer is stored in the Sowerby Bridge area (close to Halifax), if interested contact Dave on 07710 126145.

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 Tuesday 10th May 2022