



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes – 9th August 2022 Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward))

Russ welcomed all 18 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.45 pm, the meeting was conducted a bit later than usual outdoors in the sunshine :)

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – John Oldridge, Ian Barnes, G Standley and Martin Holdsworth.

A local member of the NOC joined the meeting, Phil Spence is the owner of a 1956 Model 18 which has been in his family since new and is in need of recommissioning.

The Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend occurred over the weekend of Saturday 6th August and Sunday 7th August, three branch members displayed their motorcycles at the event on the Sunday where machines had to be manufactured before 1976. The event was very well attended on both days with over 20 motorcycles being on display on Sunday.

Enquiries about Dave Bell (former active branch member) who was previously a central figure in the event organisation revealed that Dave still has his 650SS but unfortunately is not very mobile due to ill health and was not seen at the event.

A write up for the branches attendance at the Skipton Big Bike Sunday event that took place on the 26th June was published in Roadholder, this should enable the branch to claim money from the NOC (for the first time) for attending and publicising the NOC to show attendees.

The Classic Bike Event at Snaith in East Yorkshire is being held again this year on Sunday 11th September, between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Last year was the first time the event was run and it was well attended by branch members. The event is held on Snaith High Street (post code DN14 9HE).

Alton electric start problem, following a failure of Andy's electric starter to operate, it was found that the small woodruff key that previously just drove the Lucas alternator rotor had sheared into 2 pieces. Andy recommends that people change the woodruff key on the crankshaft that secures the Alton sprag clutch/generator rotor if they have occasion to strip the assemble as it can sheer in normal use, it's now taking a lot more load than the original design intended!

Andy received notification from the family of Lawrence Wright that he has sadly passed away unexpectedly, Lawrence last attended a meeting before covid struck the country but has been in contact earlier this year saying he was hoping to get back to a club meeting, a card of condolence has been sent to Lawrence's family.

The NOC sent out 100 beer mats to each branch secretary, these where distributed amongst members attending on the evening.

3. Ride Outs 2022 (Andy Lodge)

The August ride out will occur on Saturday 13th - Peter Holland has organised the route for this run. The meeting place will be the Trawlerman fish and chip shop car park (next to the Kildwick roundabout between Keighley and Skipton). Meeting time will be 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start, attendees are asked to ensure they have a full tank of fuel. The route is approximately 115 miles and will have a first stop at Slaidburn, then ride to Devils Bridge, Dent and finally stop at a cafe outside Settle, following this stop people will make their way home.

September - Sunday 25th - Russ Ward will organise a Chairman's Ride Out, details are to be arranged.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £608.18. Regarding the clubs escalating branch bank balance it was previously suggested we might consider subsidising the purchase of branch badged T-shirts for regular members who attend the meeting and contribute to the bank balance through their subs payment. So far we only have one quote obtained by Russ for £16 per T-shirt (Fruit of the Loom quality) that would be embroidered with a Yorkshire NOC badge. More quotes are being sought.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

At the present time 4 members have booked for the NOC National Rally at The Friars, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent. (15th - 18th September) One more member is planning to book.

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 13th September 2022