



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting Minutes

– 9th May 2023

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 14 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.30 pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Brown, Bob Nabozny, Bruce Senior, Gary Standley, Stephen Roxbrough, John Oldridge, Barry Crosby, Ian Barnes and Martin Holdsworth.

A new member attended for the first time, Graham Backhouse from Kippax bought an 850 Commando in January, also it was good to see Geoff Drury return to the meeting, Don Tovey picked Geoff up on his way to the meeting.

The East Yorkshire NOC Branch is again holding their Classic Bike Gathering at the Mile End Cafe near Pocklington (YO42 1TW) on Sunday 14th May (the Sunday after the May branch meeting) starting at 10.00am and ending by 3.30pm, Yorkshire Branch members have been invited to attend. Last year this event was well attended by branch members.

The NOC Branch Secretaries meeting and AGM took place over the weekend of 15th/16th April at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon. Andy Lodge and Tony Ward represented the branch at both events. The branch secretaries meeting was well attended with a good proportion of new faces at the meeting, much of the meeting was covering things previously discussed but this was useful to the new secretaries, the matter of the club's insurance cover for events was discussed at length and it was made clear that members bikes are not included in this cover, the cover is for third parties who suffer injury or damage to their property as a result of the clubs activities. Events put on by branches are covered by the insurance but the NOC must be informed that an event is to take place. The club is planning to move away from Paypal to save costs which presently are in the

region of £7K per year.

At the AGM on Sunday the agenda was quickly run through with the clubs finances being the major point of discussion, the clubs finance position is healthy and a new club treasurer has now been elected after recent problems attempting to fill the position. Alan Smith from the North West section has been appointed to the role, Alan prior to retirement was a Finance Director. Peter White stepped down from the role of Club Chairman, Paul Smith has taken over the position. A vote for the Vice Chairman's role was held, Rich Thomas (Essex Branch) won the election beating the previous job holder Peter Scatchard by a single vote. The Essex Branch won the branch of the year award and Ian Loram was awarded the John Hudson award.

The Big bike Sunday event is taking place again at the Skipton Auction mart on Sunday 25th June, the organisers have been in touch to see if we want to attend the event this year, a number of members have said they will be attending. This event occurs on the weekend following the NOC National Rally in Scotland.

3. Ride Outs 2023 (Andy Lodge)

The next ride out will take place on Saturday 20th May, meet at the old Little Chef cafe (now Gregg's) on the eastbound A64 (near Tadcaster) at 10.00am for a 10.30am prompt start, the destination will be Scarborough on the east coast.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter reported that the branch funds now stand at £543.75.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Nigel Birdsall acknowledged advice received from Tony and Russ Ward about the easy way to replace the cylinder head on a Commando, he was told to disconnect the front isolastic mount and then allow the engine to tilt forward, this then allows a lot more room to fit the pushrods into the cylinder head on reassembly.

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 is Tuesday 13th June 2023.