



Yorkshire Branch



Branch Meeting and AGM Minutes

– 14th November 2023

Venue – The Marsh, Pudsey.

1. Chairman (Russ Ward)

Russ welcomed all 14 attendees and opened the meeting at 8.35pm.

2. Secretary (Andy Lodge)

Apologies for absence – Bob Brown, Gary Standley, Stephen Roxbrough, Bruce Senior, and Barry Crosby.

It was reported in a recent classic motorcycle magazine that people travelling to the 2024 International rally in Spain (Tossa de Mar) on the east coast above Barcelona on the 8th and 9th June now have an additional problem, bikes aged over 23 years may be banned from many of the larger cities due to emissions regulations, French registered classic bikes are exempt but it has been reported that foreign bikes will not be included in this exemption at the present time although this may change in the future. Post 2000 bikes can apply for a Crit' Air Vignette prior to travel from the French government website (www.certificat-airgouv.fr) at a cost of 4.61 euro. Peter Holland who has property in France and is a regular visitor gave a summary of the situation as he understands it and believes that travellers could skirt around the areas affected as required.

The branch is again going to hold a Christmas function for members and partners at the Rupyal Curry house in Stanningley, Pudsey on Saturday 16th December commencing at 7.30pm. Russ Ward counted 20 people who are planning to attend the event and a table reservation has been made, Russ said the restaurant is flexible so if additional people come forward he will amend the booking. The branch will again as per usual support the event with a selection of wines being provided on the table.

A branch grant submission has been approved by the NOC directors for our attendance at the 2023 Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend that occurred last August, we have been granted £75 for meeting the NOC event attendance requirements.

The annual inter branch quiz put on by the East Yorkshire branch has been postponed due to the ill health of quiz master Malcolm, it is hoped that the event will be run sometime in early 2024.

The branch officials received a request from a new member of the NOC who lives in South Yorkshire and is restoring a Commando, he enquired about using our tool loan scheme and offered to pay any postage to send items to his home address. This request was discussed at the meeting and members on the evening agreed that the tools were bought by members monthly subs (people who attend meetings) and they were not for general issue to NOC members who did not, or have not in the past contributed to the Yorkshire branch of the NOC. It is regrettable that we are not in a position to help a new club member with the loan of tools but these are branch assets that we must protect. A reply to the request stating the branch stance is to be sent to the individual concerned.

3. Ride Outs 2023 (Andy Lodge)

The ride out programme for 2023 was completed in September, the next season of scheduled ride outs will commence in April 2024.

Before April, as an when the weather permits short notice ride outs / meetings at cafes, etc can be arranged by members by posting on the branch WhatsApp site.

4. Treasurers report (Peter Holland)

Peter handed out copies of the branch accounts to members on the evening that showed the 2022 and 2023 monies received and expenditure in the years, at the end of 2022 year (based on the time of the AGM) the branch had a total of £657.18, at the same point in 2023 the branch has £507.30. The extra expenditure in 2023 is accounted for by the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend double pitch cost, a £100 donation to the air ambulance, branch garment embroidery set up charges and fuel costs for attending the NOC Branch Secretaries / AGM meetings. Additionally the recent NOC £75 grant to the branch hasn't been included yet in the accounts.

5. Any Other Business (Russ Ward)

Peter Shand (East Yorkshire branch Chairman) recently put on a model race car event in the East Yorkshire area for that branch, Tony Ward attended the event and said it was good fun and also stated that Peter would run a similar event for our branch if it was required. With Peter's help it is hoped that we may be able to organise an event in January, possibly at the Kildwick village hall if it is available.

6. Branch AGM

A request for persons wanting to be included in the 2023 AGM branch officer elections for the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer was made at the October meeting, no nominations were put forward prior to the meeting and no nominations were submitted on the evening, as the existing branch officers were willing to continue in their roles they were re-elected without opposition.

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 12th December 2023.