



BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL UK CHAPTER

Minutes of

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 9th April 2022

Stoke Goldington Village Hall

MK16 8NR



PRESENT:

Dean "Punky" Barnitt	- Chairman/Country Director
Dave "Sharkey" Smith	- Treasurer
Jon "Crinkle" Horwood	- AGM Host RC
Sharon "Treacle" Hayes	- Secretary

BTW-UK Members as follows:-

Name	Area	Name	Area
Jackie Lloyd	-	Budgie Webb	18
Shaun Lloyd	-	Brian Atkinson	18
Punky	-	Ian Hall	18
Amanda Jewell	1	Sharkey Smith	18
Mark Helson	1	Jill Smith	18
Bev Cotton	2	Rod Harley	51
Jon Horwood	2	Simon Tune	51
Peter Nurse	2	Jeff "Rat" Mae	51
Christine Nurse	2	Lee Betts	-
John Taylor	2	Dave Purchase	-
Janet Taylor	2		
Mick Fieldgate	2		
Pam King	2		
Andy King	2		
Rose Harris	2		
Larry Harris	2		
Ron Arkley	2		
Betty Todd	2		
Paul Hayes	6 & 16		
Sharon Hayes	6 & 16		
Jenny Shaw	8		
Alan Shaw	8		
Zena Whiteside	17		
Frank Whiteside	17		
Carol Weeks	17		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dave Longstaff	Regional Director
Beano	Assistant Director
Andy & Andrea	RC's Area 16
Nigel	RC Area 12
Mike	RC Area 14
John	RC Area 23

2. WELCOME

Punky opened the meeting and welcomed all to 2022 with a special thank you to Area 2 for hosting the meeting, great venue, and brilliant food, great to be able to hold the meeting in the normal way after 2-year absence due to Covid and having to combine AGM with the Summer Rally last year.

3. ACTIONS FROM AGM 2021

Copdock Show organised by Area 18 was a success and all BTW borrowed was returned to Rally Store.

Sue, Gary and Luke's membership sorted and cut, and patches presented to Sue, which she was delighted with, photos of the occasion can be seen on the website for members to see.

4. COUNTRY DIRECTORS REPORT

It was with great sadness that Punky started his report with the devastating news of the passing of 2 members, Bob Hobbit Thomas and Nick Woodley, both leaving a huge hole in the Association, the Rally at the Tiddly will differ without Bob who was always an intrinsic part of the setting up of the rally each year along with Area 12. All members stood, made toast, and paid respectful tribute to our lost Brothers who will never be forgotten.

Punky delighted to announce that our UK Chapter is now no 1 outside of America, great news this year, historically it's always been close every year tit for tat with the results, but we pipped it this year thanks to the efforts of our members, long may it continue. Membership is slowly increasing again, will always have leavers each year but then have new members join as well currently circa 200+ members.

There has been an increase in internet enquiries and the site is getting more hits. 360 last month. Members can help to promote the site as part of their daily activities and events etc and would also encourage members to add a review on Google. Punky will add some instruction on how to do that on the member's page.

Starting a long awaited and new chapter this year with Ireland restarting so they have had a formal invite to the Rally at the Tiddly in July.

At the moment it appears to be just Northern Ireland however the intention was to include all of Ireland including Southern Ireland. Directors will be following that up to see if we can resolve that. So, looking forward to another year and hoping that we can all enjoy the freedom from restrictions we have had to endure and continue to enjoy our activities and promote our membership.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Post of Assistant Director currently held by Beano.

Punky proposed motion for Beano to continue in the post, no objections, Bev "Stars" Cotton seconded. Beano voted in and will stay as is.

Vacancies in the areas still remain however Punky announced hot of the press it seems we may have a Road Captain for Kent. Once again it was reiterated that if anyone wishes to stand for Road Captain for any area showing a vacancy please let us know as soon as possible.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Sharkey handed out accounts breakdown to members for reference (copy attached to the minutes) and provided commercial commentary, summary below:-

The Rally tickets made £667.57. Rally is not subsidised by the members it is self-funding.

Thumper was able to negotiate a little less going to USA and for UK to keep a little more in the pot.

BTW clothing sales - £800 - £321 cash sales.

Badges are now fully embroidered so better quality.

Adverts have now been stopped including BSH adverts.

AGM deposit for this year already paid last year.

There were no questions or concerns raised by members.

7. ROAD CAPTAIN REPORTS

Area 1

Slowly getting back up to speed after the restrictions now got Amanda in the area helping out, have 10 members in total and hope to continue a lot more activity as the year moves on.

Area 2

Great relationship with local MCCs always have had, done some charity work, hoping to get out on the road more this Summer, have some activities planned in the near future, holding meetings on a regular basis so ticking along nicely.

Area 3

No update

Area 4

No update however Beans has decided not to continue as RC, so vacancy for that, however there are 2 new members so hope to see some activity soon.

Area 5

No update.

Area 6

P & S continue as temp RCs – 2 members have not renewed membership – tried to make contact but got no response. Hoping to get back to normal this year tie up with Area 18 at the Silverball café as last year, and have some planned trips organised.

Area 7

Vacancy for R/C – no updates

Area 8

Reported the area is going well with 8 members, have regular meetings, activities include the Ring of Red, also Ukraine, Blue & Yellow, the event raised £5k. Still meet up at Darley Dale with ex BTW members and recently did the Egg run to raise funds for disabled children. Working on better ways to introduce the area perhaps with more cards and flyers?

Area 9

No update provided however David Dower – Kent, confirmed meetings 3rd Weds of every month in a local café so hopefully that will go from strength to strength.

Area 10

No update.

Area 11

Vacancy.

Area 12

Update provided from Nigel, obviously area took a huge blow when we lost a dear member a great man in Bob, however he would want the group to carry on and get back to what they do best. Ali Bon-Davidson had re-joined which is brilliant news so 3 new members in total. Hoping to arrange the usual Tiddly camping weekends and all is in hand with preps for the Rally, so business as usual in that respect.

Area 14

MR reports that with the good weather coming hoping to get some ride outs organised, there a couple of Spider riders in the area which he is hoping to get on board. Currently looking for a local pub or venue to host which has been difficult, however there is a local Rugby Club that has hosted biker rallies in the past that is looking more promising, hoping to have trike back on the road by late May.

Area 15

No updates.

Area 16

No updates

Area 17

Pandemic has took its toll on activities in the group with medical issues, however still going strong and have 19 individual members now. All helped each other with shopping etc due to Covid restrictions. Celebrated a birthday ride for a lady on the island at very short notice which included a refreshment halt. Birthdays, around the island, all having a good time. Recently took a young man and his carer for a ride, he absolutely loved it, finished off with a BBQ buffet back at the Care Home when other residents enjoyed looking at and sitting on the trikes. 2 nomad members moving to the island soon so welcome them and looking forward to them to join in with the many activities planned, will continue to do Funeral escorts as requested, Air Ambulance events which is the charity adopted for the group for 2022, new member Carol has volunteered to be publicity operative so hoping to get more items into the Newsletter, also hoping attend Threedom Rally this year too.

Area 18

Now have 25 members, lost a few and gained a few and have 12 active trikes and some that are still work in progress. This year will be the 4th Get the Ball Rolling Show at the Silver Ball Café on the A10 near Royston Saturday 3rd September – all members welcome to come along. £5.00 entrance fee. Last year's show raised £1000.00 for BACA. Show starts at 11 am until 5 pm with live music, bouncy castles, trophies and of course trikes.

Area 21

Vacancy.

Area 22

No update.

Area 23

First meeting took place on the 20th March, went well, 2 trikes in the group at the moment, arranging a ride out at the end of April.

Area 24

Vacancy.

Area 25

Vacancy

Area 26

Vacancy

Area 27

No updates yet from Henry in Northern Ireland, but hoping that this will build and pleased to have Ireland on board.

Area 51

Building up new members nicely, 7 trikes on the road. Hoping to do the Rugby Bike Show this year. Recently met up at Rodders House for trike related discussion and Lemon Drizzle cake ! with newly joined member Rat from Nottinghamshire. Hoping to get more activities now that restrictions are lifted and more opportunities present.

8. AGM 2023

Each area takes in turn chronologically, due to Areas 3, 4, & 5 with either vacancies or sole members, Area 6 is proposed to host for 2023 and confirmed. Confirmation of dates & venue will follow later in the year including information regarding the wearing of back patches whilst travelling through and to the host area.

9. PROPOSALS

1. As detailed in the pre-sent agenda, suggestion put forward from Area 17 :-

- a) The system of membership renewal advice to RC's from the Membership Secretary is by bi-annual PMs.
- b) Members must inform their respective RC's of the date of when their current membership is due to expire.
- c) RC's should keep a record of these dates and remind members nearer the expiry date to renew or otherwise.
- d) Upon renewal or otherwise members must inform their respective RC's of their actions who will update their own records and inform the Membership Secretary as soon as possible of any changes. No longer posted on membership page.

Proposed by Dean Punky Barnitt : Seconded by Jillian Smith: Motion Carried.

PROPOSALS Contd.

2. As detailed in the pre-sent agenda, suggestion put forward from Area 51 :-

- a) The possibility fo BTW-UK having a 90 Day Free Trial Membership scheme the same as USA do to give potential new members the opportunity of a meet and greet before committing to full membership.

Proposed by Dean Punky Barnitt: Seconded by Jenny Shaw: Motion Carried:

10. AOB

Bev Cotton asked if BTW PL insurance covered Areas with organised events and charity runs etc, Punky confirmed that it did.

Bev Cotton also stated that as the Auto Jumble had done well at this year's AGM, we should include it at the Threedom Rally in July this year.

Action: Punky to include in events listing for the Rally.

AOB Contd

Zena Whiteside asked if we could have a better way for RCs to communicate i.e., via Zoom for example – discussion ensued. Members proposed the setting up of a Whats App Group for RCs.

Action: Punky to set up WA Group for RCs asap.

Zena Whiteside also confirmed that back patches on the IOW are not allowed on cuts and outer clothing and that also extends to hoodies.

Meeting Closed.