



BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL UK CHAPTER

Minutes of

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 5th May 2019, 12:00

Kentisbere Village Hall



PRESENT:

Dean "Punky" Barnitt - Chairman/Country Director
Dave "Sharkey" Smith - Treasurer
Jill Smith - Secretary

BTW-UK Members as follows:

Name	Area	Name	Area
Angie Norman	17	Sophie Isaac	1
David Ford	17	Martin Isaac	1
Chris Allaway	17	Sandy Laws	2
Frank Whiteside	17	Lorna keeves	2
Zena Whiteside	17	Jon Horwood	2
Peter Williams	1	Bev Cotton	2
Craig Lawson	1	Julie Gill	1
Sam Curtis	1	Steve Gill	1
Paul Hayes	16	Alan Shaw	8
Sharon hayes	16	Jenny Shaw	8
Nigel Gilboy	12	Mick Webster	12
Joe Weston	12	Eileen Webster	12
Bob Thomas	12	Rachel Duncan	12

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Beano Assistant Director
Thumper Regional Director
Gordon Ellis Area 9 RC
Patch Area 6 POC
Andy & Andrea Area 16 RC
Betty BTW-UK Secretary/News Letter Editor
Budge Area 18 RC

2. ACTIONS FROM AGM 2018

a) AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS

This was implemented the day after the 2018 AGM

b) BUSINESS/HAND OUT CARDS

These were printed and a stock of cards sent out to all Road captains to issue to their area members.

3. COUNTRY DIRECTORS REPORT

- Punky started his report with the sad news of the passing of two members since the 2018 AGM. John Moyoh and Janye Bingham were remembered in our thoughts.
- Punky thanked Area 1 for hosting the 2019 AGM
- Punky reported that the UK is now back in number 1 spot for the largest chapter outside of the USA.
- BTW continued to attend events last year, which went well – and also a few of the areas are starting to host their own gatherings and camping weekends with a lot of cross area participation too which is brilliant. Please don't forget to keep Betty up to date with event stories and pictures for the news letter.
- Please as many as possible attend Trikes R Us so we can get our coveted best turnout trophy back which we lost last year.
- BTW-UK Rally theme this year is Rocky Horror Picture Show, tickets from Me/ Store or on the gate.

4. ELECTION OF ROAD CAPTAINS

In accordance with BTW-UK Chapter Bye-laws, voting of the following positions were called

Steve Chant Area 21	Proposed: Hobbit	Seconded: Jon Horwood
Rodders Area 51	Proposed: Nigel	Seconded: Bev
Jenny area 8	Proposed: Punky	Seconded: Sharkey

All votes approved positions are now legalised for the next 3 years. Anyone wishing to stand for Road captain in any area showing vacant should contact Punky ASAP.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The balance of the account at AGM is £1,883.46

Sharkey handed out a full breakdown of account activity to all present and gave a comprehensive report(a copy is available for anyone who was unable to attend 2019 AGM upon request)

All present discussed at great length that the advertising cost in BSH appeared to be excessive in relation to the actual number of members that join BTW-UK due to seeing the advert and that actually most new membership has come via word of mouth and area recruitment. It was decided that this will be monitored for a period of 6 months with the possibility of termination of the BSH add to conserve funds that could be used elsewhere.

6. ROAD CAPTAIN REPORTS

Area 1 – Devon - Steve

Now have 7 trikes on the road, lost a couple of members but gained more. Still attending lots of events such as BMAD, Funeral escorts, camping trips as an area. Camping with Area 17 on IOW. Would like to meet more members from other areas more often.

Area 2 – Nth London/Watford Gap - Jon

lost a few members who went over to the Dark side (Area 18) been attending lots of charity events such as carnivals, bike shows, won 1st & 2nd position prizes at Newport Pagnell. Been invited to local MC nights out. Raised money for a funding page of late BTW-UK Member.

Area 8 – Manchester/Lancs - Jenny

Lost a couple of members, still have 7 regular members with 4 trikes. Participating in regular ride outs, easter egg run for charity, joining in with local mcc events, camping with other clubs. now meet twice a month. Would like to be called the “Bright Side” in response to area 18 being the dark side.

Area 9 – Kent - Gordon

Gordon sent his apologies at not being able to attend but reports his area has been quiet of late but intends to work on that.

Area 12 – Hereford – Nigel

Still having regular meet ups and camping weekends at the Tiddley, had area Christmas meal at Tiddley. Lost a couple of members but gained more.

Area 16 – Staffs/West Mids – Andrea

Andy & Andrea sent their apologies for not being able to attend. Area 16 members Paul & Sharon present at AGM report that area still trying to meet up as often as family commitments allow. Some new members who unfortunately have not had the chance to meet yet but working on that and hope to meet up soon.

Area 17 – Isle of White – Dave

Area is extremely busy most weekends with local charity events on the island. Also participating on funeral escorts, weddings and birthday rides. Some members took part in the Soldier F demonstration ride to London. Currently have 9 area members 6 of which attended AGM.

Area 18 – Cambridgeshire – Budge

Area18 now have a total of 23 members (an increase from 6 last year) with 12 operational Trikes. We have enjoyed 17 Rideouts including RTTW, Addenbrookes Toy Run, Soldier F Run where Area18 led the South Mimms contingent of 2000 bikers, a Care home Rideout and not forgetting Breakfasts at The Silver Ball Cafe where the owner has now given us our own room to use & decorate with BTW posters. The Darkside has many more plans for the coming year including a First ! (our own one day Bike/Trike show with live music in September), hence we now have our own Events co-ordinator

Area 20 – Cornwall – Punky

Punky reported that since the departure of members in Corwall to start a HA Support club that the area was quiet at present. He is still attending the monthly meetings on his own in the hope that new members can still be encouraged to join. Still attending charity events to promote BTW-UK when possible.

7. AGM 2020

It was proposed that as BTW-UK has a good spread of active areas throughout the UK that we now work through the area list methodically to nominate the following years AGM Area. If that area is unable to host an AGM it will be offered to the next area on the list. This was agreed by all present.

To that end the AGM 2020 will be hosted by Area 2

8. PROPOSALS

Propose that Annual BTW-UK Rally be held in a different area each year. How much comes from yearly subs.

Proposed by **Steve**, seconded by **Sophie**

Outcome

Although it was stated that the rally location had already been previously voted on and accepted as being in the one fixed location every year as other rallies are it was pointed out by some members present that the previous vote was well before their time in BTW-UK and that they felt it was time to give the newer member the chance to vote.

Punky agreed to put this to a poll and as such he will be sending out voting slips in the near future to all current paid up members to have their vote on where to hold the annual rally be it one location or move annually. This will be done via postal vote as not all members are currently on line to participate in an electronic vote.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Club liability insurance

Some members present asked if a copy of the club insurance policy could be made easily available as it was not clear what we are actually covered for. Sharky had a copy on his phone

and gave a brief overview of cover and Punky said a copy will be sent to all Road captains which they in turn can provide to their area members if required.

Members exit forms

Sharon Hayes suggested that form of some kind be produced to canvas members who leave BTW-UK as to why they are leaving. This will be looked into and Sharon offered to help establish this.

Clarification of age restrictions for certain patches

Bev asked for clarification on what the age restrictions are on patches and could this please be set down in the Bye-laws.

After a debate with all present it was decided to add the following age stipulations into the Bye-laws:

- a) Junior patch only until age 16
- b) Front patch only 16 – 18
- c) Full patch set 18 (RC to monitor this and ensure member fully aware of local and national restrictions)

Patches while riding MOTORCYCLE

Bev asked for Re Clarification on the rules of BTW Patches while on a motorcycle.

Punky clarified that as per the Bye-laws NO BACK BADGE is to worn while on a motorcycle as this would give the impression of the rider being an MC/MCC and would cause BTW-UK problems.

Wearing patches abroad.

Bev asked if there are any restrictions on wearing BTW patches outside of the UK.

Punky informed all present that as the UK Director he has NO jurisdiction outside of the UK and neither do the Bye-laws. All that can be advised is that members DO NOT wear their Back badge while abroad unless they are confident that the host country allows this. Most countries have the same policy as the UK in that different regions allow different patches so in the interest of safety it is not advised to wear patches to avoid any misunderstanding.

Before closing the 2019 AGM Punky awarded Bev and Jon their 10 Year member patch to commemorate their continued support and commitment to BTW-UK over the last 10 years.

Punky closed the meeting at 14:30