



**Chichester MGOC 1006**  
**Minutes of Club Committee**  
**19.30 hrs 7th April 2021 (Zoom meeting)**

**Present**

Andy Harris	Chairman and MGOC Area Secretary
Robin Hamilton	Vice Chairman and Treasurer
John Godsmark	Secretary
Simon Scotland	Webmaster
Alice Baggs	Events
David Blackford	
Tony Gunton	
Mandy Sawford	
Clive Wilson	
Michael Baggs	

All committee members present.

**Documents previously circulated:**

Agenda email

Andy opened the meeting and thanked the Committee members for attending.

**AGM Debrief/Comments**

We had 18 members present for the AGM. In addition to the committee members, we welcomed 8 other members. Although overall this seemed a disappointing turnout, one assumes the members must be happy in the way the club is being run, or they would have turned up to complain. David mentioned that one reason might be that people are getting "Zoom fatigue" and some people just don't like meeting on Zoom. Andy said next year, hopefully, we can have a real AGM which could increase the turnout. Robin said that, because the AGM agenda and Zoom coordinates are sent out early, a reminder should be sent 24 hours before the meeting. The Committee did realise that AGMs are not terribly exciting or interesting for most people. Therefore, next year we should follow the AGM with an interesting item. Robin said that we could have a photo slide show of events from the previous year. The AGM is a reflection on the previous year so a slide show would round off the year and be a celebration. Clive said that if we have a AGM not on a Club night, attendance is likely to be poor. It was agreed that the 2022 AGM would be held on the March Club night (Tuesday 1st March 2022) and followed by a photo slide show of 2021 or something similar.

**Action:** For Club Committee

1. Arrange AGM for March 2022 club night, followed by interesting event.
2. Ensure reminder sent out to all members 24hrs before the AGM.

**Events Update**

Tony said that he had just updated the Club website with the latest events and Club nights.

• **June Club Meeting** (30 people outside allowed)

Alice said that the pub are happy to host us for two evenings. Alice and Michael will provide a 'tulip' style route to the pub. Robin asked if there was a minimum number for each night. Michael said that there wasn't, but said if the numbers were very different on the two evenings, we could ask some members to switch. Tony said that it was difficult to plan anything not knowing the numbers and if we could start bookings soon that would really help. A long discussion ensued about numbers and when to open the booking on the website. It was decided that :

- The website will be open for this booking on Monday 19th April 2021
- Members can book for themselves and a partner (no charge as it is a club run)
- Booking confirmation email will be sent to the member, copied to the organiser
- The booking will close when the number on a night reaches 30. Note there is no reserve list system on the website.

The pub can provide food but it will be a simple, limited menu. The Club will not get involved with the food apart from providing this menu. Only members who have booked will be told the pub location about 3-4 days before the event to avoid exceeding a gathering of more than 30 people.

Penalties for organisers are severe. If members want food, this is the time to make their own food arrangements directly with the pub.

**Action :** Andy to issue email to all members (via Mailchimp) announcing that the booking will be open from 19th April and other details. (Alice to assist)

• July “Welcome Back” event (first unrestricted Club event)

This event on 6th July 2021 will be a barbecue at the Sir Roger Tichborne pub at Alford Bars, near Loxwood. Tony had previously circulated the menu to the Committee. The cost is £16/person. After discussions the following was decided:

- The barbecue will commence at 7pm at the pub.
- We will set off from the Chichester Market car park. A cup of tea beforehand at a local cafe is an option.
- We will charge £13, thereby giving members and their partners a £3.66 subsidy (including the Paypal fee)
- Booking for this event will also open on the 19th April or as soon after, once the organisers are ready. (Note: after the meeting it was decided to open booking on 17th May 2021.
- Members will pay the full cost when booking.

**Action:** Tony and Alice to work up the final proposal and report back to the Committee.

**Action :** Andy to issue email to all members (via Mailchimp) announcing when the booking will be open and other details. (Tony and Alice to assist) .

Simon needs the following information for website bookings: event title, organiser, numbers (if restricted) and booking fee (if there is one). For future events allow for Paypal charges (as per the calculator) and round up to the nearest 50p.

**Action:** The organisers of the June and July events (including the Lifeboat visit) need to give the required information to Simon.

Robin asked if, generally, we are going to ask members to let us know if they are attending Club meetings. The consensus was once the “Track and Trace” rules were over, there will be no need . Alice said that on our Facebook page we can post events and members can post if they are coming -Yes/No/Maybe . Of course many members are not FB users.

Alice asked if all events had to be booked through the website. Andy said, once the Covid regulations are over, regular Club nights do not have to be booked. Our Club nights are open meetings where we welcome new members. Other events are members and partners only and will be booked through the website, even if there is no cost.

### **Club Meeting Venue**

It was generally agreed that the current venue, the Fox and Hounds at Funtington, had two disadvantages. Firstly, the upstairs room was rather small for our requirements. Secondly, the parking is not ideal. The car park is across the road and not large. John said that on one Club meeting last winter, the car park was full and members had to park in the road . Some local residents were not happy. Simon said the staircase was not ideal (thank you, Simon !). He also said that for this summer it makes sense to use the Chichester market car park as a start point for our runs. There are many restaurants close by if people want to eat before the meeting. Clive said that, in his opinion, we should be looking for a new venue. Andy said there was no urgency but he asked the Committee to think about alternatives. Simon said that we had already considered the Chichester Yacht Club (CYC) as an option. Robin said he would discuss with CYC again and report back (last time they were possibly looking for a room fee)

**Action:** Robin to investigate CYC again as a club venue and report back.

### **A.O.B.**

John said that the laws regulating Ethanol in fuel were changing in September 2021. He has read a book on the subject and is happy to write a series of articles for the Newsletter on modern fuels in classic cars. No other items.

### **Date of next Meeting**

Wednesday 12th May, 2021 at 20.00 hrs via Zoom (was originally a Steering Committee date)

Andy brought the meeting to a close at approximately 9pm.

**2021 Club Night Calendar (with critical dates)**

4th May	Zoom Google Treasure Hunt (Tony)
17th May	<a href="#">Earliest date for outside 30 people</a>
1st & 2nd June	2 events for 30 people max outside (Alice & Michael )
21st June	<a href="#">Earliest date for unrestricted event</a>
6th July	“Welcome Back” special Club evening (Tony, Alice and Mandy)
3rd August	Run with Triumph Club
7th September	Club run (to be arranged)
5th October	Jim’s talk re Stirling Moss etc.
2nd November	Annual Quiz night (Clive and Wendy)
7th December	Xmas Party

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