

## **KNAUS OWNERS CLUB A.G.M. 2016**

Venue Peterborough Show

DATE. 4 pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Appeal for Notetaker
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- 8) Website: Used and redundant features
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- 11) Election of Officers
- 12) Any other Business

## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence have been received from:-

Lynne and Malcolm Evens  
Laura and Alan Greenhowe

## **Secretary's report for AGM 2016**

The position of club secretary has remained vacant throughout the year.

Emails addressed to the secretary have been automatically responded to advising that the position is vacant. The secretary's mailbox has also been monitored by the webmaster. Emails requiring action have either been responded to by the webmaster or forwarded to the most appropriate other officer of the club.

Kevin Hamblin

## Treasurer / Membership Secretary's Report for AGM 2016

### Knaus Owners Club –Treasurer's Report April 2015/16

2014	/2015	Description	2015	/2016
Income	<b>Expenditure</b>		Income	<b>Expenditure</b>
439.97		Brought Forward - Bank	360.52	
21.99		Brought Forward - Cash	58.49	
400.00		Subscriptions	375.00	
	18.83	Postage		0.00
	185.69	Web Site		185.69
	17.96	Inks, envelopes etc		0.00
	206.97	Event shelter/New signs/PA system		74.99
21.00		Bags/Gazebo sale	24.50	
	34.50	Refreshments		98.28
421.00	463.95	<b>Totals</b>	399.50	358.96
-42.95		<b>Balance of Inc/Exp</b>	40.54	
419.01			459.55	
		<b>Carry Forward</b>		
360.52		Bank	440.96	
58.49		Cash	18.59	
419.01		Total C/F	459.55	

#### Notes:-

1. Subs. similar to last year. Included in that sum, as last year, are pre-paid subs for next year. 72 subs for this year with members now from Australia and Denmark.
2. Waiting for postage claims
3. No website increase this year
4. Main expenditure on PA/Karaoke system.
5. Refreshments at Lincoln 2014 and 2015 included in this year.
6. Healthy balance – no need to increase subscriptions.
7. Suggestions for spending?
8. Members invited to examine books – see Bill.

Next year will be my last – the club needs someone (or two) to take over Membership and/or Treasurer from April 2017. (or sooner)

Bill Lowes

## **Webmaster's Report for AGM 2016**

The Knaus Owners website continues to be a focal point for members' discussions, sales and wants, and trip reports. The 2015/16 year saw 96,586 visits compared to 56,306 in 2014/15, this is a 71% increase over the period. However 57% of visitors only looked at one page then left the site. Users who knew the website and accessed it directly accounted for 93% of the visits. The remaining 7% of visits were the result of referrals from other websites (6%) or search engines (1%). The only conclusion I can draw from this is that users of the website have their favourite page and only visit to look at that.

This year I have looked at the figures in more detail. The most popular section is the Discussion Forum with 4,000 visits followed by Sales and Wants with 2,750 and the Items of Interest with between 800 and 1,700 visits per topic (8 topics in total). All the other sections had around 1,000 visits in the year. The introduction of the club Facebook page appears to have 'livened up' comment on the social and touring side of club activities which had been very sparse on the website in the last few years. I would suggest redesigning the website to concentrate on its most popular topics and would welcome suggestion for new inclusions.

Yet again, after 7 years this time, I would ask for anyone with an interest in looking after the website to put themselves forward for election as Webmaster. Naturally I would offer every help and assistance that I could to anyone interested in the position.

Kevin Hamblin

## **Liaison Officer's Report for AGM 2016**

Engineering and Foundry Supplies, Phillips Lane Works, Phillips Lane, Colne, BB8 9PQ are our club logo suppliers. The website is <http://www.ef-supplies.co.uk/> click on the on-line catalogue for a wide variety of clothing and other goods.

If you wish to order, please e-mail me at [insignia@knausowners.com](mailto:insignia@knausowners.com) and I will order for you and either post out or bring to a rally (or of course you are always welcome to call and join us for a cuppa).

This year I shall not be bringing the actual catalogues to Peterborough as they are very heavy and we are having to be careful of our axle weights!

John and I have arranged a rally in Barnoldswick, Lancashire on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. There will then be a follow-on rally at Pateley Bridge for the weekend courtesy of Christine and Mike's MG club. So far we have 6 vans who think they will be attending. The cost is £7 per van per night and we will be situated on hardstanding on Rolls Royce Social Club Car Park. The address is Skipton Road, Barnoldswick BB18 6HJ. We can have a maximum of 24 vans. There is no electric, but water and grey and black waste disposal is available. The social club does meals and bar snacks and the fitness centre is open daily. Have a look at [www.rollisleisurebarnoldswick.co.uk](http://www.rollisleisurebarnoldswick.co.uk) to see what is on (Thursday night is pie night!) The canal is a short walk away for canal-side dog walks. There is a spar shop and garage nearby and Barnoldswick town shops are a 15 minute stroll away. The bus to Skipton passes the site. Colne's Boundary Mill is 6 miles away and there are some lovely local walks. We hope we shall have a get-together activity every day, so should have lots of fun – why don't you come and join us?

Keren Maskew-Watson

## **Newsletter Editor's Report for 2016 AGM**

Since the last AGM three newsletters have been distributed (May 2015, September 2015 and December 2015). I am grateful once again for all the reports submitted by members, and in particular to Tony Poole and Keren Maskew-Watson who continue to be mainstay contributors. As I have said previously, it would be great to see more contributions from a wider cross-section of the membership, in order to share the burden more fairly. Thanks to those who have risen to the challenge this year, but for those who have yet to 'have a go', please give it some serious consideration. For example, a number of us over-winter in Europe, and reports of good sites and experiences would make interesting articles.

Having been editor for the past three years, I now need to stand down due to other commitments, and would encourage members to consider standing for the position at the forthcoming AGM. I would be happy to offer the new Editor guidance and support, as required, to ease the transition.

I would also be happy, separately, to retain oversight of the Club's Facebook page should members wish me to continue in that role.

Jim Whitehouse

## **KNAUS OWNERS CLUB**

### **Minutes of the Annual general Meeting held at Peterborough on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrea & Kevin Hamblin, Christine & Mike Bourner, Jacquie & Bill Lowes, Carole Crispin & John Paintin, Barbara & Frank Brook, Margo & Clive Egginton, Keren & John Maskew-Watson, Laura & Alan Greenhowe, Diedre & Bob Bottrill, Maureen & David Cawte, Donna & Peter Tanton, Christine & Dave Miller, Alison & Jim Gilmour, Lynne & Malcolm Evans, Jan & Jim Whitehouse, Pat & Ron Fry, Barbara & Louis Starkey, Lynda & Michael Tims, Adrienne & Terry Robinson, Cathy & Mike Wilcox.

#### **CHAIRMANS WELCOME**

Mike Bourner opened the meeting at 4.05pm.

He welcomed all members to the meeting and said he was pleased to see new members joining us.

He said that he was sad to be resigning as Chairman, and although he had enjoyed his role very much, he felt unable to continue, due to health problems and family commitments.

He thanked the members and officers for their support and looked forward to meeting up with folks at future rallies.

Andrea proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of all members to Mike for the humour and enthusiasm he had brought to the role, and for the support he has given to fellow officers and members alike.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Olive & Tony Poole, Richard Drummond (who made a virtual attendance from his hospital bed), Joan & Duncan Clarke, Maxine, John & Evelyn Clarke, Rita & Rod Scott, Lesley & Burton Marsland, Margaret & David Waugh, Hazel & Roger Goulden, Gill & John Kilpatrick, Susannah Brooking, Harry & Kath Pearson, Richard Furness and Jayne Bridger.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2014 MINUTES**

A copy of the minutes of the 2014 AGM was made available prior to the meeting, and the minutes were accepted by all members present as a true representation of that meeting.

Acceptance proposed by Jim Gilmore and seconded by Jim Robinson.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**



The meeting agreed to accept the Officers' written reports as all members present had received copies prior to the AGM. For all members who were unable to attend, copies of the 2015 Agenda containing the officers' reports and 2014 minutes are attached (Appendix A).

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Bill Lowes, Club Treasurer, said that he saw is reason to increase members' subscriptions as they are perfectly adequate at present. The only big expense in the past year had been the purchase of a second Event Shelter to accommodate the increasing numbers of members attending the Club rallies.

### CLUB RALLIES FOR 2015

The rally that was due to be held at York in June has had to be cancelled, due to increasing work and family commitments for the four members who were organising it.

The club will be rallying at the Malvern Show, with Jacquie and Bill Lowes as marshals, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August. This is becoming a popular show among club members, (probably to include one of Bill's "chuck-it-on" BBQs) so be sure book early with Warners.

We will hold a Jacob's Supper on Saturday afternoon at the Lincoln Show, which is from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, when Andrea and Kevin will be your marshals. Warners are hoping to arrange a flypast by a Lancaster during the weekend, and we are usually treated to an informal display by the Red Arrows, who are stationed close by.

Lowdhams are planning another festival for the first weekend in November, but are currently finalising arrangements, so we are the first club to hear about it! They intend to change the format from last year's Novemberfest, and hope to use local facilities for the main event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Camping fields will be open from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Keren Maskew-Watson offered to run a rally at Barnoldswick, Lancs, in the summer of 2016, and would like expressions of interest please

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Clive Eggington. Proposed by Margo Eggington & seconded by Bill Lowes

Elected unopposed

Membership/Treasurer Bill Lowes agreed to continue in this post

Proposed by Kevin Hamblin & seconded by Cathy Wilcox

Newsletter Editor Jim Whitehouse agreed to continue in this post

Proposed by Deidre Bottrill & seconded by Lynne Evans

Webmaster

Kevin Hamblin will continue as webmaster for one more year, with some assistance from Terry Robinson.

Proposed by Keren Maskew-Watson & seconded by Terry Robinson

Secretary

Due to no nominations being received, this post is now vacant and Kevin was co-opted to check emails to the Secretary and forward them to an appropriate officer

Liaison and Club Regalia

Jim Gilmore will maintain liaison with Alex at Knaus Tabbert  
Keren Maskell-Watson will continue to order club regalia

Proposed by Jim Whitehouse & seconded by Lynne Evans

Any Other Business

- 1) Jim Whitehouse said that it appeared that currently just a few members were contributing the majority of items, and so he asked that all members consider sending him articles for inclusion in the Newsletters, e.g site reports, dealer information, holiday journals, or any matter that would be of help or interest to other members. He can be contacted via the link on the website
- 2) Kevin Hamblin expressed his concern that he has not been able to utilise all the facilities offered by the clubs Web Hosting Provider. Terry Robinson offered to obtain information and suggestions from the webmaster of another club that he is associated with, and feed these back to Kevin Hamblin. Jim Whitehouse agreed to set up a club Facebook page and to monitor its usage
- 3) It was suggested that a microphone be purchased for use at future AGMs, as it is difficult to ensure that all voices can be heard when two shelters are being used. Bill Lowes to investigate.
- 4) Warners Rally dates for 2016. Please see list attached (Appendix B)
- 5) Rally Marshals. The existing rally marshals, Bill Lowes and Kevin Hamblin enquired if any members would be interested in becoming a rally marshal. Terry Robinson expressed an interest and will liaise with existing marshals to assist at a future event. If there are other members who would like to act as marshals at future rallies, please contact Bill or Kevin, via their links from the website, and they will be happy to talk through what is involved.
- 6) Keren Maskew-Watson agreed to write a Peterborough show report for the next Newsletter

The meeting closed at 4.55pm

## **Notes**