

KNAUS OWNERS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Peterborough on 26th April 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea & Kevin Hamblin, Carole Crispin & John Paintin, Laura & Alan Greenhowe, Kathy & Steve Dawes, Deidre & Bob Bottriell, Olive & Tony Poole, Cathy & Mike Wilcox, Kath & Mick Pepper, Mandy & Roy Bing, Jacquie & Bill Lowes, Dee & Steven Costin, Alison & Jim Gilmore, Lynda & Mick Tims, Jan & Jim Whitehouse, Lynne & Malcolm Evans, Karen Booth & Ian Harrison, Adrienne & Terry Robinson, Mike & Christine Bourner, Joan Clarke, Marilyn & Chris Hooker, Chris & Dave Miller, Maxine, John & Evelyn Clarke, Jayne Furness & Richard Bridger, Keren Nicholls & John

CHAIRMANS WELCOME

Mike Bourner opened the meeting at 4.05pm, with a warm welcome to all members, with a special mention to new members, and to Olive and Tony. He also offered the Clubs congratulations to Keren and John on their recent marriage.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received from Duncan Clarke, Rita and Rod Scott, Margaret and Frank Tunstall, John Hallam, Barbara & Alan Brook, Susanna & Ted Brooking, Hazel & Roger Goulding.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FOR THE 2013 AGM

A copy of the minutes was made available at the meeting and they had been posted on the website last year. All members present agreed to accept them.

OFFICERS REPORTS

The Chairman requested that as members present had received copies of all the reports they could be agreed and accepted, with any additional issues noted. A copy of each report will be circulated with the minutes.

Chairman Mike gave a brief overview of his first year in office and thanked committee members for their support, and for their work on behalf of the club. He would welcome views from members on setting up a Technical Forum.

Secretary Accepted as read

Treasurer/Membership Secretary Bill ran through his report and advised members that copies of the accounts were available at the meeting. He also asked members for ideas to spend some of the surplus funds.

There appears to be a drop in membership numbers, but Bill explained that he does allow up to 3 years, before he contacts members who haven't renewed their membership. They then have the option to pay the arrears or leave the club.

WEBMASTER Kevin said he felt that he hadn't the expertise to develop the web page, but would be happy to continue dealing with the technical side if there was someone interested in building the website.

LIAISON Keren has confirmed that a tour of the Knaus factory is possible next year (excluding the months June, July, August and December) and there must be at least 15 and a maximum of 20 persons per tour. There are camp sites near to the factory where club members could meet prior to a tour. Bill agreed to email all members, and those who are interested should respond by the time of the Lowdhams rally in June.

Keren again expressed a wish for somebody to undertake the liaison role, preferably someone who can speak German, but will carry on until the next AGM. Karen Booth has kindly offered to assist with translation where possible.

Keren is happy to continue ordering regalia items decorated with the club logo and has a catalogue for members to order from.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Jim thanked people for their support during his first year as Editor and during a recent "IT" problem. He asked that members

continue to submit articles of interest—long ones, short ones, humorous or serious—all would be welcome!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS There will be no increase in subscription this year.

RALLIES FOR 2014 Andrea confirmed the dates of this year's rallies and she asked that all members email the club marshall at the time of booking, as this helped with planning the club pitches.

Rally dates:

Lowdhams, Gunthorpe. 9th to 12th June. Marshalls—Andrea & Kevin Hamblin

Malvern Show. 14th to 18th August. Marshalls---- Jacquie & Bill Lowes

Lincoln Show. 25th to 29th September. Marshalls----Andrea & Kevin Hamblin

Andrea also gave dates for all of the Warners shows for 2015. These will be published in the next newsletter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman

Mike Bourner. Proposed by Bill Lowes. Seconded by Jim Whitehouse

Secretary.

Andrea Wolfe-Hamblin. Proposed by Carole Crispin. Seconded by Jim Gilmore

Treasurer/membership

Bill Lowes. Proposed by Tony Poole. Seconded by Olive Poole

Webmaster

Kevin Hamblin. Proposed by Christine Bourner. Seconded by Terry Robinson

Liaison

Keren Nicholls. Proposed by Kevin Hamblin. Seconded by Ian Harrison

Newsletter Editor

Jim Whitehouse. Proposed by Tony Poole. Seconded by Jim Gilmore

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Growing the Club.

Mike Bourner would like all members to carry copies of the membership forms (available on the website: www.knausowners.com) to encourage other Knaus owners they may meet, to join the club.

b) Event tent.

It was agreed that a second event tent should be purchased. This would ensure that each rally would have a social gathering point, and two shelters will accommodate our increasing numbers more comfortably at Peterborough and Lincoln

c) Additional Rally for 2015

Jim Gilmore and Jim Whitehouse have offered to organise a rally on the outskirts of York, sometime in early June next year. They do need to know if people are interested, and therefore would appreciate members contacting any committee member if they wish to attend, as soon as possible, please. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

d) Auction of old gazebo

As the club has outgrown the existing gazebo, it was auctioned off and the money raised, (£16) was put to club funds.

e) Karen Booth kindly offered to write the Peterborough Show report for the next newsletter, from the perspective of a new member of the club.
Thank you Karen

The meeting concluded with a lucky draw for wines and chocolates, purchased with a donation from members, Maureen and David Cawte.