

KNAUS OWNERS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Lincoln on 23 September 2017 at 4.00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Booth, Ian Harrison, Mike & Christine Bourner, Clive & Margo Egginton, Chris & Marilyn Hooker, John & Keren Maskew-Watson, Clive & Marian Boxley, John & Yvonne Healy, Ron & Heather Kench, John, Maxine & Evelyn Clarke, Ted & Susanna Brooking, Bob & Deirdre Bottriell, Gary & Tina Marcy, Paul & Christine Adams (guests), Bill & Jacquie Lowes, Mike & Suzanne Baker, John & Jean Reynolds, Jim & Jim Whitehouse.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Clive Egginton opened the meeting by welcoming all members old, new and prospective. He thanked Christine Bourner for providing the delicious home baked scones which were enjoyed Friday afternoon.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Terry & Adrienne Robinson, Alan & Brenda Harding, Richard & Margaret Lee, Martin & Vivienne Condliffe, Arthur & Jean Murray, Joan & Duncan Clarke, Jim & Alison Gilmour, Kevin & Andrea Hamblin, Tony & Olive Poole, Roger & Hazel Goulden, Malcolm & Lynne Evans, Alan & Laura Greenhowe, Dave Betts, Rod & Rita Scott, Brian Howes.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2016 MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the 2016 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 Clive Egginton and seconded by Ron Kench.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Bill Lowes)

A copy of the treasurer's report had been circulated prior to the AGM and is attached to these minutes.

The balance sheet covered the period April 2016 to August 2017 due to the AGM being moved from Peterborough (April 2017) to Lincoln (September 2017).

Annual subscriptions were slightly down on the previous year. This was due to the postponement of subscriptions in April 2017 until the AGM in September and the uncertainty surrounding the future of the club.

Bill Lowes invited members to inspect the accounts should they wish to but this was declined.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Margo Egginton and seconded by Deirdre Bottriell.

5. PROPOSED FUTURE STRUCTURE

Clive Egginton presented the three proposals regarding the future structure of the club, a copy of which was circulated in advance of the AGM.

A query arose regarding the difference between Option 2 and Option 3 which Jim Whitehouse clarified. This centred around the potential problems and work surrounding liquidating assets and the distribution of resultant funds to members which meant Option 3 was preferable to Option 2.

Discussion took place on the proposals. Bob Bottriell raised a concern about the club losing direction if there were no officers in place and there being no point of contact for referring new members.

Mike Bournier explained his circumstances had changed and he was now in a position to stand for Treasurer and that his wife, Christine, could act as Membership Secretary.

This left the role of Secretary to be filled. Susanna Brooking volunteered to act as Secretary.

With members prepared to stand for election, Option 1 (the club continuing in its present format) became viable.

Discussion took place regarding the reduction of the website to the name of the club and an email address with all communication being via Facebook and email. There were mixed views regarding this. Not all members used Facebook and when the question of who used Facebook was raised with the members, the split was approx 50/50 of those present. Feedback from the new members present was that one couple had come via the club website. They did not use Facebook and had no desire to do so. Another couple had come via Facebook and would not have found the club via the website. It was agreed that the costs of the website could be reduced and that the website still had a role to play. It was also agreed that communication by committee members to club members should be via email in addition to the website and Facebook. There are still a couple of members who do not have this facility and their preference is via post.

The question of maintaining the website was raised. It was pointed out that Kevin Hamblin had wished to stand down as Webmaster for some time and had been in this role for the past 8 years. Ted Brooking volunteered to look into this with Kevin with a view to reviewing the website and taking this over.

Facebook - Jim Whitehouse was happy to continue to be the sole point of contact regarding adding members of the club to the group. It was agreed that this should remain a closed group. Jim would continue to liaise with the membership secretary to ensure any requests to join the group had paid membership fees and completed membership forms. Tony Poole and Jan Whitehouse had been added as administrators as a backup for contingency planning only.

Jim Gilmour sent his apologies for absence. He was happy to continue in his role as Liaison Officer. He apologised that he had not had much opportunity to do much in this role over the last year due to personal circumstances and offered to step down if required. This offer was declined at the meeting.

Acceptance of Option 1 being adopted was proposed by Bob Bottrill and seconded by Jim Whitehouse. Members voted unanimously in favour of the club remaining in its present format.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at £5 per unit and that this should be payable in April 2018 at Peterborough or via online banking once the new Treasurer was in situ.

7. 2018 RALLIES

Discussion took place over which rallies members would like to attend next year and a request for marshals was made. The following was agreed:

Peterborough (20-22 April) - Chris & Marilyn Hooker kindly offered to act as marshals.

Norwich (20-22 July) - This was a new rally for 2017 and it was agreed had been very successful. Thanks went to Kevin & Andrea Hamblin for acting as marshals and for their offer to do the same next year.

Pateley Bridge (10-12 August) - Courtesy of Mike & Christine Bournier's MG club.

Lincoln - (21-23 September) - A request went out for marshals for this event.

Novemberfest (traditionally this has been the first weekend in November) - Tony Poole has kindly been the main point of contact for Lowdhams for this rally and will confirm whether this is taking place/details nearer the time.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The roles of Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Secretary were up for election.

Treasurer: Mike Bournier
Proposed by Bill Lowes
Seconded by Margo Egginton
Elected unopposed

Membership Secretary: Christine Bournier
Proposed by Jacqui Lowes
Seconded by Jim Whitehouse
Elected unopposed

Secretary: Susanna Brooking
Proposed by Jan Whitehouse
Seconded by Bill Lowes
Elected unopposed

The following roles were not up for re-election:

Chairman: Clive Egginton

Liaison and Club Regalia: Jim Gilmour
Keren Maskell-Watson

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion took place about the Warners shows and the possibility next year of the club attending other rallies being held in the South e.g. Shepton Mallet (7-9 September 2018). Approx 12 members may be interested, though others felt it was quite close to the Lincoln dates. It was suggested that if members wished to go to other shows, they should publicise it on the website and Facebook in case other members wanted to join them. If 10+ vans attended a Warners show, the organiser/marshal went free.

Treasurer's Report 2017

2015/16		Description	April 2016/Sept 2017	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
360.52		Brought Forward - Bank	440.96	
58.49		Brought Forward - Cash	18.59	
375.00		Subscriptions	360.00	
	0.00	Postage		47.14
	185.69	Web Site		236.06
	0.00	Donation to Club	50.00	0.00
	74.99	Event shelter/New signs/PA system		0.00
24.50		Bags/Gazebo sale/Flowers		25.00
	98.28	Refreshments/Rally		92.18
399.50	358.96	Totals	410.00	400.38
40.54		Balance of Inc/Exp	9.62	
459.55			469.17	
		Carry Forward		
440.96		Bank	432.92	
18.59		Cash	36.25	
459.55		Total C/F	469.17	

Notes:-

1. This balance sheet represents April 2016 – August 2017
2. We have 90 members who have paid subs. over the last 18 months.
3. Web site expenditure is April 2016 to August 2017
4. Donation from a member for an item given by another member
5. Books available for examination