

1. APOLOGIES: Ron & Chris Moore, Barry Ruck, Helen Sims, Cliff Smith
2. MINUTES of 25th AGM October 2016 were approved.
3. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS: Chairman, Steve Hackett, summarised the various income and expenditure items for the year and invited questions from the floor. There were no queries and those members present agreed the accounts represented a fair record of the club's activities during the year.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The written report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, the highlights being:
 - Management – in addition to the sad loss of Treasurer, Terry Bass, several key officers and committee members would be standing down at the end of the year which presented a major challenge to the Club
 - Membership – some 52 members had chosen not to renew their membership and, although replaced by new members, there was concern at identifying why this should be so. Suggestions from the floor included contacting them individually to seek answers. Postal cost would be significant (Steve Hackett), would it be recouped? Given inclusive 'phone contracts these days (Ken Griffiths) would this not be a solution? Downside to this approach (Dave Peake) would be time required to complete the survey. It was agreed to make this a priority task for the incoming Membership Secretary as retention was considered a better strategy than constant recruitment.
 - Accounts – funds currently represented about two-year's operating costs suggesting subscriptions need not be increased.
 - Charity – the charity fund was just shy of the £1000 mark and members were happy to round this up. There was discussion around charity giving generally with a consensus that small charities benefited greatly from donations in the hundreds whereas larger charities required significantly more for similar benefit. Members were happy with the main charities but favoured increasing the number and size of donation given to the small charities. It was also proposed to consider including animal charities. Some concerns were raised at any type of charity that sat on huge sums, rather indicating they had less need for the money, which would not resonate well with the broader membership. Further work to be done on this for 2018. It was also decided to give a further donation to the Hereford MS Therapy Centre raising it to £500 and to review this each year for the chosen small charity(ies).
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: there had been no response to the appeal for people to volunteer for officer positions so a novel approach was suggested given that, arguably the three most important positions for effective management were: Treasurer, Secretary & Membership Secretary.

Consequently, the contingency plan of out-sourcing the accounts to be managed by accountant Rachel Moffit (estimated to be towards the lower end of between £100-£200 pa) was put to the vote. This was agreed with the proviso that the arrangement be monitored regularly to ensure costs would not rise unexpectedly. Further stipulations made were to restrict access of the accounts to monitoring and recording only with no access to members' personal details beyond a list of names.

Dave Peake indicated he would stand again as Secretary on the understanding that he would be unable to lead the Ancient to Modern Show in 2018. This was duly noted by members and he was unanimously supported for a further year.

Having received no nominations for Membership Secretary, Steve Hackett stood down as Chairman to fill this committee appointment as it was vital for the club whereas the chair was important but not essential. There was reluctance to accept this as a solution but the

expediency was persuasive. The Chairman position was thus not filled.

Some discussion ensued but there were no practical solutions identified and it was agreed to report the outcome to the wider membership in the hope that some interest might be generated.

6. APPROVE CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION: given the officer vacancies it was necessary to ensure three valid signatories from which any two could act. The constitution would need to allow ordinary members as well as officers to become registered as signatories to reflect this. [signatories are liable for any arrears or debt incurred by the club so this is not a position taken lightly, however small the risk]. It was agreed to amend rule 10 to:

10. *Finance*
a. *A bank account shall be held in the name of Leominster Classic Motorcycle Club. The authorised signatories shall be **any two from three members including at least one of Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary***

7. AGREE THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2018 (recommendation no change, ie £13 member, £6 family member at same address):

Debate around the subscription saw significant support for raising it to enable a greater number of funded opportunities for members. John Wilshaw proposed £15, seconded by Dave Iles; defeated 12 to 8. The recommendation for no change was carried 12 to 8.

8. PROPOSAL TO OPEN CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE TO NON-MEMBERS

The benefit of including a wider audience was well received but sponsorship by an existing member was deemed expedient to help filter and control content. Steve Hackett proposed, Dave Peake seconded; passed unanimously.

9. A.O.B

Dave Iles – suggested moving the emphasis from free food nights to include a broader range of activities. Keep December Awards night as free food but use funds for, say, Skittles or other Social events. Proposed Sue Moore, Seconded Dave Iles, carried unanimously.

Steve Hackett had produced an updated style logo for consideration, initial reaction was mixed and it was agreed to share it with the wider membership for further comment.

Bob Dean was joined by many in complimenting Sue Moore on the standard and professionalism of the newsletter with the 'Terry Issue' being particularly well received throughout the club.

10. THANKS WERE EXTENDED TO THE BUSH INN – for providing the venue for the AGM and all the club nights throughout the year.