

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 - MINUTES

VVC (UK) LTD

Trading as the VETERAN VESPA CLUB

2pm on Saturday 20th October, 2018. Angel Hotel, 143 Regent Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4NZ

1. Meeting was opened at 2pm. by the Chairman, Roger Smith and the attending 42 Members were welcomed. Roger gave an explanation of urgent matters that arose during this past 2017/2018 Club Year including the sudden resignation of past Club Treasurer, Peter Rose in November 2017, due to poor health. Peter was thanked for all he has done for the Club and for completing our accounts to the end of the financial year 31 December 2017. Everyone wished Peter a continued recovery from his operation. In May 2018 Peter Harris took over Membership duties from Tony Purdy who had previously expressed a wish to stand down. Tony was thanked for facilitating a smooth handover and for continuing in his role of H & S Advisor and BMF, ACU & GDPR Compliance. Roger introduced David Ball, our proposed new General/Company Secretary & VVC UK Ltd Director and Acting Committee Members: Martin Bridgwater (Treasurer) and Paul Hart (Journal Editor). The AGM Members attending were given a list showing all members of the VVC Team proposed for 2018/2019.

2. Apologies for absence: Peter Harris (Acting Committee Member & Membership Secretary), Alan Springall (Committee Member and Website Manager), Peter Hanman (Committee Member & Club Event Support), Martin Williams, Giuseppe Spoto, Ray Target, Nigel Buxton, Ken Johnson, Roger & Ingrid Knott, Dave & Marilyn Hawkins, Jane & Jet Harris, Tom Collyer and Steven Turner.

3. Election of Directors: Bob Dixon-Box stands down and does not seek re-election.

3.1. David Ball: Company and Club General Secretary. Only one nomination was received, proposed by Barry Pain and seconded by Roger Smith. Elected unopposed and approved by the attending members.

3.2. Martin Bridgwater: Treasurer. Martin has been Acting Treasurer & Committee Member since the resignation of Peter Rose in November 2017. Proposed by Roger Smith and seconded by Bob Dixon-Box. Elected unopposed and approved by the attending members.

4. Election of Committee Members: The following members and positions are recommended by the Directors and existing Committee for election.

4.1. David Ball: New Company and General Secretary and Director. Elected unopposed and approved by the attending members.

4.2. Martin Bridgwater: Treasurer and Director. Elected unopposed and approved by the attending members.

4.3. Paul Hart: VVC Journal Editor. Elected unopposed and approved by the attending members.

4.4. Peter Harris: New Membership Secretary. Elected unopposed and approved by the attending members.

5. Minutes of the previous 2017 AGM and matters arising: The minutes were studied by the floor and agreed as true. Proposed by Sheila Kitto and seconded by Richard Rawlins.

6. Reports from the Committee Members:

6.1. Retired Treasurer's Report & Year End Accounts to 31 December 2017 were issued to the floor. There were no issues with these and Peter Rose was again thanked for his work in this regard. David Marsh was also thanked for his Financial Examiners report. These written accounts and reports are held on file and show a surplus of £17,416.00.

6.2. New Treasurer's Report: Martin Bridgwater gave an overview of the current financial situation of the club. The bank account and PayPal figures to 30 September 2018 were: Current Account £6,166.87, Savings Account £10026.67, PayPal £727.70. Martin highlighted to the AGM that due to changes in how the Journal is produced a number of costs will be higher than in 2017. He reported that we are though currently still operating on a "surplus" year to year on a Profit and Loss account basis. Written report on file.

6.3. Membership Secretary's Report: In his absence Peter Harris submitted his written report which was issued to the meeting. He reported that at 15 October 2018 we had 369 members, (433 October 2017, 372 May 2018) He is still finding members having difficulties joining and renewing through the website but is happy to help. Contact vyvmembership@veteranvespaclub.com . Peter's full report is held on file.

6.4. Website Managers Report: In his absence Roger gave details of Alan Springall's update on the proposed new website. Alan is working with Roger and Paul Hart to agree a specification with the Website Designer David Hardy.

6.5. Retiring Company/General Secretary's Report: Bob Box reported that all was up to date and in order with the administration of the Club and he would now be working closely with David Ball who was taking over his duties. Bob will be remaining on the Committee as Club Support and thanked the attending members for their support during his time as Company & General Secretary.

6.6. Journal Editors Report: Paul Hart outlined his future and next Journal issue proposals and asked the attending members to send him any interesting material, photographs and technical articles. The meeting suggested that Flyers could be added to Journal posting with event details etc.

7. Events 2018: Stratford upon Avon, County Wicklow (Eire) and North Norfolk. All attending members that had been at the event/s agreed that they had been an outstanding success.

8. Events 2019:

8.1. New Forest (May 17-20), Bob Box gave an update of the recent change of venue to the south of the New Forest. The event was already booked to virtual full capacity and reservations will unfortunately close 31 October 2018 as originally intended.

8.2. Porthmadog, Wales (June 28-July 1) Full details of this event are not yet known but Roger Smith gave an outline of the proposals and hoped that full information would be issued November 2018.

8.3. Bamburgh, Northumberland (September 6-9). Roger & Veronica Smith are organising this event and Roger was able to give the attending members some information. Full details will be issued to the membership 23.10.2018.

8.4. Other Events of Interest 2019: Vespa World Days, Zanka, Hungary (June 6-9), Scooterfest, Abridge, Essex (July 7).

8.5. Member, Trevor Cope asked how we were progressing with one day local events. Unfortunately whilst everybody thinks they are a good idea volunteers are needed to organise them. It was agreed and suggested by the attending members that small local unofficial meetings of VVC Member Friends could be set up through our Member Only Facebook Group, giving a gathering point, date, time and any possible riding destination or local event. The Committee agreed and thought that this idea could also promote the Club and encourage new members.

9. Proposed Events 2020: Devon (May), Cherbourg, France (September) Brief details of these proposed events were given by Sheila Kitto and Bob Box.

10. Any Other Business:

10.1. The Committee recommended a change in the Rally Entry fee to £15 per person, to be charged for events held from June 2019. This was adopted by the attending members and was unopposed. The meeting also agreed that rally/event information should indicate that refunds of any advance payments cannot be guaranteed due to pre payments made by the VVC and Event Organisers.

10.2. The attending members were asked to elect David Marsh as Club Financial Examiner, David accepted the challenge and was elected unopposed.

10.3. Chris Wainwright and Peter Hanman (Committee Member & Club Event Support) proposed an Open Debate on the future of Field Event rallies. Following lively discussion the attending members overwhelmingly voted to continue with the Club's policy of trying to hold one such event each year. The Committee explained however that volunteers were needed to organise such events and that was not proving easy. It was agreed that we should continue with our ACU Affiliation and in-date training of ACU Clerks of the Course for the future.

10.4. First Aid Cover for VVC events: Chris Wainwright and Peter Hanman (Club Event Support) reminded the attending members that volunteers were needed for Bike Specific First Aiders. Our existing certificated First Aiders expire in 2019 and we must have trained/certificated members in place to support all of our events. We need volunteers and our existing and new First Aiders need to volunteer for training. Martin Bridgwater will investigate First Aid training and hopes to work with Peter Hanman to maintain and build a team of First Aid members who can help at events.

10.5. Peter Hanman (Club Event Support) is in charge of providing Marshall, Buddies and General First Aid cover to assist at events. He will contact existing listed helpers to check their availability and would like to invite new volunteers. Please contact Peter, vcpeterh@veteranvespaclub.com

10.6. VVC Shop Range: There was an Open Debate regarding items for the shop including a new VVC Pennant and photographs for a proposed 2020 Calendar. Lesley Purdy was also given the go ahead to order some repeat clothing items.

10.7. Leslie Smith asked if the Committee knew if Ashley Lenton or Dick Smith were holding any Club Memorabilia that should be returned to the Club. Roger Smith responded that the Committee will make diplomatic enquiries.

10.8. AGM 2019: Suggested date Saturday 19th October 2019. Leamington Spa was favoured again if Leslie Smith can organise it with The Angel Hotel around its refurbishing plans.

11. Closure of Meeting at 5.40 pm.

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