



**Minutes of CRMC AGM 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Venue address:** Daventry Court Hotel, Sedgemoor Way, Daventry, Northamptonshire. NN11 0SG

**Present:** 70 voting members and 3 non members

Meeting opened at 1.20pm

1. **Apologies:** Gordon Thorpe
2. **Minutes of 2014 AGM:** These were unanimously accepted, by those present.
3. **Items for Open Discussion:**
  - (i) 2015 Endurance Race Jono Yardley
  - (ii) 3 day race meetings Chris Chapman
  - (iii) Payment by credit card Keith Higgs

**4. Address by Mark George, Chairman:** the chairman began, by presenting Dave Davis a decanter and glasses set, in recognition of his years working for the club both as a committee member and as Chief Technical Official. Mark George, then told those present that 2015 had been a good year for members, with the number of club members at its highest for 5 years, and 260 have already joined for 2016. The ACU unique identifier numbers will be available for those who join on-line, very soon. The club has had a busy and challenging year, with various issues to manage financially, such as circuit hire costs increasing, and insurance costs up.

The club has rebranded itself, with a new logo. This is now used in all areas of the media, making the club easily recognisable. The website has been re-tweaked, making it easier to access from mobiles. It is also possible to access live timing from your phone, using an app. costing £2. All of these, improve the quality of your experience.

**5. Finance: Tony Finch,** the club treasurer, has completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of handling the club’s finances. He asked the floor to accept the 2014 financial statement. Proposed by Spike Livingstone, and 2nded by Nigel Hall-Smith, they were unanimously accepted. As Tony Finch displayed the finances, he pointed out that three years ago the club finances were at rather a low point and still be able to run the club effectively. By the end of 2014, finances were in a more healthy position. With £2 per race increase, funding was raised in preparation for replacing equipment such as radios. In 2014 the club also received the Eric Parr donation. Thus in 2015, the club was not seeking to increase funds, but have sufficient to pay circuit deposits, and pay for a race meeting should it have to be cancelled. The club is partially exempt from VAT; it only charge VAT on Parades (classed as a hobby/pleasure and not a sport), and therefore can claim 0.18% of circuit hire. In 2016, the timing system will be 13 years old. If a transponder goes wrong, it can only be replaced by purchasing a second hand one on Ebay. Therefore the club needs to accrue some funds to build up a timing equipment fund. For this reason, there will be a £2 increase per race for 2016. At this point a question from the floor, suggesting that timing equipment and radios are bought for the benefit of all members, and yet the extra cost is aimed at racing members. Tony Finch replied that owning our equipment is far more cost effective, than hiring the equipment.

<b>Profit and Loss 2015</b>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
• Income		
• Subscriptions	£ 29,838	£ 30,712
• Race Meetings	£533,546	£442,608
• Other Income	£ 51,963	£ 97,387
• Total	£615,347	<u>£570,707</u>

**CRMC 2015 Expenditure Summary**



<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
• Race Meeting Expenses	£489,305	£401,878
• Irrecoverable VAT	£ 45,512	£ 37,790
• Other expenses	£ 83,847	£ 54,989
	<u>£618,664</u>	<u>£494,657</u>

#### **CRMC Financial Summary for year ended 31/12/2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets	£ 8,009	£ 12,470
Current Assets		
Debtors	£ 6,370	£ 17,303
Cash/Bank	£274,885	£257,411
	<u>£281,255</u>	<u>£274,414</u>
Creditors	£ 11,390	£ 6,903
Net Current Assets	£269,865	£267,811
Total Assets less Liabilities	<u>£277,874</u>	<u>£280,281</u>
Capital & Reserves	£ 2	£ 2
Profit & Loss Account	<u>£277,872</u>	<u>£280,279</u>
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**6. Sponsorship: Simon Walsh** the sponsorship co-ordinator thanked all the club sponsors. The club has received £29,524 from sponsors in 2015, from 19 sponsors. In 2015, there were 2 new sponsors: Allens Performance, and StrainSense. The sponsors confirmed already for 2016 are; Ultratape, Norton Owners Club, Ken Inwood, and Avon Tyres. Simon thanked Tony Finch, and John Davidson for their assistance during the year. The generous sponsors for 2015 were: ACU Ltd., Avon Tyres, Boyer Bransden Electronics Ltd., Classic Racer Magazine, Classic Racer Syndicate, Kevin Fawsitt, Fondseca.com, Molnar Precision, MV Owners Club, Practical Sportbike, Norton Owners Club, Scitsu Instruments, SDS MoT Station, Three Bears Syndicate, Ultratape, Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, Woods cubed, Yamaha UK, and Ragged Edge Racing,

At this point, Mark George, thanked Chris Bray for taking on the role of Chief Technical Official during 2016, and being part of the management committee. He has decided to stand down, with Gordon Thorpe taking on the role of Chief Tech. Chris Bray was presented with a decanter, to a round of applause.

<b>7. Classic Eligibility:</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Parade only	39	45
GP Classic 1	4	5
Gp Classic 2	12	8
Club Classic 1	7	0
Club Classic 2	34	39
Classic totals	96	97



Gordon Russell pointed out that the growth area had been in registering parade machines. Oil containment will be mandatory for all 4 stroke classic solos in 2016. This brings them in line with 3 wheelers and Post Classic solos, who already have to conform. Gordon then displayed a diagram from the 2015 ACU Handbook.

Gordon then told those present that he is standing down from the committee after nearly 20 years. He has enjoyed his role as Classic Eligibility Officer, and 5 years as Chairman, but the best part has been talking to people in the paddock at a race meeting. Gordon asked club members to trust their committee, who spend endless hours trying to make things happen. He thanked everyone, and wished John Davidson all the best, as he takes over as Classic Eligibility Officer. There followed a standing ovation.

<b>Post Classic Eligibility:</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gp 250/350	16	7
Gp 490/500		
Superbike 1 & 2	8	4
Clubman 750	10	13
Air Cooled 500	18	17
Air Cooled 250	5	7
125	12	7
Totals	69	55

Steve Dobbie observed that there has been a general increase in Post Classic registrations during 2015. The new Superstock class has had 10 new bikes registered, and have ridden with the CRMC, and there are further 4 or 5 currently being constructed.

<b>Production Eligibility:</b>	<b>2015</b>
Junior Production:	
Ducati Paso 750	2
Kawasaki Gp 550	
Yamaha FZ 600	10
Yamaha XJ600	4
Yamaha RD250LC	
Yamaha TZR250	2
Senior Production:	
Yamaha FJ1200	
Ducati 900SS	
Honda CB1100R	
Honda NSR400R	
Totals	24 new registrations

The class continues to be popular, and well supported, there is a growing number of riders either riding additional bikes in other classes, or moving on to different classes within the club. Several of the machines already registered with the club, have changed hands, bringing new members to the club. The total number of bikes registered in the Production Class is now 145. From 2016, Simon Walsh has agreed to take on the role of Production Eligibility Officer, as Andy Proctor no longer has the time to continue with this role.

<b>Sidecar Eligibility:</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Period 1	3	5
Period 2	0	5
Period 3	6	5
Totals	9	15

Ian Johnson told those present that oil containment has been mandatory for a while. Sidecar grids are based on times, and works well. He thanked Dave Gristwood for all the sponsorship and support over the years, firstly as Gristwood & Toms, and then as Woods cubed. He is now stepping down from this sponsorship. However, there seems to be another stepping up to replace him! Ian reminded everyone, that the Slidey Girls Calendar is for sale... all proceeds going to Cancer Research.



### **Management Committee Appointments:**

Those member attending the AGM and not having voted before, made their votes as they entered the AGM. These were now counted by Michelle Luhr and her team. The nominees were invited to attend the counting process. These numbers were added to the votes already made either electronically or by post.

There was a comfort break while the counting process took place. The results were as follows: John Davidson: 170, Ann Mallett: 162, Simon Walsh: 151, Gordon Thorpe: 141, Steve Dobbie: 115, Keith Higgs: 103, and Spike Livingstone: 101. Thus the first named 6 people here, were voted onto the management committee.

After the comfort break, Gordon Russell told those attending, that there will be a Post Classic GP race at the 74<sup>th</sup> Members meeting at Goodwood, next March. He has details for those interested. Mark George mentioned the Endurance Race run by Endurance Legends, with assistance from the CRMC officials. There is also the chance for the sidecars to race at Mallory Park in 2016, with VSCC. Robin Lamb took the opportunity to inform about a race meeting in Scotland in 2016.

**9. 2016 circuit dates and meeting content:** Roger Bryant introduced the circuits and dates for the proposed 7 race meetings in 2016, and John Davidson explained the race programme and format for each meeting.

**Circuit 1: Pembrey:** March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that Pembrey circuit will run a test day on the Friday. There will be 4 rounds of CRMC club championships, Round 1 for both the ACU Classic 500 and ACU PC350 championship, and Lansdowne invited to have 4 races.

**Circuit 2: Croft:** May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. A test day has already been planned by Croft for Friday. There will be 3 rounds of CRMC club championships, Round 2 of the ACU Classic 500 championship, and Round 1 of the King of Classics Championship. Sunday racing cannot start before 12 o'clock, but will run through without break until 6pm. The circuit has a new shower block, and a café, but still no club house. The club will provide a marquee, and a pie and chips supper for 2, for Saturday evening, will be included in the race fee. Further pie & chip meals can be purchased. There will be a band Saturday evening, and the circuit will have a bar in the marquee.

**Circuit 3: Cadwell Park:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of two 3-day meetings. There will be 4 rounds of CRMC club championships, Round 3 of the ACU Classic 500 championship, Round 2 of the ACU PC350 championship, Round 2 of King of Classics championship (Colin Breeze race), and an invitation to the Camathias Cup Series.

**Circuit 4: Anglesey:** July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The coastal configuration will be used, as in previous years. It is expected that a test day will be run on Friday, by the circuit. There will be 4 rounds of CRMC club championship, and Round 3 of ACU PC350 championship.

**Circuit 5: Donington Park:** August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be the Classic Festival Extravaganza. There will be 4 rounds of CRMC Club championship, Round 4 for both the ACU Classic 500 and PC 350 championship, Round 3 King of Classics championship (Wheatcroft Trophy race), an invitation to Lansdowne Series, and Camathias Cup Series. The inclusion of the Camathias Cup, removes the need to sell practice sessions on the Friday morning. There will be FIME rounds as in previous years. John Davidson reminded racers that they can enter these extra races for no further cost, or effort.

**Circuit 6: Lydden Hill:** September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be 4 rounds of CRMC Club championship, and Round 4 of King of Classics (Charlie Sanby race). Some tarmac has been resurfaced. Sunday racing will commence at 10.30, and run without interruption until 4.30pm. It seems that the circuit is liked by some, and disliked by others. Therefore the club may not return in 2017.

**Circuit 7: Silverstone:** October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be the Race of Year, run on the National circuit. Roger Bryant told those assembled, that the International circuit (Wing) had been considered, but the committee decided not to due to the extra circuit hire expense, and difficulties in organising the Wing. The race meeting will include the final 2 rounds of CRMC Club championship, the final rounds of both ACU Classic 500, and PC350 championship, and the final round of the King of Classics championship. RG and JD will attend a BMRC race meeting, run on the International circuit in 2016, for research purposes.

There was a question from the floor – if the club does not return to Lydden Hill in 2017, then would it be possible to go to Brands Hatch instead. Roger Bryant replied that the club always loses financially when it goes to Brands Hatch. It was observed that if the CRMC can organise on-line voting, then would it be possible to seek member input regarding circuit choices. Discussions ensued, about possible circuits.

**Entry Points:** Jerry Ashton, the Entry Secretary, talked about the various payment options for riders; cheque or PO with entry – no cash in the post; or BACS or PayPal by agreement with the treasurer / entry secretary. All entries received



before 1<sup>st</sup> April, will not be subjected to any cancellation fees. Entries will close 4 weeks before the race meeting, but late entries may be accepted up to 2 weeks after the closing date, (but only with payment.)

The grids in 2016: the first race at the first race meeting will be based on 2015 performance. The first race at the next race meeting will be based on championship standing, and known ability. Subsequent races at all meetings will be on the fastest lap time in the previous race. Reserves will be given an appropriate grid position if there is space. (Not necessarily on the back of the grid, with any previous fastest lap time used to fix position)

After discussions it was agreed that in the 1200cc National Races, the big bikes would be placed at the front of the grid – all those in 1 class, will be gridded together; a split grid, by position and not by time of start.

There was a query from the floor, in regard to grid position for the first race at a meeting, when the championship position is known. Some riders, performing well in their championship are being placed at the back of the grid. The chairman will investigate this.

Mark George gave a vote of thanks to Jerry Ashton, for undertaking this complicated role, and everybody is grateful that he agreed to take over as Entry Secretary from John Davidson.

#### **Open Discussion:**

1. Endurance Race, Snetterton 2015. Jono Yardley shared very positive feedback on this event, promoted by Endurance Legends, and run by CRMC officials and marshals. Jono suggested that the support both Rob and Darin in the track days they offer, so that another Endurance Race can take place next year. It was agreed that the event had been a steep learning curve for all involved. While the event had made a financial loss for Rob and Darin, the club had assisted at cost, and therefore not placed the club in financial jeopardy. There will be a meeting the following morning to discuss with Rob and Darin possible options for 2016, and 2017.
2. Chris Chapman asked to discuss 3 day race meetings. While there had been 4 during the 2015 season, there are 2 only planned for 2016. This will make less of an impact, but for those self-employed riders, it creates an extra financial burden; both paying for the racing, and losing income by not working. It was also agreed that 3 day race format, increases the work load for the officials. There followed thanks for all the officials who helped to make racing so great for riders, especially the Snetterton 300 race meeting. Mark George pointed out that by running a 3 day race meeting at Cadwell Park, it allowed a further 85 riders to take part. Also Donington Park Classic Festival needs 3 days, to fit in all the racing.
3. Keith Higgs asked if it would be possible to pay race entries using credit cards. The Chairman, said that it is possible to use credit card payment, if the rider contacts the treasurer, Tony Finch. Both Mark George and Jerry Ashton are working on an on-line entry system for 2016. This would cater for card payments.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.