**Taunton Classic Motorcycle Club - Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting**

**Date**; 24 November 2022

**Venue**; Ruishton Inn, Taunton

1. **Apologies;** Barry and Valerie Morse, Paul Taylor, Cathy
2. **Chair Report**;

* It was reported that 2022 has been an active year for the Club following the pandemic that persisted through into the start of the year. Monthly meetings resumed with a core of members attending with numbers increasing as we approach the end of the year.
* Several well attended rides were completed including a run across the Blackdown Hills to Dunkerswell Aerodrome at Easter, the Reservoir Run and of course the Exmoor Run in August. The rides before the monthly meeting were not so well attended and the Chair encouraged members to join these. Members were encouraged to make suggestions for rides they wish to undertake through 2023.
* The Exmoor Run returned after a break due to the COVID pandemic and saw full attendance, taking place in temperatures approaching 30 degrees. Close to 100 riders came along and several new members were recruited as a result. This event proves to be very successful and thanks was given to Gary Tunstall for leading the organisation of the run and the members who gave their time to help as marshals. The event raised over £2000
* Following the Exmoor Run, a new members ‘meet and greet’ took place at the October meeting with several new and prospective members coming along. Donations were made in-person to the Club’s selected charities, Freewheelers and the Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance, who each received £1000. A buffet was provided after the event that proved very successful with members.

**4. Treasurer Report;**

* **Our Treasurer presented the annual accounts that show that the club maintains a healthy position with subscriptions due in January 2023.**
* **A copy of the accounts are available on request**

**5. Membership**;

* The Membership Secretary reported that the club has 73 active members
* A vote was taken to hold annual membership fees at £10 or £15 for couples. Passed
* A proposal was made to separate the finances associated with Membership fees and monies raised for charity, viz the Exmoor Run. This to allow membership fees to benefit the Club, perhaps subsidise events and social occasions. A vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

**6. Website/Media**

* The Club website and social media presence received a refresh during the later part of the year. The website now has more clarity with clearer directions on how to contact the Club and has seen an increase in visits. This is probably due to a new Facebook Group being created which now has close to 50 members.
* Members were encouraged to provide content that can be shared on either platform to indicate that the club is active and thriving.

**7. Election of Officers**

* All positions were up for re-election. The following members were nominated and elected as officers for 2023
* Chair- Sylv Arscott
* Vice Chair- Rich Salvage
* Treasurer- Colin Napper
* Membership Secretary - Rich Salvage
* Webmaster and Secretary - Colin Western
* Social Secretary - Vacant.
* Communications Officer - Paul Taylor
* The Chair thanked those who gave their time through 2022 and chose not to run for re-election .

**8. AOB**

* Social events;
  + 26 Nov - Yeovilton - 9.30am meet for bacon sandwich’s at the Ruishton, depart at 10am
  + 8 Dec - Christmas meal, deposits paid pay on night.
  + 1 Jan - New Year’s Day J24, 9am.
  + 25/26 Feb - Bristol Bike Show. 5 places left.
* Merchandise; Colin Western volunteered to investigate options for new Club merchandise
* 2023 Calendar
* January - Membership fees due
* February - Bring & buy
* March - Quiz Night to be organised by Rich Salvage
* April - Good Friday run 7th April
* May - Runouts on May Day (1st) and Coronation Run (8th)

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm