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Dear Member

As advised on our website, an Annual General Meeting of the Burton & District Sporting Motorcycle Club will be held at The Village Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Hill Ridware, Nr. Rugeley, Staffordshire. WS15 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 6.00pm. This will precede our "Xmas Party" and Presentation Evening (Disco/Buffer/Licenced Bar) which will commence at 7.30pm.

I hope you will be able to attend. As members it is important for you to be given the opportunity to air your views and to suggest any improvements or changes which could be made. The Clubs Constitution, Terms and Conditions, and Booking Procedures will be discussed (these documents can be viewed on the website) as well as how the website can be improved, so any suggestions will be welcome. Please advise should you have any item to be added to the Agenda. (last year's AGM Minutes are also attached)

We have limited the AGM to 1hr 30 mins and once the formalities have been completed, we can then concentrate on enjoying the rest of the evening. Please let me know if you will be able to come and join us. Tickets are £2.00 per adult and children under 18 years are free.

Membership for 2010 is due 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 (fees remained unchanged) – forms are enclosed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Annie Boyle  
General Secretary

# BURTON & DISTRICT SPORTING MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of The Burton & District Sporting Motorcycle Club to be held at the Village Hill, Uttoxeter Road, Hill Ridware, Nr Rugeley, Staffordshire on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm

## AGM AGENDA

1. To record the attendance.
2. To receive and consider acceptance of any apologies for absence.
3. To receive a report from the Chairman
4. To receive and consider the Financial Report and Balance Sheet for 2009 and to approve same.
5. To receive a report from the General Secretary (overview of club activities).
6. To receive a report re: Motocross
7. To receive a report re: Track Racing (Oval)
8. To consider any changes to the Club Constitution and other administrative documentation
9. To discuss any other AGM business.

Open Discussion if time allows

## GENERAL SECRETARY NOTES – AGM 2008

Up until 2006 the club members enjoyed three possible levels of training – basic training on Saturday morning, more tailored training for youth/adults on grasstrack/speedway type machines, and Sunday basic/novice training at the MX track at Newborough.

With membership running at around 100 (both youth and adult), and almost full attendance at each session enabled us to build up the club funds for the inevitable which was that we would lose the training track at Shobnall and it was in December 2006 that the training track was closed.

A planning application was submitted for permission to run at Newborough and Martin Flinders, then Chairman, succeeded in having this granted in early 2008 but with conditions. With Martins departure to the US, Paul took over negotiations. The conditions were met but the Planning Department was still, for whatever reason reluctant to discharge these conditions until the intervention of Janet Dean MP. Within a month, all conditions were discharged.

The next stage was funding. We were fortunate to be introduced via Chris Ward to Di Needham who assisted in the preparation of one small grant application for £3,000 and a capital grant of £50,000, both of which were successful.

The grant application to Lafarge has been deferred until November.

During this time, Gary has continued running training sessions at the MX Track and has taken on board 5 new coaches who have given Gary invaluable support during this time.

I would also like to congratulate Gary on his achievement of ACU National MX Assessor.

The Presentation Evening held in February was considered a great success and we hope to repeat this again for 2009. Can all the club winners let Gary have the shields back please.

Work has now started on the new track and we are nearing completion with the final stage ready to be started. A press release has been sent to the local papers, radio stations and motor sport related publications but to date, I don't think it has appeared in any paper. I can understand that perhaps it is not the time for the public to be told that a club has been given £50,000 of the government money when there is a lot of publicity about banks and companies struggling. If this is the stance the media are taking, then the opening of the new track will be very low key.

The training sessions at the new track will follow the old format – Saturday morning basic training for youth, Saturday afternoon – for grasstrack/speedway machines leaving Sunday open for prospective youth project work and related motor sports activities. A strict booking system will be in place for Saturday afternoons with a little bit more flexibility for Saturday morning. We are hoping to diversify the club activities to include possibly cycle “speedway”, short track training, youth project work and the hire of the track to ACU recognised training organisations.. This will provide the club with hopefully a continued source of income.

Finally I would like to thank the committee for their continued support over the last couple of years.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BURTON & DISRICT SPORTING MOTORCYCLE CLUB

10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008

MINUTES

Attendance was recorded.

**Apologies**

Steve Brown; Daniel Boam and family; Mark Hughes and family

**Financial Report**

Income/expenditure analysis was copied and provided to the committee and members. Colin reported that since the closure of the training track at Shobnall, with only the MX training sessions running, the income coming into the club has been reduced.

Session fees have been maintained at £15.00. Direct expenditure £2.75 for insurance, land fees of £80.00 (up until August 2008), £200.00 land fees for the track at Penkrudge, permit fees of £10.00 per session.

2007 rider days 288 (no of riders)

Income £4300.00 Direct Expenditure £2500 = £1800.00

Other expenditure £4135.00 = £2300.00 less in the bank balance

2008 to August 251 (no of riders)

£4,000 income with Direct Expenditure of £4800.00 – this included the first payment of £2000.00 to the landowner as part of the lease agreement with the next payment due March 2009. Other expenditure totalled £2800.00 resulting in an overall deficit of £2800.00.

Machine hire increased from £290.00 in 2007 to £500.00 in 2008. One off expenditure also included in 2008 is fee relating to first aid of £150.00 and the Coaching Course of £350.00.

Income to date in 2008 is slightly ahead with previous year to date. As mentioned above taking out the one off expenditure costs for 2007, the club should achieve a hopefully more healthy bank balance.

It is important for the club to try and maintain long term sustainability and the new track at Newborough will have an important part to play.

A discrepancy was highlighted regarding the levels of membership. 2007 showed no members and 2008 only indicated 21.5. Gary explained that the procedure which was currently in place – ie. Forms were attached and fees detailed on the signing on sheets and passed over for recording. AMB advised that the procedure would be looked at and revised if necessary.

Gary queried the payment of “toilet” cleaning contract and whether there were any outstanding bills to be paid. Colin confirmed that all invoices had been paid. AMB advised that she had received two statements detailing two outstanding invoices and had in her possession one current invoice which she would pass for payment.

Gary commented that Penkridge sessions were reduced due to planning and environmental issues.

### **General Secretarys Report**

see attached.

Questions were taken from the floor

AMB commented that as a club we must adhere to all requirements including randomly noise testing. Gary confirmed that there had been testing carried out by an “unknown source”.

Size of track – the new oval would be 280 min – 320 max outside line

Watering Grading – facilities would be available to grade and water the track when required.

Where – The location of the new track was given

Paul explained about the tree planting scheme which had been arranged.

Constitution

Head of training co-ordinator – gary/ Paul

7.2 – Honorary – Gary/Robert

The floor was asked for any further amendments to be notified to AMB by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008

AMB introduced Di Needham to the room. Di explained her role in the grant procedure. £3000 grant 6 x 3 m awning Radios to be used by coaches while riding.

Di explained that we would be in a position to apply for further grants March 2009. Tom to lead the applications again. Emma Darby – Youth Worker to work closely with the club.

£10,000 available across the areas – Derbyshire/Leicestershire – can go for separate grants or jointly.

Nominations:

Chairman – Paul Boyle

Vice Chairman – “Billy” Billington

Treasurer – Jo Kitchener

General Secretary – Annie Boyle

Parent Rep

ACU Liason Officer - Rob Smith

MX Secretary – Jo Kitchener

Meeting Closed 9.30 pm