Approved Minutes from Meriden TOMCC Meeting Monday 19th June 2017

Committee

<u>Chairman:</u> Steve Bradwick, <u>Secretary:</u> Julie Taylor, <u>Treasurer:</u> Steve Malin, <u>Membership Secretary:</u> Ian Ellis, <u>Runs Captain:</u> Keith Snell, <u>Social Secretary:</u> Len Taylor, <u>Branch Scribe:</u> Alistair Moloney, <u>Communications:</u> Derek Moxon, <u>Web Master:</u> John Nelson, <u>Librarian:</u> Bob Smith.

9.03 pm The Chairman opened the meeting.

Apologies: John Nelson, Alistair Moloney, Steve Malin

The Minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising from last meeting

a) Rally Update;

As Norman Hyde is unavailable for judging the Daytonas at our Rally the Committee discussed the issue and will ask Clive Humphries advice on the matter, it was decided that we should be able to sort it out within the branch. The Judging will take place at 5pm on the Saturday which will give everyone on the ride out the chance to participate.

Julie was reminded by Ian that the next Nacelle is the last one before the Rally. Julie will make sure advertising is in place for this and she will contact Alistair to make sure he includes this info in the Branch Report.

Julie is to get the Raffle tickets

Rally - Tea & Coffee Issue. Julie & Len have arranged to see George (Barkers Butts RFC) a couple of weeks before the Rally to try and resolve the problem with us not being allowed to supply our Rally Goers with free Tea & Coffee.... on the last meeting he was most definite that he was not going to allow it this year. Ian and Steve Bradwick threw a couple of ideas into the hat regarding a solution, such as paying him a lump sum up front and carrying on as before, or paying him to supply hot drinks for free, or the Branch subsidising the cost to members. We will see how the next meeting goes.

- b) Julie updated the Committee on the Bikers Retreat Trip it all went very well with no major problems, everyone enjoyed themselves and for the rides we split into smaller groups. The food was great, all in all a very enjoyable trip.
- c) Julie will arrange the Yorkshire Trip for next year when she is quieter. The Committee agreed.

Any Other Business

- 1) Julie asked the Committee if we should be taking the Branch Stand to the Triumph Day at Jack's Hill Cafe on Sunday 2^{nd} . Ian Agreed to take it.
- 2) Julie updated the Committee on the Big Pit Trip. There are 11 Members booked to come along, so it should be a good couple of days.
- 3) The Committee agreed to push back the next Committee Meeting by one week as a few of us are away on the Big Pit Trip, it will now be Monday 24th July.

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- 4) Julie & Len are now available to take the Branch Stand to Mallory Park. As there is such little interest this year within our own Branch, Julie has Invited Leicester Branch along and a couple of the Guys from Gloucester Meteors to make up the numbers.
- 5) The Issue of non Triumphs being displayed on the Branch Stand when at events was raised. Apparently a Harley parked with our bikes while at Gaydon for the Banbury Run. The Committee discussed this and there seems to be quite a difference of opinion, we are all in agreement that when bikes are attending a function where we have the Branch Stand, Triumphs should be encouraged and only Triumphs should be on display.

There was an opinion viewed that only Triumphs should be allowed on Branch Runs, this was questioned as we are an Owners Club, not a Riders Club, and nowhere is it stated that only Triumphs should participate. This would discriminate against Branch Members whose Triumphs are not on the road.

6) Ian passed on a query from Steve M as to why so many Members had had their Breakfasts paid for by the Branch when he hadn't seen anyone at Cosford for the Ride 4 Life event. Len informed the Committee that the Breakfast was open to all Members regardless of whether they had gone on the run or not. Julie explained that more Members had had a Breakfast and attended Cosford than had wanted the Branch to pay for it anyway, and no one had seen either Steve or Mary there. We did arrive earlier than the main ride in so we may have left earlier too, having said that there were more than 7000 people there.

Again there was an opinion raised that the option for a free breakfast should be limited to those on that particular run. Len explained that the breakfasts were open to all Members regardless of whether they then participated in a run out or not.