

## **MANHOC 2024 AGM**

### **Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**

A warm Welcome was given to all, with a special welcome to Dave Thomas, the vice Chairman of HOC.

1. The meeting was for all, but for any voting, the group was reminded that you must be an HOC paid-up member.
2. The register was passed around and signed by paid-up HOC members only
3. Apologies were received from Phil Kennedy, Alan Sharkey, Kevin Harmer and Juels.
4. The 2023 minutes, were published on our web site and sent to HOC on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 for all to see, including a notification on WhatsApp, and were initially approved by Phil and Juels. Furthermore, the minutes were presented again at the meeting and final approval was given by Steve and Lyn. The only comment made was that Steve noted that last year's pillion winner, was not a paid up HOC member.
5. **Chairman's Report** – Steve said he would combine this report with the Secretary's as follows.

#### **6. Secretary's Report -**

Another successful year has now passed and everybody has done a great job. We now have an excellent foundation to spring forward to yet another year.

The team has done well with Steve as chairman – Gary as ride coordinator - Juels as social secretary - Sue as press officer, and Rich and others on the photography team together with our latest video team, Rob and Stacey. And, of course, not forgetting Al, our web master and Steve our chairman on our facebook page.

I can report that we continue to heavily advertise our club, and have regular ride adverts and reports on our upto date web site (many thanks Al), and facebook (many thanks Steve) and now various WhatsApp groups. I have sent relevant copies to the main HOC site and we can be seen by everybody on the main national HOC site and the Golden Wing mag.

Steve has attended the HOC meetings at Leicester to promote our club this year.

I can report again that Phil and Barry have organised mid-week rides in the evenings, these being very successful. They have had as many turnouts as the main Sunday rides. These short rides have included bike meets, pubs and evening bike shows. Great if some do not want the longer all-day Sunday rides.

I can report that our excellent shepherd, Gary, continues to plan all the great Sunday rides, and puts all the details on the web with Al's assistance. Shortly we will have all our future rides for 2025 advertised on our web site and in the Golden Wing. I believe that next year we are to have ride outs leaving a little earlier, to include more time to visit our destinations, like castles and stately homes.

I can report that Al has revamped the complete web site this year and we all look forward to a fresh image which is now on our screens.

I can report that our social secretary Juels, organised another fun Xmas party in early December and is always open to any other suggestions.

With regard to club holidays, I report that 5 of us went to the HOC nationals in South Wales this year and we are looking forward to booking next year's event in Scotland. Details and booking forms are on the HOC web site.

## **7. Club positions to be filled –**

New Chairman - a nomination had been received for Steve Davenport, proposed and seconded by Geoff and Lyn Dutton

Voting took place by the raising of hands of HOC paid-up members only and unanimously passed. Congratulations were given to our new chairman, Steve.

Secretary – the nomination for myself to continue with this post had been received, proposed by Al and seconded by Gary. Voting by the raising of hands of HOC paid-up members only and unanimously passed. Congratulations were given to myself.

**8 Any other business** - the floor was now open and each person was asked if they wished to say anything.

The soreass awards for the year, for the rider and pillion certificates were given. This was for those who have done the most mileage over the year – the rider was Gary covering 888 miles, closely followed by Richard and Juels. Pillion was Lyn Dutton who covered a brilliant 320 miles, closely followed by Eileen Foster.

Discussion took place regarding our recent facebook poll organised by Alan Sharkey. Noting that the majority were pleased with the main theme of our ride outs of starting slightly earlier, giving time to visit the lunch locations. Further thought was given to Saturday rides, maybe starting a 10am and finishing at 3pm. Gary said he would organise the rides, first, advertising the dates and asking riders to confirm that they would be attending. Following riders' confirmation, the ride will then go ahead.

Geoff and Lyn Dutton said, with reference to recent holidays to Ireland and Northumberland this year by various members, any event which is not advertised on the ManHOC website/Facebook should not be seen as a ManHOC event - it is obviously personal choice to have privately organised holidays - but not to give the impression that those holidays are ManHOC events.

With regard to Manhoc holidays, Gary said he would hope to make the ride out to Clarkson Pub, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 a full weekend ride. He said he would acquire accommodation quotes and advertise the details to find out the response.

Dave Thomas, the vice Chairman of HOC brought up the problem of none paid up HOC members in the clubs in general. He reported that this was a now serious financial problem to HOC and it was his aim to address the matter. He explained that there was much to gain and that one of the problems was holding onto the new members after the first year. If we wish HOC to continue, then we must support the organisation. He said he would inform the secretaries of any new members, which was not happening now, so that they could chase and keep contact with them. He also reminded all, that the HOC rules do state that a new rider and pillion are required to join after 3 ride outs. It was added that should riders from Manhoc wish to join, at the top right on our web site, there is an easy link to membership. Dave's enthusiasm for his new post was noted and all wished him success and look forward to supporting him. He thanked all.

9. Proposed date for next year's AGM will be announced mid September.

Thanks was given to all for attending.

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Copy of minutes to be sent to Graham Seymour and Dave Tomas at HOC and Alan S to be put on our web site for all members to read.