

## Minutes of 17th Annual General Meeting

Held 12 November 2019, West Moor Social Club, Newcastle upon Tyne

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### 1 Opening and Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Mel particularly welcomed Jo Lormor and Pat Ward, the representative of the GNAAS

### 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from a number of members and were noted

### 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 16th AGM were adopted by the meeting as a true record

(proposed by Michael Sutherland, seconded by David Henderson)

### 4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

### 5 Reports

#### Chair

Mel thanked all for their contributions toward another successful year in which NAM had continued to work toward the principle charitable aim of enhancing road safety in the North East.

The 2019 Open Day was a particular success and thanks were due to everyone involved, especially the team which had worked so hard to make the event happen

The reorganisation of the Committee commenced by the previous Chair has been completed and has proved to be worthwhile. The workload is more equally shared by the various post holders who have enjoyed much assistance and support from numerous NAM members - a credit to the vibrancy of the club which reinforces the objectives of excellence, empowerment and fun.

The Chair conducted an auction selling a ticket to the NEX Bike Show which had been kindly donated by John Johnson, Hadrian VTwin

*Item 9* - At this point the Chair sought the approval of the meeting to deal with Item 9 and invited David Murphy to report on the Jack Lormor Appeal 2019. David reported that the Jack Lormor Ride had been another successful event - the 4th year it had been organised and thanks to the

generosity of everyone NAM were in a position to make a donation to support the work of the Great North Air Ambulance. A cheque was presented by Jo Lormor to Pat Ward who kindly received the donation on behalf of GNAAS

*The Jack Lormor Award* - To recognise the great contribution he has made to the success of NAM and acknowledge his unstinting enthusiasm and support for NAM, the Committee agreed that the 2019 Award would be presented to Group President Ron Patrick, The citation was delivered by Michael Sutherland.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the club was in a sound financial position and that it had been decided to maintain annual subscriptions at the same level. He circulated copies of the Annual Accounts

The accounts as agreed by the Committee were accepted (proposed by Simon Parry, seconded by Keith Miller)

### Secretary

The Secretary reported that he was standing down from the post and thanked all members and colleagues for their assistance and support over the past four years.

He reported that the business of the club had been conducted in accordance with NAM and IAM rules and thanked very much committee colleagues, especially the Social Team Leader and Membership Secretary for their invaluable help.

### Training Team

The Chief Observer reported on a successful and busy year, offering his thanks to Training Team members and especially to all of the Observers for the work they have done and the time they have given to NAM. Jack commented that

- NAM had 59 new associates during the year, plus 7 from the previous year who were still in training. All had been allocated to an observer without delay and there was not a waiting list
- Over 20 associates had passed the advanced test during the year including four who had achieved a F1RST pass
- IAM data showed that NAM has a 91.2% success rate which compares most favourably both regionally and nationally
- Four new local observers have joined the team and 2 of the observers had been successful in becoming National Observers, a process which involves significant training followed by and externally conducted assessment
- The training programme for 2020 is being developed, any suggestions welcome
- Ride To The Next Level - watch for further information
- A winter riding training seminar is to be held on 26 November

### Marketing

The Marketing Team Leader reported on a third successful year for the Team who had done much to promote the work of NAM via personal attendances at various motorcycle related businesses in the region, the continued development of the NAM rider website and by the staging of the Open Day event. It is intended to repeat the Customer Journey Workshops which had been successfully conducted two years ago.

### Social Team

A successful 'social year' for the club with a range of events being organised in addition to motorbike activities. Vacancies still exist for accommodation at the 2020 Scottish weekend

## **6, 7 Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The Chair handed the meeting to the Group President who oversaw the election of officials and committee members.

There being no opposing candidates for any of the positions, the following were elected to the posts shown

Chair - Mel Leitch

Vice Chair - Keith Miller

Treasurer - Colin Irvine

Secretary - John Atkinson

Membership Secretary - Mary Holmes

Training Team Lead - Jack Stewart

Social Team Lead - Louise Potts

Marketing Team Lead - Keith Miller (temporarily co-opted by Chair)

The President thanked everyone for their contributions and commented that he had always believed that one of the strengths of the club was the support offered by members and the fact that there were many volunteers to fill the various roles. This avoided the club becoming stale and led to the introduction of fresh ideas and initiatives. He then handed the meeting back to the Chair

## **8 Address by Incoming Chair**

The Chair reiterated his view that involvement in the club should promote excellence, encourage empowerment and, above all, offer fun. He commended this view to members and wished everyone success and safety during the forthcoming twelve months

## **9 Jack Lormor Award**

See above

## **10 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The 2020 AGM will be held on 10 November 2020, venue to be advised