

**NVTEC Thames Valley Group – Annual General Meeting – Minutes  
Wednesday 5th February 2020, Beenham Club**

Meeting Started: 8:20pm

Members Present: 58

**Apologies:** Colin Quinton, Dave Fisher

**Minutes of the AGM 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019:** Confirmed no matters arising

**Chairman:** Peter started by thanking Jacquie for taking on the newsletter and doing a great job over the last year. Advising members that the newsletter will once again be quarterly, starting from March. This decision was taken due to the lack of input to warrant a bi-monthly issue and the increase in costs.

-The donation from the Woodcote rally allowed us to purchase a small club branded gazebo for attending smaller club events.

-Despite there being a good range of events put on over the year they were not all well attended, so the committee will have a re-think on how we do things.

**Treasurer:** Roger gave a detailed summary of accounts, the bank balance is still healthy though overall, we did spend slightly more than income over the year. Roger asked members to attend events to help raise funds.

**Events:** Andy reported that there are plans to run a variety of events in 2020, including Stoke Row and Woodcote but for these to be a success, we need members to support them and attend.

Both the London eye/river cruise trip and the Annual Dinner dance lost money overall due to lack of attendance.

Alternatively, the 4 club road runs over the course of the year were well attended.

- West Berkshire Brewery & Road Run. Date TBC
- Bombay Sapphire tour & tasting. Date TBC

The March club night is Fish & Chips and Nick from Old20 parts has been booked for the April club night.

Andy asked members to support the newsletter by submitting feedback from events attended to share their experiences.

**Cups:** Peter confirmed that one of the older damaged cups had been replaced and reminded members to return the cups at the end of the year, as this is not always happening causing the committee to chase these up.

**Membership:** Peter reported that 65 of the existing memberships had been renewed which is down on last year's figure and there are quite a few outstanding.

**Safety:** Peter reported it had been a safe year thanks to those leading events, the national are updating codes/risks which Colin will review and update guidance accordingly.

**Election of Committee for 2020:** Chris Beasley stepping down from events but taking responsibility for the club's social media. Both Karen Ragget and Keith White are stepping down from assisting. Unlike the collective committee vote of last year, individual voting for each position will be held. The committee is limited to 10 positions.

☑ Chairman – Peter Brockbank (Prop – P Froome, Sec – A Beasley)

☑ Vice Chair – Andy Beasley (Prop – L Pritchard, Sec – N Sanders)

☑ Secretary – Leanda Pritchard (Prop – N Sanders, Sec – L Beasley)

☑ Membership – Dave Fisher (Prop – A Beasley, Sec – L Pritchard)

☑ Safety – Colin Quinton (Prop – A Beasley, Sec – L Pritchard)

☑ Treasurer – Roger Hannington (Prop – P Brockbank, Sec – L Pritchard)

☑ Events – Richard Veitch (New – Proposed by himself, seconded by C Beasley)

☑ Cups – Rob Bowden (Prop – A Beasley, Sec – R Hannington)

☑ Assisting: Nick Sanders (Prop – A Beasley, Sec – P Brockbank), Mark Burrows (New – Proposed by himself, seconded by C Beasley)

**AOB:**

- As the newsletter is struggling from not enough editorial content, a suggestion was made to split into groups within the club and for each group to submit an article for the newsletter, hoping this could cause a little friendly competition between the groups.
- Website – Concern was raised that this is been out of date for a long time. Chris and Jamie will be working to remedy this in the next few months by updating the content and engaging a new supplier to manage the website. Angela suggested her brother may be able to offer assistance.
- CountryFile Live – The club has been invited to attend this year. The event is being hosted in Windsor Great Park and the plan is for the club to demonstrate thrashing and hay making with other activities. A suggestion of a theme for all to contribute needs to be decided. Dates 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- Ploughing Match & Working weekend– Roger reported that we are looking for a venue to host us with a minimum of 25/30 acres, so if any members know of anywhere please let him or a member of the committee know. We are once again hosting the area qualifiers this year. Venue TBC. Date Sept (TBC).
- Communication – is lacking as members don't know what is going on. A number of our members don't use Facebook, so the website and newsletter are important sources of information on events, policies etc. There is a lack of detail on the events which are listed, so this will be addressed going forward.
- Newbury Show – The club chose not to attend last year due to the structure of the vintage area making it impossible for the club to ensure the safety of our members and obtain insurance. The club fully supports Newbury show and if there is a dedicated club area this year would look to support once again.  
Club members are reminded that they are always able to support local events individually.
- NVTEC TV event – Andy advised that this year the club was looking to host their own event, more details to follow along with dates. He will be looking for helpers.
- Club code of conduct – Due to negative feedback received on the club committee, Colin Quinton is in the process of drafting a new club code of conduct, more details to follow.
- Donations are always welcome!

Meeting Closed: 10pm

Leanda Pritchard, Secretary, NVTEC Thames Valley Group