

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 14 MAY 2009

Chairman's Welcome – Barry Beck welcomed a full house, apologising for the cancellation of our normal date due to an administration error. Barry then welcomed potential new members, John and Kyle to the meeting.

Apologies – R. & M. Reynolds, C. & M. Salisbury, L. Thomas, J. & K. Aldis, H. M. King, C. Fox, A. Goldspink, L. & A. Maan.

Minutes of 2008 A.G.M. - were read and accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Report – Barry indicated first of all it was not easy taking over from Rodney last year and although having been with the Group since its foundation and knowing how it runs, this can only be achieved with everyone's help. Thanks were then given to Rodney for his continued support with the Christmas dinner and for Marina who looks after the cards and flowers sent for all occasions to individual Group members. Barry then indicated that 2008 had been more of a difficult year which would continue into 2009 with respect to organiser's requirements which we will overcome to ensure we provide our excellent and valued service at the events we do attend. Barry then thanked our new President, the members of the committee, ordinary members and all the wives or partners for supporting both himself and the Group over the year.

Vice Chairman's Report – Rodney Reynolds was not present and no report was submitted.

Secretary's Report – Ian McCallum thanked the membership and committee for their continued support over the year. Ian also thought the strength of our Group was in the membership, and their individual enthusiasm, without which there would be no organisation. Ian then thanked David Goddard Jnr. and Bill Purchase for their management of his role during period of absence due to work activity. Ian was pleased to report that we continue to secure value in our Public Liability Insurance through our membership of the FBHVC, managing to maintain premiums at realistic cost. As for a number of years Ian advised unless there was someone desperate to take over the role of Secretary he was prepared to continue for another year, with the membership's approval.

Treasurer's Report – Peter advised it had not been an easy year due to personal circumstances, thanking both June for standing in for him at a number of meetings and the membership for their tolerance and understanding. Peter then provided the financial report for the year, which had successfully passed the scrutiny of the auditors. Closing balance for the year shows our Current Account at £2974.12 being slightly down over last year. A large input to our funds remains the raffles, which this year raised some £938.55 being down some £400 over the previous year. Likewise our donations from events were £1245 being down by a similar figure. However on the positive side a total of £750.00 was donated to charities being up by £150.00 over the previous year and £500.00 was spent on Group amenities including a new gazebo, Christmas table decorations/gifts, plus new embroidered badges. Our standing outgoings of Newsletters, postage, room hire and speakers accounted for a further £1700.00. Inflation has also taken its toll on the 'Beltring Bog' seeing an increase from £50.00 to 70.00. Peter advised that a full account would be published in the next Newsletter and that he was prepared to stand for a further year, unless again some other mug wished the position.

Rally Secretary's Report – Richard Edwards thanked everyone for their contribution to the smooth running of events but especially Sandra, Ray Elder ton, Barry and the rest of the committee. Richard indicated next year may see the introduction of a two tier Rally List, one showing the Group supported events where we receive a donation, the other for information for those who may wish to support and attend although no financial reward will be forthcoming. Although 2009 will be yet again a difficult season Richard was however, with the memberships support, prepared to restand for the position.

Membership Secretary's Report – Bill Purchase advised all the praises of the membership had already been covered. Bill however thanked all those for their prompt payment of subscriptions, attendance at events and meeting plus their well presented vehicles at events. Bill also indicated it was nice to see Peter Cushing at the meeting and David Goddard Jnr. playing such an active part in the running of the Group. As with other committee members Bill was prepared to stand again with the membership's approval.

Publicity Officers Report - Charles Warren indicated Barry had now been in post for one year and that he was fortunate to have such a dedicated and strong committee. Charles then related an overheard

conversation where two persons were talking about a military vehicle they had just seen. During the conversation they were wondering who it belonged to and determined it must be a member of the Norfolk Military Vehicle Group, which just indicates how well we are known by the general public. Charles indicated he was prepared to stand for a further period in office and although enjoying the job not all contacts are as fruitful as desired.

M.V.T. Liaison Officer – Ian McCallum indicated that he was fulfilling the MVT liaison role with respect to submission of the quarterly Area Reports and responding to the mail requirements but unfortunately had not had time to attend any meetings. Ian also reported we had just received an Area Banner, complete with our new area logo, and was prepared to continue in the position.

Newsletter Editors Report –David Goddard expanded on a comment made with respect to the purchase of some £400.00 of stamps in that the opportunity was taken to purchasing stamps prior to the price increase as their face value would still be honoured. David hoped everyone was still enjoying the Newsletter and then read out a letter of appreciation in response to the ‘Forces Shoeboxes’ that had been sent out to our troops in Afghanistan. Finally David and his local team were prepared to continue in the role for another year if the membership so desire.

Minutes of April Meeting - The minutes of the April meeting were then read and accepted as a true account.

Election of Officers –At this point the Chairman stood down and the Secretary took over to explain the process. Members were reminded that although all of the outgoing officers of the committee were prepared to restand for given positions any fully paid up member could be nominated for any position requiring a proposer and seconder. There was also the possibility of adding an ordinary committee member and nominations would be accepted, again with a proposer and seconder. Where more than one nomination is received election would be via a show of hands from those members present.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINATION</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
Chairman	Barry Beck	J. Dann	J. Skinner
Vice Chairman	Rodney Reynolds	D. Skinner	S. Goddard
Secretary & Group Shop	Ian McCallum	J. Skinner	D. Trower
Treasurer	Peter Cushing	D. Beck	J. Morter
Membership Secretary	Bill Purchase	J. Sayer	D. Sayer
Rally Secretary	Richard Edwards	T. Blevins	D. Goffin
Assist. Rally Secretary	Ray Elderton	J. Morter	E. Hindle
Publicity Officer	Charles Warren	B. Sewell	M.Thomas
Newsletter Editor	Susan & David Goddard	J. Dann	J. Cushing
M.V.T. Liaison Officer	Ian McCallum	B. Beck	B. Purchase

ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Marina Reynolds)

Joy Skinner) C. Warren C. McCallum

David Goddard Jnr).

Upon the completion of the election process the chairman, Barry Beck, thanked the membership for their continued support indicating it was a privilege to be carrying on in the position.

John Sayer Trophy – This award is presented annually to an individual or persons that have contributed to the Group in some way. There is no strict ‘nomination criteria’, the responsibility for its award being undertaken by the previous years winner who was Glenn Palmer. Glenn was not present so the founder of the award, John Sayer, was asked to make the presentation. Glenn had given the matter some considerable thought and identified a person who helped in many ways with the transportation of our sight and sound system, showing videos/DVD’s and standing in for our Secretary. John then made the presentation to David Goddard Jnr. who in receiving the award said it was an honour to receive an award for something he only enjoys doing.

A.O.B.

Secretary – Ian asked those going on the Normandy Trip to please see him after the meeting for a final briefing and issue of material. Ian also read out a letter sent to Joy Skinner from the Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum thanking the Group for their donation of £30.00, being the donation to Ken Wallis for our excellent talk.

Rally Secretary – Richard gave an update of forthcoming rally information.

David Hines – Reminded members of the forthcoming event at the Horham Red Feather Club and the dance the night before.

Eileen Hindle – Thanked all those that had contributed Raffle Prizes.

John Dann – Advised the membership that the MVT had made a significant donation to assist veterans returning to Normandy this year. John then gave more information on his forthcoming trip with the American Military Vehicle Organisation from Washington to San Francisco and that a wreath had been obtained via the Chairman for placing at a suitable memorial on route.

John Morter – indicated that he required Beltring entries back by the following weekend and that he required more nominations for the single day pass if we were to meet the required 20 attendees.

Chairman – Barry Beck then reminded members that he had some Group embroidered badges and not to forget there would be no June Meeting.

Being no other formal business the meeting closed at 2145.