

Berkhamsted Motorcycle and Car Club Ltd

Minutes for 2021 Annual General Meeting held on 17th January 2022 at North Hall, Nash Mills, Kings Langley, Herts at 20:00

Present:

- 2021 Committee: Colin Wood, Lionel Cox, Martin Greeves, Gary Horwood, Ted North, Jason North, Lynda Atwood, Simon Clark, Dave Millers, Nichola Slinn,
- Club Members: John Cox, Grace Hagan, Lennie Tidd, Phil Marks, Dave Porter, Eric Shepherd, Gary Sims.

Apologies:

I.Sankey, C.Simonds.

Minutes of the 2018 AGM:

- Minutes of the 2018 were circulated.
- Minutes agreed.

Chairs Report:

2020 started so well for Berkhamsted MCC with the prospect of 9 club trials, 2 x National trials and a weekend at the Potten End steam fayer, a truly busy year. It started with the now traditional ride and BBQ on new years day. The 1st of the 9 club trials was run on the 26th Jan with a good number of riders and spread of classes.

The 1st of March started early with the presentation of £1000.00 donation to The Waterways Experience our chosen charity for that year, who do amazing work with the disabled and disadvantaged people.

It was then into the clubhouse to set up for the Award Presentation evening, which I can only describe as a fabulous evening spent with great friends and worthy recipients and Fish and chips supper, what more could anyone want.

I guess the 1st piece of bad news came with the loss of Brick Hill as a trials ground, so with the help of our friends at Milton Buzzards we moved the John Kinkead trial on the 15th Febuary to Mount Farm, the trial was a great success with all 50 spaces being snapped up, sadly the weather was not as kind.

Also in this month we receive the sad news of the loss of a long standing member and friend Richard Coleman.

The beginning of March Covid raised it ugly head and very quickly changed everything, on the 17th March the ACU, following the Government Guidelines cancelled all permits, we in turn, despite all the work that had been done had to follow suite by cancelling our Nationals then the steam fayer fell by the wayside. Nash remained open until 22nd March when we had to make the decision to close.

Throughout the entire time we were closed Lionel was in contact with the health and safety executive and environmental agency from Decorum BC and kept us all updated with regular Facebook posts.

Three months later we re-opened under strict Covid rules and a booking system. During the closure we carried out various work on the grounds. On the 1st July we returned to free practice, no booking but COVID rules still apply.

The August trial had to be cancelled but the September and both the 24th and 25th October trials went ahead with strict covid regulations, they were very well attended and the feedback was great.

Lock down 2 kicks in at the start of November and Nash shuts its gates again until the beginning of December, with this glimmer of hope we turn our thoughts to the frostbite trial at Dews Farm, 10 superb sections layed out and tapped, only for tier 4 to kick in and the whole trial to be cancelled. I

know we lost an awful lot of sport, we had a lot of events cancelled but I still think we are the lucky ones, a huge amount of people lost a lot more than we did.

New year and new hope as 2021 started, 7 club trials, 2 National trials.

We introduced a buddy scheme managed by Graham Burton where he meets new members, shows them around the ground and give them a few basic pointers which proves to be very well received, he has also agreed to take control of the try out bikes keeping it all under one umbrella.

Tier 4 strikes again and we have to cancel the first trial and close Nash.

In March we carried out a big clean up, with the help of the Tuesday group and built new sections in front of the bus shelter.

In April we ran our Easter Egg trial still under COVID rules, the trial was well attended and the feedback was good.

In this Month we teamed up with OSET bikes to be part of their South Midlands Oset championship, round 1 was on 29th of May with a great turn out of 41 riders.

We then turned all our efforts to our 2x one day Nationals and on a personal note I would like to thank everyone who attended and worked on these trials, from camping at Round Rocket from the Wednesday before, laying and taping out 24 sections, all the clerical work, putting up all the banners, taping out the camping area, scrutineering, parc ferme, car parking and the signing on area, organising the toilets, the radio's, the observer's food, the photo's, the podium and plinth, the list goes on, probably the hardest job of all finding the 50 observers, I think everyone pulled in a lot of favours for that one, but what a weekend, the club made a lot of new friend and memories, I think sitting in the middle of a field with around 35 other friends watching England beat Ukrain 4-0 on the TV will stay with me for life, and guess what, we get to do it all again this year, not once but twice, more about that later. At the end of July we took delivery of our defibrillator that hangs on the clubhouse wall, I'd like to thank Grace for all her work involved in acquiring this piece of equipment.

We ran a further 3 rounds of the Oset championship on 7th Aug, 11th Sept with the final on the 9th Oct being our last trial of the year, all very well attended and enjoyed by all. Back in August we introduced free drinks and hot dog for all riders and family, that proved extremely popular at the final round with Lynda cooking an astonishing 84 hot dogs, we also had the pleasure of the newly crowned 125 world champion Jack dance and British champion Max Dance who had agreed to come along and present the trophies, just to point out at Nash on that day we also had our own Sam Leferve, so 1 world champion and 2 British Champions at nash on that day.

Just a few other mentions in need to make.

The top 6 riders in the south Midlands expert championship all run under the Berko flag, William Clarke won the championship, Will Mcbain 2nd, Gus Oblein 3rd, Martin Hawes 4th, Dan Greaves 5th and Sam Haslam 6th.

George Clarke took 1st spot in the youth A, Sam Leferve 3rd in youth B

Mason Tidd 1st in youth C and Thomas Tidd 1st in youth E so an exceptional season for Berko.

The ACU have taken the electronic scoring system to all the British adult rounds.

We had a team in the Scott trial including Alexz Wigg, Sam Halam, and Gus Oblein, with Doug Lote riding for the first time.

Gus is now our club training coordinator.

The Tuesday group goes from strength to strength with new members joining on a regular basis and are still a very important part of this club and we rely on their help from laying out, observing and ground maintenance, so thank you all.

The Wednesday evening group is still very popular, the BBQ remains a great favourite, however last year we expanded our culinary delights with a fish and chip night and a home made curry night all served out of the bus shelter, both great evenings.

We had another great camping weekend down at Corton.

All in all I think the club had a very busy and successful year.

So what have we got to look forward to this year.

4 rounds of the Berko and OSET championship.

2x1 day Ladies Belle trailer nationals here at Nash.

2x1 day youth Belle trailer Nationals at Round Rocket.

The following weekend we have the Steam Fayre at Potton End and if that not all planned works on the ground before the Ladies National.

I really don't think we could do much more this year as a club, you all know just how much work is involved in running all these trials, so again

i find myself asking you for your help in running these events, as the old saying goes, many hand make light work.

That only leaves me to thank each and everyone of you for being involved in what I think is the greatest club and thank you for everything you have done throughout last year, and I know this year is going to be tough, but I know with your help we can make this year even better.

Treasurers Report:

- Membership steady to last year.
- Trials income was up as more trials were run, including Youth National.
- Expenditure was up, with purchase of difibrillator & cabinet £1600 & with working parties at Nash Mills.
- We received COVID-19 hospitality/leisure grants from DBC.
- If this is deducted a small profit of £854 was made.

Membership Secretary's Report:

- 2021 ONLINE Membership:
 - 175 Adults
 - 84 Youth
 - 11 Spouse/Free
 - Income = £8,500
- 2021 POSTAL Membership:
 - 30 Adults
 - 7 Youth
 - 26 Free/Life/Committee
- 2021 TOTAL Membership (333):
 - 205 Adults
 - 91 Youth
 - 37 Spouse/Free

Social Report:

- Only one official club event in 2021, the Xmas Meal.
- However there was a club weekend trip to Corton. Enjoyed by all.
- The Schoolboy National did involve an evening watching the football & a weekend camping enjoyed by many club and non club members.

Training Report:

- No training days for 2021 due to COVID.
- Gary Horwood resigned from Training Officer.
- Gus Oblein now ACU approved trainer.
- Alexz Wigg will train at a Berko training day.
- Training days to be arranged for 2022.

2022 Officers:

Appointed:

The President: Ted North

Vice President: Mike Brown, Steve Hoole, Ron Humphries, Mike Lucas

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Colin Wood

Vice Chair: Jason North

Secretary: Lionel Cox

Treasurer: Martin Greeves

Membership: Lynda Atwood

Training: Gus Oblein

Website: Martin Howlett

Awards Sec:

Committee Members: Simon Clark, John Cox, Gary Horwood, Dave Millers, Phil Marks, Ian Sankey, Eric Shepherd, Charles Simonds, Nichola Slinn

Life Members:

- Colin Wood was proposed and accepted.

2022 Awards:

Observer Award	Graham Burton	Observed the Highest Number of Berko Trials
Hicks Shield	Doug Lote	Nominated Speed Discipline Club Member
Wrig Bowl	Lionel Cox	Nominated Service to Club
Franks Cup	Colin Wood	Nominated Service to Club
Tricentrol Cup	Paul Tinkler	Nominated Most Improved
Branston Cup		Nominated Sidecar
Presidents Cup	William Clark	Nominated Expert
Goodwin Cup	Mark George	Nominated Intermediate
Clubman Cup		Nominated Clubman
Walker Cup	Simon Clark	Nominated Novice
Berkhamstedian P65	Steve Clements	Nominated Pre 65 Hard Route
Ray Timberlake Cup	Chris Page	Nominated Pre 65 Easy Route
Jennings Cup	George Clark	Nominated Youth Red/Blue
Intermediate	Max Golla	Nominated Youth Yellow
Junior Cup	Mason Tidd	Nominated Youth White
Junior Electric Cup	Bradley Sims	Nominated Green Route
Class E Electric Cup	Ruben Howling	Nominated Green Route (Class E)

AOB:

- North Hall to be official club address.
- It was agreed that a Remembrance Chair be erected in the practice ground where remembrance plaques can be attached, “so they may watch over us and share the moments”.