

OLD FORT YORK SECTION, CVMG

Minutes of a Meeting held on 5 April 2017 at the Madison Avenue Pub.

In the Chair: Ray Boorman, President.

In attendance: 20 members, plus 1 family relation, 2 wait staff .

Minutes compiled by Secretary Berry.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Secretary Berry offered to read these aloud. Motion to refuse the offer was agreed to by all in attendance.

2. New Members. No new members attended. The National Membership Secretary of CVMG recorded no new members for OFY for March. According to the current figure in the Membership Roster, we have 102 as of 5 April, down 4 from January.

3. Report of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Hon. Alexander Loizou reported that section assets were extremely healthy and this would affect discussion of Agenda item number 6.1. At the close of business, numbers were up slightly following a moderate trading day.

4. CVMG Annual General Meeting. The meeting is to be held 7-9 April in Niagara Falls, with most of the action falling (no pun there) on Saturday the 6th. Attendees will include some of the following: Ray Boorman, Alan Hall, John Pepper, John “Blue” Dixon, and Scott Dixon. As has become the tradition, an agenda for the meeting has appeared at the last moment and it appears to be exactly the same as last year’s, with names and dates changed. Speculation was that this is to prevent there being any substantive discussion on controversial topics.

Ray Boorman has collected a large number of proxies, but in the absence of the agenda providing any real topic for using these, they will be used to support the candidacy of Holly Varey for a Director’s position on the Executive Committee, and our own John Pepper for continuing as Editor of the CVMG *News*.

A motion to allow the senior attending OFY Executive member free application of proxies was made by Ray Boorman, seconded by Johnny Rudge, and passed *nem con*.

Finally, mention was made of the awarding of an Honorary Life Membership to a former member of this section. The presentation will be made by Scott Dixon, depending on timing.

5. Spring Ride. Ride-Planner-For-Life Craig Smith reported briefly (!) on arrangements for the ride, to take place 2-4 June. Starting line is Famous Sam's, as usual. Destination is the Clansman Motel near Carnarvon, the same location as the 2000 Spring Ride, for those whose memory is still functional. Dinner on the Saturday will be at the Rhubarb Restaurant, while Friday's evening meal will be a BBQ at the motel. As of 5 April, 22 riders have signed up, the most we have had in recent years.

6. 2017 Christmas Party Update. Craig Smith, the Chairman of the Christmas Party Venue Locating Team, reported even more briefly (!) on deliberations over the 2017 event. After visiting some of Toronto's more than 6,000 restaurants, the Committee have chosen Badali, on Front Street, easy walking distance from Union Subway Station. Information about and photos of the venue (capacity 75) having been circulated earlier via email, a show of hands was asked for, and all agreed with this choice. The price, including tax and gratuity, works out to \$65 per person.

6.1. Subsidy. A brief discussion about a financial contribution by the section followed next. The Chancellor of the Exchequer advised that \$1000 would be a very manageable contribution from our funds. Ray Boorman thus moved that the section contribute \$1000 towards expenses for the Party (seconded, Edward Turner). The motion passed *nem con*.

With the subsidy, *the price of a ticket will be approximately \$50, the same as last year.* Tickets will go on sale in October, once the Mobile Box Office has been retrieved from storage at the CVMM (Canadian Vintage Marketing Museum).

7. VHS Tape Conversion. The section has been given a large number of VHS tapes on motorcycle subjects, the custodian of which is Stephanie Ramon. She had earlier emailed a list of these to the section members. The Executive of the section having declined to pay for conversion to DVD by a commercial enterprise, Stephanie Ramon agreed to ask a family member if he could do the conversion gratis. More details to follow.

8. Ride and Tell. Dave Smith volunteered to talk about his latest motorcycle purchase, a 1966 BMW R69S, a comparatively rare machine for which he handed over \$4500 (1966 price: \$US 1500). He described it as a barn find, given its condition, including a missing cylinder head, but it does have the rare 6-gallon Schorsch tank. Having already purchased lots of spares, it should be ready to undergo restoration once he finishes his current project, a Ducati.

All this was foreplay to the resolution of the famous “Shipping Cost Challenge”. Members had earlier been asked to estimate the cost of shipping the machine in a wooden crate from Vancouver Island to Toronto. Of the 15 estimates, the high was in the thousands, the low in the hundreds. The total cost, tax and crate (!) included, was \$198.76. Several members interjected that it would normally cost that much to ship a bike from Brampton to Toronto; others averred that they would happily pay the same to ship themselves to Vancouver Island. Winner of the challenge was Bryan Dale, who guessed \$225, 20 times what he won for his estimate. The members offered their thanks in oral form to Dave Smith for a very informative account of the bike and its challenges.

9. New Business. There being no New Business, at 8.37 pm President Boorman moved to adjourn (seconded, the Bourbon Tabernacle Choir). The next meeting will be Wednesday 3 May 2017, the same night as the 1st Moto Social of the year.

Dan Graham won the 50/50 raffle and several members lingered on to help him divest himself of these excess funds. Skipping the light fandango, the small crowd called out for more. The room was humming harder as the ceiling flew away. When they called out for another drink, the waitress brought a tray.