

## OLD FORT YORK SECTION, CVMG

### Minutes of a Meeting held on 1 March 2017 at the Madison Avenue Pub.

In the Chair: Ray Boorman, President.

In attendance: 14 members, plus 2 family relations, 2 wait staff (on 1 March, OFY had 102 members and no wait staff).

Minutes compiled by Secretary Berry.

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** were posted on the website where they are likely to remain unread.

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

### **3. Post Mortems**

**3.1 The February Motorcycle Show** was deemed a success, with high praise for Mark Melcher and his GPR team for organizing, picking bikes up and displaying. Chris Chown, Ray Boorman, and Jim Graham all had bikes on display. Volunteers reported that they spoke to many visitors. This did not directly translate into new converts for CVMG, but the seed planted may take some time to grow. In another area of the Show, John Pepper and Matthew Manton's vintage bikes were featured with Thomson Rogers, personal injury lawyers. Chris Brown's friend Joe was at this display, and the evening before at the Old Sod where he bought wings for the section. He also provided prizes for the Push. Our thanks to him and Thomson Rogers for the contributions.

**3.2 Lucas Push** was likewise deemed a success; the two-pub route seemed to have attained its purpose of retaining many more celebrants. The Secretary counted 63 attendees, including four of the founding members of the section (Joan Brewster, Phil Goldsmith, Ernie Olivo, Bengt Sormon). Thanks and a huge round of applause were extended to Stephanie Ramon, designer of the 2017 shirt, Geoff Collins for providing the superb 1935 BSA, and John Muir for transporting the bike. That bike

really was the star of the night. Of course the other stars of the night were those who provided the great prizes for the Push Raffle: The Old Sod, The Madison, and the grand old Duke of York Public House. We also thank Scott Dixon for his masterly job as MC (Dixon MC?) for the Raffle.

**4. Treasurer's Report.** Alex Loizou, Chancellor of the Exchequer, did not report as he was recovering from shoulder surgery, but the giant spreadsheet he sent along indicates that we are ahead of last year's first quarter earnings, in part thanks to the success of the raffle at the Push.

**5. Movie Night.** Alan Hall once again reported on the recent event at Moto Revere, hosted by him and the proprietor, Andrea Lothrop. *Easy Rider* was enjoyed by 23 persons, evenly divided between those who saw it on its debut 48 years ago and those who were born 25 years after its debut. The March event will most likely be held on 19 March (the Spring M/C Show is on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>).

**6. Spring Ride.** In the absence of the Ride-Planner-For-Life, discussion was deferred to the April meeting. But Craig Smith is hereby requested to suggest dates for the Spring Ride; info to Ray Boorman please.

## **7. Summer BBQs.**

**7.1. Liability.** Ian Cooper presented the results of his research on the question of host liability. According to the legal precedents, we are able to hold our summer events as usual, but with some increased vigilance as relates to alcohol consumption. Hosts are recommended to offer either a taxi ride home or a place to stay overnight should the occasion arise where a member is incapacitated.

Section members may consult the following web articles (Caution! You are now entering a Diamond and Diamond-Free Zone):

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1. <http://www.lawconnection.ca/content/social-host-liability-backgrounder>
  2. [http://www.fieldlaw.com/articles/MGD\\_Party%20On%20Supreme%20Court%20of%20Canada%20Rules%20on%20Liability%20of%20Social%20Hosts%20for%200Guests'%20Drunk%20Driving.pdf](http://www.fieldlaw.com/articles/MGD_Party%20On%20Supreme%20Court%20of%20Canada%20Rules%20on%20Liability%20of%20Social%20Hosts%20for%200Guests'%20Drunk%20Driving.pdf)

3. [http://perlaw.ca/media/Lawyer\\_Articles\\_PDF/Host\\_Liability\\_-\\_Can\\_BYOB\\_Save\\_More\\_than\\_You\\_Think\\_MTB.pdf](http://perlaw.ca/media/Lawyer_Articles_PDF/Host_Liability_-_Can_BYOB_Save_More_than_You_Think_MTB.pdf)

This information has also been sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the CVMG.

**7.2. Hosts.** Secretary Berry agreed to host the July BBQ (Thurs, the 6<sup>th</sup>); Harvey Bruce and Ray Halse will once again share the August BBQ (Thurs. the 3<sup>rd</sup>). and John Pepper and Angela Valley will once again welcome us to 240 Wychwood, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The June BBQ will be hosted by Mike and MC Mehak, as has been the tradition for the past 20 or so years.

**8. OFY Banter.** The Banter seems to be living on fully independent of OFY, with the same old address. Mike Browning may be surprised to find himself the web-host for this. The new OFY website is operational but the forums still have very little traffic, as it is a little more unwieldy to use and does not have a notification function or an easy way to post pictures, as email does.

**9. Dates of the CVMG Annual General Meeting.** 7-9 April 2017, at the Regency Athletic Resort, Niagara Falls. A proxy form is printed on page 20 of the March issue of the *CVMG News*.

**10. VRRRA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 Moto GP.** Members are encouraged to attend this historic road race reunion in August at Mosport (now the Canadian Tire Motorsports Park). Several of the original international racers will be in attendance. Two OFY members raced in that event: Fraser McAninch and the late Dave Jackson.

**12. Show and Tell.** Pat Gonsalves suggested this at a previous meeting. Secretary Berry offered something “old” which he had obtained through his work on the section history. These were two 1996 photographs of OFY members with their bikes, taken (with a medium format camera) near the Canary Restaurant by Phil Goldsmith. This raised the issue of having a set of photos for 2017 and also a calendar in which some of those new images could be presented.

**13. New Business.** The Toronto Motorcycle Film Festival was mentioned, to take place at the Revue Cinema on Roncesvalles, 29-30 September, 2017. This is said to be a festival of mostly new short films and documentaries.

**Motion to Adjourn.** At 8.43 pm President Ray Boorman moved (seconded by umpteen times TT winner John McPint) that the meeting adjourn; the members agreed. The next meeting will be 5 April 2017.

President Boorman stayed for a while to converse with the members before departing. Slowly and somewhat unsurely we of the remaining cohort gathered up our courage, preparing to get out on the highway, looking for adventure, in whatever comes our way. The spirit of Mars Bonfire floated above us.