

## OLD FORT YORK SECTION, CVMG

**Minutes of a Meeting held on 4 January 2017 at the Madison Avenue Pub.**

In the Chair: Alan Hall, Vice-President.

In attendance: 18 members, one server, 9 interlopers (see below, section 11).

Minutes compiled by Secretary Berry.

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** were used to create improvised 50/50 tickets and so were approved *in absentia*.

**2. New Members.** No new members attended, sensibly staying home to avoid the cold. Two new members were added in December: Bob Waddell and Carl Schenk.

**3. Policy on Executive Positions:** Some members remarked to the Secretary that OFY at its founding decided not to have any section rules and policies, except to ride and restore motorcycles and have fun. Unfortunately we are now required by CVMG to have some procedural rules for the section. Thus, Secretary Berry moved (seconded by S.S. Fender):

1st Motion: “That the Executive committee shall comprise the President, Treasurer, Secretary and any others that may from time to time be decided by a vote of the section members.”

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: “That the Executive committee shall from this date also include the positions of Vice-Pres, Communications Director, and Membership Ambassador.”

Both motions passed *nem con*.

**4. Treasurer’s Report.** Alex Loizou reported that the election of Donald Trump has had no appreciable effect on Section finances, although share prices for Harley-Davidson Inc are up 22%. T-shirts for the Lucas Push are self-funding and will not impact the section’s books. \$100 cheque for charity donation to Salvation Army (as discussed at the December meeting) has yet to be cut.

## 5. Lucas Push

**5.1. Proposed Route.** The Madison is fixed as the start point with the Duke of York to close out the pilgrimage; both have provided prizes. The intermediate pub has yet to be chosen, but various suggestions were entertained by the members. Dan Graham, Stephanie Ramon, and Chris Chown offered possibilities—these will be checked out in the recce mission in a few weeks.

**5.2. T-Shirts.** Ray Halse reported that 17 shirts have been sold and paid for.

**5.3. Push Bike.** Ray Halse will approach Harvey Bruce for one of his old British Bangers. John Muir will supply the Mash, er, trailer, to transport it.

**5.4. Insurance.** OFY does *not* need an insurance certificate from CVMG for this event, as we are visiting licensed premises.

**6. Summer BBQs.** The section will wait until the March or April meeting to entertain offers to host these gatherings. One serious issue with the BBQs has arisen recently: insurance. The Corresponding Secretary of CVMG has offered an opinion on this:

- ***Where serving alcohol is concerned the CVMG insurance will NOT cover the meeting. Each person who holds the meeting should check with their insurance company if you are serving alcohol and if you are charging for it then you must have a license, a smart server and get third party insurance from another broker. Might I suggest that the serving of alcohol not be part of the meeting? If the person hosting the meeting wants to share a drink with friends it might be covered under their home owner's insurance and if someone was to bring a drink and not serve it then again that is like having a party at your home. However, should it appear that someone has had too much due diligence is required - provide a ride home or call the police as they ride off. I realize this sounds sever[sic] but the CVMG will not cover any event having alcohol served by a member. We can talk further if you would like.***

So we have a classic quandary: classic because the BBQs are a long-standing tradition, and a quandary because we are unlikely to hold such an event without alcohol (beer). The ideal would be to create a situation where the host is protected from liability. Whether this can be done either by calling it BYOB, or by paying for the food (which we already do), or making the event subject to “donation”, is unknown. The section may need to seek the advice of a liability lawyer to determine a course of action. Don’t give up, call Eric Barapp.

**7. Section History.** CVMG Newsletter editor John Pepper has called for a history of each section as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> (or is it the 49<sup>th</sup>?) anniversary of CVMG. Secretary Berry reported on his research so far for the OFY history. There will likely be a mini-version for the Newsletter and a longer one for posting on the section website.

**8. Website.** Matthew Manton reported that the website is about to drop anytime. I hope it doesn’t break.

**9. Motorcycle Supershow.** Members heard that Scott Dixon, Alex Loizou, and Secretary Berry are all volunteering at the Show. The Century of Motorcycles display will be much smaller this year so it may have to be called the Quarter-Century. Later, while the minutes were being written up the next day, Berry recorded that he was quite tired and needed a pick-me-up. He assumed nobody would read this.

**10. Movie Nights.** Stephanie Ramon and Alan Hall asked for section support for the idea of holding these at Moto Revere on Dupont Street, where several good places were nearby for a meal before or after. The proposal is to have one each (movie night, not meal) for January, February, and March.

**11. New Business.** Members noted that **the** Madison had given us the business by allowing stoopid interlopers into our Boardroom meeting space. Matthew Manton subsequently clarified the situation with the management, who had not transferred our bookings from last’s year’s list to 2017’s list. That seems to have sorted out the problem. If not, then they’ll have to face the ghost of Johnny Sombrero.

Vice President Hall called a halt to the meeting at 8.40, graciously accepting a round of applause, although he would have preferred beer. Gradually, one by one and two by two, the members prepared to depart, arming themselves against the cold, before venturing out and smashing into the neon streets in their stillness.

**Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 1 February 2017, 7.00pm at the Madison.**