

## OLD FORT YORK SECTION, CVMG

### Minutes of a Meeting held on 3 May 2017 at the Madison Avenue Pub.

In the Chair: Ray Boorman, President.

In attendance: 21 members, 2 wait staff.

Minutes compiled by Grumpypants Berry.

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The minutes were posted on the OFY website where they were politely ignored.

**2. New Members.** No new members attended. The National Membership Secretary of CVMG recorded one new member for OFY for April: Bert Schmitz. Welcome, Bert, if you are out there. Drop by to one of our meetings so we can get to know you (see #9 below). According to the current figure in the Membership Roster, we have 100 as of 3 May, down 6 from January.

**3. Report of the Minister of Finance.** The Hon. Alexander Loizou reported that section assets were the healthiest they have ever been, now in the lowish four figures.

**4. CVMG Annual General Meeting.** Scott Dixon and John “Blue” Dixon attended the Animal Vegetable Mineral gathering, but unfortunately not this OFY one, so there was no report. Several members expressed regret that Holly Varey had decided not to stand for one of the CVMG Director positions at this meeting. Members felt that this was a significant loss of energy and enthusiasm for the CVMG.

**5. Spring Ride.** Ride-Planner-For-Life Craig Smith reported very 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 (not the one in Wales). Dinner on the Saturday will be at the Rhubarb Restaurant. Everyone should be aware of the health benefits of rhubarb. Friday’s evening meal will be a BBQ at the motel. Various forms of burnt meat will be served.

**PROBLEM:** As of 5 April, 22 riders had declared their intention to participate. As of 3 May only 13 have booked at the Clansman. **If you have not yet booked, do so**

**immediately, or there will be trouble.** The Ministry of the Environment is predicting calm dry weather for the whole weekend.

**6. Founders' Ride.** Secretary Berry reported suggestions from Pat Gonsalves and Mike Johnston, the latter a founder himself, to have a Founders' Ride during the summer riding season. This would honour earlier members of OFY who have passed on. Some members suggested Waterdown and Snake Road as a possible destination. More discussion to follow at the next meeting.

**7. Ride and Tell.** Ian Cooper reported briefly on his most recent purchase, a 1992 BMW K75 with ABS (!). It's vintage by the way since it is 25 years old. A photograph of the beautiful machine was circulated. Ian likes the new blue bike so much he sold his other two BMWs, which restores a welcome balance to the world. For the details, see the Section Report in the June issue of the CVMG News.

**8. New Business.** Vince Wazonek asked if anyone else had purchased a project bike recently. At the beginning of the long dash following a nanosecond of silence, Craig Smith undertook to inform the assembled throng of his "new" somewhat disassembled BSA A10, eventually to become a Rocket Goldstar lookalike. Then, leaving out autobiographical details such as those heard from the previous speaker, V-Strom and Kawi rider Wazonek reported on his newest purchase, a UJM. For those born yesterday, that is a Universal Japanese Motorcycle, in this case a 1980 Kawasaki KZ650. As an example of how wild and crazy the market is for some bikes and parts, Vince paid the same amount of money for the whole bike as Craig paid for a tank. No matter what, it's all good.

**9. Next Meeting.** As has become something of a tradition, Mike Mehak will be hosting the first of the summer's BBQs. The date is Thursday 1 June (the night before the Spring Ride); note that for the BBQ season only we switch nights from Wednesday to Thursday. The location is Waverley Avenue in the Beach. Not least of the attractions will be Mike's splendid collection of bikes.

Stephanie Ramon won the 50/50 raffle which she will put towards the price of a new pair of mechanic's jeans. At precisely 8.19 Chairman Ray declared the meeting closed, quietly packed up his notes, and departed. Others lingered for more

conversation and hydration. For old people, this combination is very important in maintaining physical and mental health.

By and by, some OFYers rode off to participate in the season's first Moto Social gathering, down on Front Street East. Memo to Turner: be sure to attend the June Moto Social. There will be many vintage bikes, café racers, fancy customs made out of old bikes, Italian exotica and British erotica. Almost all of the riders there, invariably young, will have no interest in the rear view mirror of an organization such as the CVMG. Sad!