

Scottish Motorcycle Club – Zoom Committee Meeting Minutes

31st August 2026

Present:

Peter Johnson - Chairperson

Ken Eddie - Membership Secretary

Grant Powrie - Treasurer

Norman Mitchell - Merchandise Officer

Antonios Tsikrikas – Runs/Events Coordinator

Kenny Anderson - Meetings Secretary

Apologies:

Dave Waddell - Web Administrator

Ewan Ritchie - General Committee Member

- Peter opened the meeting and gave apologies from Dave and Ewan. He said there were a few things to be talked about, as we were heading towards the end of the season.
- The first Item for discussion was the Treasure Hunt. Ken confirmed that the Treasure Hunt Instructions were already on the Website Forum and the Clues Sheet would be added later that evening, allowing availability to Members next day.
- The next item related to an email that Ken received and had circulated to the Committee. It was from a consultant in emergency medicine who was about to undertake some medical education research into “patient/public perception of video review in Glasgow’s Major Trauma Centre”. He was asking if we would consider inviting Members to participate, by means of a survey.

Part of the study involved canvassing the opinion of “surrogate high-risk populations identified via Scottish Trauma Audit Group (STAG) data—motorcyclists, bicycle and equestrian riders, and mountaineers, and also older/frail individuals with neurodegenerative or neuromuscular conditions”, hence the invitation to SMC Members to participate in the research.

The email provided an outline of the research with the following headings:

- Describe the purpose of the research proposed
- Specific Study Objectives
- References

Ken had replied to the email saying the request would be looked at by the SMC Committee.

The opinion of Committee Members regarding the relevance or suitability of engaging in this study was mixed. After discussion, we agreed that the best course of action would be to ask for more information on specific questions contained in the survey before deciding whether it was suitable to send out to Members.

Action: Ken to request more information about the survey questions

- The next item for discussion involved agreeing on a suitable gesture to mark the 90th birthday of the Club's founding Member, Arthur Shepherd.
- The Committee chatted about the general success of the 2026 Club Challenge. Peter mentioned that it had been brought to his attention that the verification process for achieving of a Challenge site might require some modification. After discussion it was agreed to leave the rules as they are for now and re-examine the issue next year. Discussion moved on to next year's Challenge. A number of ideas for Challenge subjects were looked at, and there was general agreement that a couple of those sounded promising and would be looked at in more detail.

Action: Everyone - consider ideas for Challenge 2027

- With the end of the year approaching rapidly, the interest in having a Christmas Lunch was talked about. There was overall agreement that it should be planned for.

Location, venue and date options were suggested and discussed. The process was helped by the fact that many venues have already posted Christmas menus on their websites. A decision was reached that Linlithgow should be this year's the location with Westport Hotel the venue, hopefully on the 5th of December.

Action: Peter to contact Westport to check availability and cost.

- Peter mentioned, and Antonios agreed, that the number of Club Runs was down this year. Unpredictability of the weather was suggested to be a factor.
- There was agreement that the winter Club Nights should be reintroduced. The two-venue format, where the event was held in Edinburgh and Stirling on the same dates, had been shown to be successful. Venues were discussed. Brewdog was the venue last year but there was uncertainty about whether the Stirling one was still open. Status would be checked and a decision made nearer the time.
- Membership numbers were still increasing. The total now stands at 82.

- Ken mentioned that the website seemed to be getting used as a tourist information conduit by some people, causing some mild frustration. His response is usually to gently redirect them to an appropriate organisation.
- Grant told us that there hadn't been much financial activity recently and that there was around £2000 in the account.

No other business, the Meeting was closed.