



# Fellowship of United Kingdom Clubs

## Annual Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Held at The Eagle, Kennington Lane, London, SE11

The meeting commenced at 14:00

The Chairman was John Grimshaw, FUKC Coordinator

Present were representatives of the following Clubs:-

<b>MSC Bournemouth</b>	Buzz McIntyre & David England
<b>East Mercia MSC</b>	proxy held by MSC Scotland
<b>Essex Leather MSC</b>	Richard Bunker
<b>MSC Hallamshire</b>	Andy Cunningham & Richard Allen
<b>MSC London</b>	Ron Lythgoe & Jock Blakey
<b>Manchester Super Chain MSC</b>	Anton Rebec & Ian Allan
<b>Rubber Man's Club</b>	Andy Graveson & Roger Kidd
<b>MSC Scotland</b>	David McFarlane & James Quinn
<b>Sixty Nine Club</b>	John Kyle & Roger Blantern

Also present: Pete Chapman, FUKC Webmaster, Austin Flynn, Secretary RMC & minute-taker, Martyn Corbet, Chairman RMC and Gary Sogarth, observer from MSC Bournemouth.

The Chairman of RMC, called for a minute's silence and welcomed everyone to the Conference. He then handed the meeting over to John Grimshaw who had agreed to act as Chairman for the meeting.

The Chairman thanked RMC for organising the Conference. He wished them a successful Birthday weekend. He asked if anyone had heard from MSC Cymru, at this point in time there had been no response to any correspondence sent to them.

### Minutes of 2008 Conference

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate. Acceptance was proposed by SNC and seconded by MSC Scotland. Acceptance was unanimous.

The Chairman thanked Jock Blakey for the minutes.

### Matters Arising

LUBE (Dublin) has been removed from the website as there has been no further contact from them.

## **FUKC Coordinator's Report**

The FUKC Coordinator summarised his report which had previously be circulated to all Clubs.

John Kyle (SNC) – from experience with FUKC Coordinator lasting 4-6 years, he can see the current Coordinator lasting at least 20 years.

Acceptance of the Coordinator's report was proposed by RMC and seconded by The Webmaster.

## **FUKC Website**

The revised website has been up and running 24/7, 365 with no outages. There is a possibility of setting up links with other useful sites in the USA. Pete Chapman asked if MSC Cymru should be left on the website, as there has been no contact with them. John Kyle (SNC) suggested that they be left on but with a note to say that MSC Cymru is presently inactive. This was accepted by all.

## **Finance Report and Registration Fee**

Copies of the accounts had previously been circulated to all Clubs.

Invoices had been sent to all Clubs for the registration fee. Would any outstanding payments be made as soon as possible, please? With the current expenditure it was envisioned that Clubs would only need to be invoiced very 2 out of 3 years as the main expense was for hosting the website.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by RMC and seconded by MSC Hallamshire. Accepted by all.

## **Election of FUKC Co-ordinator 2009-2011**

At this point Martyn Corbet (RMC) took over as Chairman of the meeting.

There was only one nomination received for the position of FUKC Coordinator, which was

John Grimshaw, proposed by Jock Blakey (MSC London) and seconded by Pete Chapman (MSC London)

John Grimshaw was duly elected and Martyn Corbet handed the Chairmanship of the meeting back to the newly re-elected FUKC Coordinator – John Grimshaw.

## **FUKC Conference 2010 & Venue for 2011.**

MSC Bournemouth will be hosting the conference in 2010 but there is a possible clash of dates with an EMMSC event.

MSC Hallamshire proposed that the Conference date should take precedence over other Club events for dates. This was seconded by RMC. The motion was carried 5 for with 4 abstentions.

2011 - MSC MSC are hesitant about holding the 2011 conference as they are currently reorganising their Club, but they are willing and volunteered to host the 2012 conference. EMMSC was proposed to host the 2011 conference by their proxy with MSC Scotland as backup.

### **Bike Run 2009**

MSC Bournemouth have everything arranged it will form part of their Hide n Sea weekend 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July.

2010 - MSC Hallamshire confirmed that they would be hosting.

2011 - to be decided next year.

### **ECMC Matters & The Secretariat**

The Chairman stated that he was trying to gather some observations and ideas on how to improve ECMC.

A suggestion was made that the Clubs to get together to block book membership stickers as some Clubs have been experiencing problems, delays and additional costs. MSC Bournemouth said that there could be more problems if one large order was lost. SNC had heard that it was not only the UK Clubs that were experiencing problems and that no receipts were being given since the current Secretariat has been in office.

MSC London suggested that we should have a group coordinator to arrange sticker/card purchase. Perhaps this should be a role for the FUKC.

### **Leather Lottery 2008-2009**

RMC - had a wonderful time at MSC Hallamshire - Thank you

MSC Hallamshire - had a great weekend with SNC

MSC Bournemouth - enjoyed MSC Scotland's Burns Night

East Mercia MSC - went to MSC London

MSC Scotland - visit to MSC MSC didn't happen

MSC London - East Mercia MSC had a good weekend

MSC MSC - did not go to anyone.

SNC - thoroughly enjoyed the fireworks at MSC Bournemouth

Essex Leather MSC - Richard Bunker enjoyed himself at RMC

### **Leather Lottery Draw for 2009-2011.**

#### Home

MSC Bournemouth

East Mercia MSC

Essex Leather MSC

MSC Hallamshire

MSC MSC

#### Away

East Mercia MSC

MSC Hallamshire

SNC

MSC MSC

Essex Leather MSC

MSC London	MSC Scotland
RMC	MSC London
SNC	RMC
MSC Scotland	MSC Bournemouth

## FUKC Calendar 2010

John thanked all Clubs for their responses. Addition events were given at the meeting.

MSC MSC – Fetish Feast – 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May

MSC Hallamshire – FUKC Bike Run & Golden Frame – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September

SNC – Emerald Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> August

## Discussion Documents

*Three clubs (RMC, Hallamshire & MSC London) had submitted discussion documents on the same subjects. In summary, they are:*

*All FUKC clubs should try to agree a motion to put to the 2009 ECMC Conference to be supported by every FUKC club on the following lines:*

*i) The Mr Leather Europe Competition should be bid for separately from the ECMC Conference (in the same way as the ECMC Bike run is bid separately).*

*ii) In view of the 1000 euro subsidy from the ECMC to the Conference host club, delegates should never have to pay a premium over other guests at the Conference weekend.*

*iii) Mr Leather Europe competition should be self financing and should not receive any grant or subsidy from ECMC funds*

*iv) Conference hosts should account in detail to all ECMC clubs how the euro 1000 euro subsidy has been used and any surplus above the cost of providing the actual conference facility/interval refreshments should be returned to the ECMC.*

Mr Leather Europe predominates at the ECMC conference and has become so entrenched that only one Club (Frankfurt) has applied to hold the conference without the Mr Leather Europe competition and they were turned down.

Comments made were as follows:-

Andy Graveson (RMC): Would like to see a UK Club(s) hold the ECMC conference but it was not possible with the added cost of the Mr Leather Europe competition.

Andy Cunningham (Hallamshire): Would like to see items i) & iii) put together and items ii) & iv) put together as they relate to different items and that item iii) have the following added – the host Club taking all responsibility for organising the event.

Ron Lythgoe (MSC London) agreed that having two items was better than four.

Ian Allan (MSC MSC) asked whether there is a need for Mr Leather Europe.

Richard Allen (MSC Hallamshire): Decoupling Mr Leather Europe from the conference would prove how much support it has.

John Kyle (SNC): More support likely if the competition is split off. More Clubs would be interested in holding the Conference if the two were split.

David McFarlane (MSC Scotland): Mr Leather Europe was boring.

David England (MSC Bournemouth) concurred with the general consensus that €1000 should be for the conference only, but may be better if left to cover the weekend as a whole. No detail has ever been given by a host Club as to how the €1000 is used.

Andy Cunningham (Hallamshire) proposed that item iv) be scrapped altogether as it can be revisited at a later date. Andy Graveson (RMC) seconded. This was agreed by all.

Andy Cunningham (Hallamshire) thanked everyone for their support and requested that the FUKC coordinator draft a motion to this effect and that every Club send it to the ECMC. Also it was suggested that a copy be sent to all European Clubs. We also need to have a single spokesman for this at the ECMC conference in Rome.

MSC London & SNC both stated that they felt confident that a UK Club would consider holding the ECMC conference.

All eight Clubs present unanimously agreed to submit the following two motions for the ECMC conference to consider in October 2009:

#### Motion 1: Mr Leather Europe Competition

- i) The Mr Leather Europe Competition should be bid for separately from the ECMC Conference (in the same way as the ECMC Bike run is bid separately).
- ii) Mr Leather Europe competition should be self financing and should not receive any grant or subsidy from ECMC funds - the host club taking all responsibility for the organisation of the event.

#### Motion 2: ECMC Conference Charges

In view of the 1000 euro subsidy from the ECMC to the Conference host club, delegates should never have to pay a premium over other guests at the Conference weekend.

#### A.O.B.

**Pride Bus** - Roger Blantern (SNC) said it is a great loss that MSC London are not running the bus in this year's London Pride, perhaps the London Clubs could run one together and split the costs as it is an expensive event (approx £700), it has provided some good publicity. Andy Graveson (RMC) said that RMC would be glad to offer support with future costs. Ron Lythgoe (MSC London) said he was very grateful for the offers of support. It would be good idea for the three London Clubs and any other Clubs interested to get together to discuss this.

**Accommodation** - Roger Blantern (SNC) said that for events accommodation is usually limited, perhaps Clubs could cooperate to find accommodation for guests.

**Event Insurance** - Ian Allan (MSC MSC) said the cost for insurance cover for events is spiralling, they have been quoted £300 for an event. Could the Clubs get global cover, would it be cheaper? David McFarlane (MSC Scotland) said they got a better deal if they had a year's cover instead for each event. David England (MSC Bournemouth) said that they had not had any before as they had not thought about it. John Grimshaw (Chairman) said that in using commercial premises/venues that you would be covered by their insurance. Anton Rebec (MSC MSC) said that if you did not have your own insurance you could not take part in Manchester Pride. Richard Allen (Hallamshire) said they had not considered insurance for events, perhaps you could do a disclaimer.

Insurance would only cover specific items, the more you want covered the greater the price, this could cause other problems. Something to be thought about.

Buzz (MSC Bournemouth) thanked RMC for all their hard work in arranging the conference and Birthday weekend. Much applause.

Meeting closed at 15:30.