



# Fellowship of United Kingdom Clubs

## Annual Meeting

6th July 2008

Held at the Morpeth Arms, Pimlico, London SW1.

The meeting started at 1215.

The Chairman was John Grimshaw, FUKC Co-ordinator.

Present were representatives of the following clubs:

<b>MSC Bournemouth</b>	Dave England and Buzz McIntyre
<b>East Mercia MSC</b>	Peter Yates
<b>Essex Leather MSC</b>	Richard Bunker
<b>MSC Hallamshire</b>	Andy Cunningham and Richard Allen
<b>MSC London</b>	Ron Lythgoe and Dave Martins
<b>Manchester Super Chain MSC</b>	Proxy held by MSC Bournemouth
<b>Rubber Man's Club</b>	Martyn Corbet
<b>MSC Scotland</b>	Stuart Barber and David McFarlane
<b>Sixty Nine Club</b>	Roger Blanter and John Kyle

also present: Pete Chapman, FUKC Webmaster, Jock Blakey, Secretary of MSC London and minute-taker, Bill Dutton, Simon Bridges and Michael Hiller, observers from MSC London

The Chairman welcomed the other clubs, and asked if anyone objected to the agenda - no one did.

### MINUTES OF 2007 CONFERENCE

Dave England pointed out that under AoB, the reference to the ECMC website should be *FUKC* website. The minutes were then accepted nem. con.

### MATTERS ARISING

**LUBE (Dublin)** The Co-ordinator/Chairman reported that the listing for LUBE had been retained on the FUKC website as, when last spoken to in July 2007, they were still hoping to re-launch. Since then they had not responded to various contacts by email and snail mail from him or the Webmaster, Pete Chapman. Bournemouth said that they hadn't done anything for over 2 years. It was agreed that after one further contact they would be removed from the website until we had new information to go on.

The Chairman reported that a member in **South Wales** was hoping to start a new MSC type club based in Cardiff which they are calling MSC Cymru.

The Chairman asked how long minutes of previous minutes should stay on the website. Two years was agreed as the appropriate period.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Pete reported that the website hosting was paid for until 11 June 2009 and the fukc.org.uk domain registration until 17 September 2009.

The Chairman proposed that with enough money in hand and no pressing expenditure until 2009, there was no need for clubs to pay a subscription this year. He suggested a subscription holiday for 2008 with no more payment needed until January 2009. This was agreed unanimously.

Andy of MSC Hallamshire wished it to be noted that his club had not received a request or reminder. (Note: Receipts were later issued and all 2007/8 payments have now been received with thanks.)

Acceptance of the report was approved unanimously.

## **CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The Chairman said that, apart from one exception, communications had been very good, and we had had an excellent handover from Peter Yates. He said that one problem was clashes between clubs' events - which he hoped could be avoided in the coming year.

SNC said they had some queries about the Calendar of Events, which the Chairman said would be covered as a separate item.

## **WEBMASTER'S REPORT**

Pete thanked Peter Yates for making transfer of the FUKC domain so easy and speedy. Pete asked all clubs to keep him informed of any changes to dates/details of their events.

John Kyle (SNC) remarked how easy it was to navigate the site.

Acceptance of the report was approved unanimously.

## **FUKC CALENDAR**

As it will be MSC Scotland's 35th anniversary year, they are planning to push the boat out, and hoped for a good attendance at their Burns' Supper weekend.

Hallamshire inserted their birthday event in June.

With respect to the clash between Bournemouth and E Mercia in July, the Chairman asked them to put their heads together. After brief discussion, Peter Yates (EMMSC) made an executive decision to move his July event for 2009.

With respect to the MSC Scotland BBQ in June, for which no date had been fixed, Stuart provisionally agreed on 12-14 June.

As there was nothing arranged for August, Bill Dutton (Observer) suggested that maybe MSCMSC could organize something, though the Chairman remarked that they hadn't done anything for quite a few years over that Bank Holiday weekend.

## **LEATHER LOTTERY**

The Chairman enquired how things were going; the general opinion seemed to be smoothly. Dave England said that Bournemouth had visited Scotland for Burns' Night and recommended it to everyone. Stuart said that they were having difficulty getting MSCMSC to fix a date for their visit. The Chairman asked Stuart for a short report.

## **FUKC CONFERENCE 2009**

Next year's meeting will be hosted by RMC in July. Martyn said that as it will be their 40th birthday, they are planning a big event.

The conference itself is planned for Saturday afternoon, followed by dinner at the Prince of Wales in the evening, then a Sleaze Party at the Fort, for which a bar extension was already booked. If Gay Pride moved from July to June, it wouldn't affect them.

## **FUKC 2009 BIKE RUN**

The Chairman asked for a volunteer for next year's Bike Run. Bournemouth thought they could possibly host it in 2009, but would need to consult the rest of the committee. Otherwise Hallamshire would be happy to host it again and definitely volunteered to host it in 2010.

## **2010 CONFERENCE DATE**

The Chairman asked for a volunteer. There was a deathly hush. The Chairman suggested that maybe Bournemouth might like to consider it, but they said that they would need to consult their committee to confirm.

## **ECMC CO-ORDINATOR**

The Chairman remarked that many clubs had experienced difficulty getting their ECMC cards and stickers at last year's ECMC Conference. Dave England said that he had managed it only by button-holing the Coordinator at the end of the Conference and forcing him to accept payment in Euros. Stuart said that he thought the problem had been due to the afternoon meeting going on for so long, that they ran out of time. All agreed that the old system was best, i.e. ordering before the Conference, and paying in Euros at the meeting.

Andy suggested that the UK clubs put a motion on the ECMC agenda that subs could be paid in Euros. The Chairman asked Dave England, as he had good connections, to contact MSC Oslo to put forward our concerns and ask what planned for the collection of subs. in Berlin (October 2008). He agreed and promised to report back. Further discussion would be left till we had a response.

[Post Conference Note: Dave has received a reply from Oslo which states that ECMC cards and 2009 stickers will be available for purchase in Berlin in October and clubs will be receiving a request to order their required supplies in September.]

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Peter Yates said that East Mercia had been advertising on **FaceBook**; this had boosted attendance considerably and they regularly had 25/30 at monthly meetings. He urged other clubs to consider it.

He also wanted to advertise the **East Mercia Birthday Event**.

With regard to the proposed legislation about **obscene images on PCs**, the Chairman urged clubs to look at the Backlash website for more information, though details were uncertain at the moment.

Buzz wished to send best wishes to the MSC London Treasurer who had had a big hand in the arrangements for this weekend, but was now in hospital.

Stuart proposed a vote of thanks to MSC London, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting closed at 1320.