



The Pre 1940

MORRIS REGISTER

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MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Saturday 6 October 2012 at the Blunsdon House Hotel, Swindon, Wiltshire

The meeting opened at 11.50

1. Those Present & Apologies for Absence:

Committee members Present: Bob Beaumont, Ken Johnson, John Ford, Tom Bourne, Phil Butland, Stephen Gant, Mark Smith, Rob Symonds, Malcolm Dixon, Tom Taylor, Jim Riglar, John Powell, Geoff Whitehouse, Tony Nathan, Neil Truslove, John Howells, Margaret Molyneux

Other members Attending: Anne Riglar, Paul James, Celia James, Stephen Parkes, Hilda Johnson, Christine Truslove, Mike Brears, Val Brears, Dave Harris, Gloria Harris, David Molyneux, Pam Lee, Dave Lee, John Nagle, Jo Nagle, Ian Harris, Colin Belcher, Di Belcher, Dave Lawton, John Sargeant, Geoff Salminen, John Stevens, Ian Rayment, Paul Hudson, Mike Kent, Martin Redmond

Apologies for absence received from: Roger Needle, Harry Good, Chris Lambert, Roger Clitheroe, Russell Moore, Ann Moore, Norma Cook, Laurie Cook, Gideon Booth, Michelle Smith

- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the National Committee of 28 July 2012.** The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- 3. Matters Arising** – Tom Taylor referred to item 7b, and said that he and Graham did not expect gifts. It was pointed out that the intention had been that these were for their wives.

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
4	Membership Database	
	<p>a. Members of the database subgroup gave a summary of work in progress to improve the database. They proposed that the database should be held on Dropbox, a “cloud” internet facility that will enable the membership team to be expanded with each having access. Security aspects were discussed and it was thought our data security requirements would be met. The data can be exported onto Excel for circulation to officers. The possibility of posting this on the web site will be investigated, as this would remove the need for a printed handbook. The National Committee welcomed the work in progress, agreed that the membership database should be held on Dropbox, and noted that detailed proposals for alternatives to the handbook will be brought to the January meeting.</p> <p>b. The subgroup also proposed an alternative to membership cards. These can be incorporated into an A4 sheet as a cut out or peel off and mailed with the May magazine. This will remove a substantial workload for the</p>	Sub-group

	membership secretary. The National Committee agreed that alternative forms for membership cards should be investigated further, and reported to the January meeting.	JF, MS, RS
5	Payment by Credit and Debit Cards	
	Steve Gant outlined changes in the industry standards for the secure use of credit and debit cards, which the club cannot easily meet. He outlined alternatives as being BACS bank transfer, which is easy for UK users but not overseas users, and PayPal. The advantages of PayPal are that it still enables the payer to use a credit or debit card, but does not expose the club to the security requirements of the card provider. Direct Debit continues to be the favoured method for subscription renewals. The National Committee agreed: that the club should give notice to terminate the agreement with Barclaycard, that PayPal or bank transfer should be used in place of credit/debit cards, and that a campaign should be run in the Magazine encouraging members to use Direct Debit for subscription renewal.	PB SG
6	Badge for 2013	
	The Chairman reminded the meeting of the design for the Morris Centenary badge that had been previously agreed by the grouping of Morris Clubs. He has been given a quote for their manufacture that comes to just under £5 each. He proposes to take orders from the other Morris clubs at a meeting on the 21 October. Jim Riglar agreed to gauge demand by sending out an email to all members with an email address. Agreed that the logo can also be used on the franking machine and on letterheads. The National Committee agreed to the commissioning of this badge, to be sold in bulk to other Morris clubs for £5 each, and at an agreed retail price for all participating clubs of £10 each + post and packing.	JF
7	AOB Meeting dates for next year were suggested as: 19 January 27 April 27 July	
8	Date and Venue of Next Meeting The next meeting will be on Saturday 19 th January at the King Edward School, Edgbaston. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.55	