



## **YORKSHIRE CENTRE AUTO CYCLE UNION**

PRESIDENT Mr Mike Washington



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Centre A.C.U. held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the Cleckheaton Sports Club. The President Mark Yeadon called the meeting to order at 7.50 p.m.

**In Attendance** was:

**The President** – Mike Washington

**President Elect** – Martin Jackson

**Vice Presidents** –

**Past Presidents:** Carolyne Kenzitt, Mike Washington, Graham Wilson, Margaret Myers, Phyll Stephenson, Dave Loney, & Keith Blythe.

**Life Members** – Graham Wilson, Malcolm & Linda Timms, Margaret Myers, David Loney, Keith & Judith Blythe, Maurice Rispin & Paul Whitaker.

**Chairman** – Mark Yeadon

**Treasurer** – Graham Wilson

**Secretary** - Sue Smith

**Auditors** – Maurice Rispin & Paul Whitaker

**Ben Fund Officer** –

**Permit/Police Liaison Officer**– Graham Wilson

**Recorders** - Trials – Mike Washington

**Nidderdale delegate** – Maurice Rispin

**Inter Centre Team Managers** –

**Noise Inspector**– Graham Wilson

**Delegates from The Yorkshire Centre Clubs:** Batley 3, Bradford 1, Bumpy 1, Horsforth 1, Hudds Falcon 3, Ilkley 2, Ripon 2, Spenn Valley 1, West Leeds 1, Wetherby 1, Yeadon-Guiseley 2,

**Apologies for Absence from:** Margaret Carter, Ron Eddings, Malcolm & Linda Timms, Steve Smithies, & Bill Swallow.

**The minutes** of the AGM held on the 29th January 2019 were accepted as a true record on a proposal from, Phyll Stephenson 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Yeadon.

**PROPOSED MEETING DATES of 2019.** February 25<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup> August 25<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> (DATES). and 2021 AGM 26<sup>th</sup> January PASSED.

### **Annual Reports:**

#### **Permit Officer Report for 2019**

The year shows little change in the number events organised. We issued a total of 154 permits, (157 in 2018), but we did lose 8 events last year due mainly to weather.

Events for 2019 were: - (2018 in brackets)

Trials: Club Restricted; 103 (112); Centre Restricted; 33 (31); Open; 18 (12) and no Practice Events due to ACU requirement for them to issue these.

Event payments (insurance and levies) came in mostly on time with only a couple of reminders needed. Some clubs are still leaving it very late to make applications. You know who you are!!

Reminder to please have applications in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the event.

Could clubs let me have dates lists so I can add them to my spread sheets.

**My aim to get all clubs doing applications through the Club portals went very well.**

**Benevolent Fund Officer:** Margaret Carter sent a report in her absents.

2019 has yet again been a good year for donations from the Yorkshire Centre, a total of £2,327.95 which is slightly up on 2018.

Donations during the year came from those who support the Ben Fund on a regular basis and to whom I am very grateful. A full list of donations is attached.

You will see that the Directors of the ACU gave a very generous donation of £10,000.00 this year, so it is nice to know that as a fund we are receiving acknowledgement from our governing body. The total donations to the Ben Fund from all Centre's and individuals was just over £47,769.19, also slightly down on last year.

The number of people requesting help has stayed about the same during the year and the total amount paid out in Grants to those requesting assistance has dipped to just short of £84,000.00, whereas in 2018 it was £95,500.00. Luckily, we receive income from investments made over the years, the sale of TT badges etc., which "top up" the fund.

A number of people within our Centre have been helped and without your generous and continued support we would not be able to do this. We would not be able to function or offer help to those in need and to those who find themselves and their families, in very distressing circumstances.

Can I remind everyone that anyone who is or has been a member of the ACU or is a dependant of a past or present member is eligible to ask for assistance from The ACU Benevolent Fund, should the need arise. Each need does not have to be as a result of a motorcycling accident and the Fund will consider requests, which can cover any type of situation. If you know of anyone or hear of any situation that perhaps we can help with then please do not hesitate in getting in touch with myself or ACU Headquarters in Rugby.

The number of people requesting help has increased greatly during the year and the total amount paid out in Grants to those requesting assistance has risen to just short of £95,500.00, whereas in 2017 it was £64,000.00. Luckily, we receive income from investments made over the years, which "prop up" the fund.

Details of all Yorkshire Centre donations received in 2018 are attached.

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**Noise Inspector:** Nothing to report.

**Recorders for** Trials – Malcolm Was not at the meeting so no report was given.

### **Treasures Report YE 31.12.19**

The Centre posted a profit of £329.00 this year against a loss of £656.00 last year on and increased turnover due to more rider numbers. I am happy with this and propose no changes. Accounts are of the usual format.

#### **Income.**

**Insurance, ACU Contingency and Licence Levy:** Shows an upturn over 2018; more riders! (We pass on all monies collected less 3% Commission on Insurance listed below).

**Handbook; Seminars; Dinner; Centre Levy;** Reflect what we do.

**Insurance Commission:** we collect.

**Permits:** Again, can vary when payments near year end / start and event status.

**Affiliations:** Looks like decrease, but depend when payments come in.

**Misc:** Amount was surplus from for Centre Team Trial run by HO.

**Interest Received:** Better rates continue

#### **Expenditure.**

As with Income increase reflects our activity and attendances at events. -

**Event Insurance, ACU Contingency Fund and ACU Levies:** Passed on as collected.

**Handbook, Seminars & Dinner:** All as listed at cost.

**Admin:** Small increase due to copying sundries.

**Awards:** On a par with 17

**Miscellaneous:** Donation(s)

**Profit & Loss.** (on reverse)

This shows overview of our activities.

### **Balance Sheet.**

This shows that we are still in the healthy position of still having over £50.k capital.

It is a difficult act to get it just right but don't propose any changes.

**Auditors Report:** from Paul Whitaker – The Centre accounts were audited on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and we can confirm the treasurer's statement for a surplus of £329.22 for the year.

Turnover for the year at £57,905.22 was up by £4809 over 2018 but expenditure at £ 58,034 increased by £3829 over 2018 and resulted in a loss of £129.49. However interest received from the Yorkshire Banks one year deposit account raised £458 and turned the accounts in to a modest surplus of £329; the accounts would have been a little healthier but for several events having been cancelled due to bad weather.

The treasurer has reinvested last October £38,684.41 with Yorkshire Bank once again on a one year term at 1.75%, an increase from the previous year at 1.2%.

Monies from event insurance at £25,366.87 are transferred straight to the insurers, but a commission of £784.53 relates to a respectable 3%.

There were no Inter Centre Events run in 2019 and consequently no expenses.

The accounts, as always, are well presented by the treasurer and are a true and correct record of the Yorkshire Centres financial position, and we as auditors recommend that the accounts and balance sheet are approved by the body of the meeting. Signed Maurice Rispin & Paul Whitaker

### **Secretary:**

9 Centre Championship Trials ran once again this year to gain our Championship Winners, Which are listed on your agendas.

Competing for the Centre Championship awards there was 18 experts (26) last year, 6 Inters against (12) last year, 22 Novices against (11) last year.

60 (53) C/m A, 59 (51) C/M B, 9 Clubs out of 14 (16) ,

8(9) AClass, 9(8) BClass and only 4(2) CClass Junior

Thank you to Mike Washington for standing has President once again. Martin Jackson will step into his shoes tonight to take on the role of the Yorkshire Centre President. Many thanks to Mark Yeadon for his first year of chairmanship hope he has enjoyed it. Thanks to Malcolm & Linda Timms for their work for doing the grading's and points checking, and to Graham for keeping us all in check he does a tireless job of sorting regs permits and monies out, from the various clubs. To the stewards who turn out in all weathers to bring back reports.

And a great thank you to the club delegates who turn out to centre meetings keeping us ticking along.

### **Award Winners:- Yorkshire Centre Championship 2019**

Expert – Ben Hemingway  
Intermediate – Louis Haley  
Novice – William Tolson  
Clubman A – Andrew Jackson  
Clubman B – Howard Gulley  
A class – Harry Hemingway  
B class – George Hemingway  
C class – William Sagar  
Club - Yeadon-Guiseley

### **West Yorkshire Championship 2019**

Expert – Dan Hemingway  
Intermediate – Thomas Housecroft  
Novice - Charlie Smith  
Clubman A- Andrew Jackson  
Clubman B - Mark Chippendale

A class - Harry Hemingway  
 B class - George Hemingway  
 C class - Charlie Petty  
 Club - Yeadon-Guiseley

**Chairman:** Mark Yeadon as enjoyed his 1<sup>st</sup> year, thanking everyone for making the Yorkshire Centre what it is.

**President** – Mike Washington thanked the auditors and Malcolm & Linda for doing the points and gradings. Mike said he would like to see more youths riding centre events, he had enjoyed the last 12 months and looked forward to the next 12 months. Phyll Stephenson said that the ACU have messed about with the youth classes. It was thought that youths are staying on their electric bikes too long.

Martin Jackson gave a little speech saying he was honoured to become Yorkshire Centre President

**Vote of Thanks to Retiring Officials** from David Loney 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Kennitt.

**Officials Expenses:** Voted to go up 2% after a proposal from Phyll Stephenson 2<sup>nd</sup> John Fortune All in favour.

**Election of Officials:**

	PRESIDENT	-	Martin Jackson
	President Elect-		Bill Swallow
	Vice Presidents	-	
	Chairman-		Mark Yeadon
	Treasurer	-	Graham Wilson
	Secretary		Sue Smith
	Auditors	-	Paul Whitaker & Maurice Rispin
	Permit Officer-		Graham Wilson
	Training Officers	-	Phyll Stephenson, & Sue Smith
	Benevolent Officer		Margaret Carter
	Awards Evening		Graham Wilson/Phyll Stephenson
	Handbook		Barry Robinson/Sue Smith/Kudu
	Noise Inspectors		Graham Wilson
Recorders	-	Enduro	Nigel Hutinson
		Trials	Malcolm Timms
		National Parks	-
			Dales Barry Robinson
			Peak Peter Stewart
			Pennine Steve Smithies
			Nidderdale Maurice Rispin
		Delegate to General Council	Mike Washington, Bill Swallow
		Team Managers	Enduro Peter Weatherill
			Trials Adult Malcolm Rathmell
			Youths Jamie Stephenson
			Sidecar Mel Harrison
			Pre 65 Peter Stewart

Officials Accepted on block – after a proposal from David Loney 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Blythe.

**Proposals for Rule Changes 2020**

- 1) Hudds Falcon put a proposal forward:- (In order to increase the importance and exclusivity of the Yorkshire Centre Trials Championship we propose that the West Yorkshire Championship be disbanded as from 2021, as there is no longer a separate West Yorkshire Group within the Centre. This should reduce the number of protected dates and consequently give clubs more freedom in choosing dates for their own Club Championship trials). 2<sup>nd</sup> by

The proposal was discussed at length before a 2<sup>nd</sup> for the proposal was obtained  
 NO ONE 2<sup>nd</sup> the Proposal NO Votes

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 PM**