

4th April 2023 NVTEC North Somerset Group AGM

Mr Kevin Patch, the Chairman, opened the meeting at 20:25 by welcoming all those present and thanking them for attending.

Apologies

David Robbins

Minutes of 2022 AGM

These were read by Morgan Rogers, agreed by the members, and signed by the Chairman

Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked all those who had contributed to the successful running of the club over the last year:- the committee members, Redhill Club and in particular Linda & Dave who have been running the raffle for many years. They have decided to step down from that role and were presented with a gift by the Chairman on behalf of the club.

Membership currently stands at around 86, which is a little lower than in the past, but numbers do tend to drift up as North Somerset Show approaches.

2022 had been a good year, with an excellent visit to the Black Country Museum and good road runs and speakers.

The Chairman pointed out that the club needs volunteers for several posts, viz. Secretary, Events co-ordinator and someone to run the draw. General committee members would also be most welcome. This request was met with the usual deathly hush and the Chairman asked members to recognise the need for people to fill these posts and to contact him if they could assist.

Financial report

John Porter presented this and highlighted how successful the Treasurer has been in increasing the number of sponsors for the ploughing match, many of whom were now regulars. As usual, the Autojumble had been successful and provided a good deal of income. Last year's charity donation has been to the British Heart Foundation, of £1,000.00 – and a letter of thanks had been received back from them. BHF attending the club in August, to give a talk on how this money has been spent.

It was noted that in terms of club assets, the tow-a-van needs a new inventory and that The Ploughing Match Cups as assets have not been properly covered, several trophies had been returned damaged at last ploughing match, which need repair.

Main Income to Club is: Road Runs, Membership, Auto Jumble, Raffle and Ploughing Match.

J. Porter pointed out that only £7 of the annual membership of £20 was retained by the club, the balance going to National 's funds and this is why the other events we run are so important.

Overall, the financial position is good, with an excess of income over expenditure in 2022 of £4868.30 and the final figures being:-

Current account	£10297.43
Deposit account	£6679.27
Cash in hand	£43.65
Total	£17020.35

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A question was raised as to what exactly we get for the £13 contribution we make to National. J. Porter identified the magazine and the NFU insurance. This subject was discussed at length later in the meeting.

Election of Chairman and Club Officers

The Chairman stood down from his post and the President, Mr Roy Hill, took over the running of the meeting.

He asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. John Porter proposed and John Liddle seconded Kevin Patch for the post. Kevin accepted the nomination and he was elected unanimously.

Mr Hill then stood down and Kevin resumed the running of the meeting.

The chairman asked for nominations for the other committee posts as below.

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Vice President	M Rogers	P Tarrant	Mr Dibble
Secretary	R Quantrill	M Alvis	R Hill
Treasurer	Jill Robbins	M Beresford	M Rogers
Membership Secretary	B Ralphs	J Robbins	P Tarrant
Safety Officer	Paul Tarrant	R Quantrill	R Hill
Ploughing Co-ordinator	Tim Hurley	S Sleight	M Alvis
Data Protection & website	J Porter	R Hill	M Alvis
Program Co-ordinator	No Volunteers		

All the above nominees were elected unanimously.

Any other business

The Chairman noted that membership of the Redhill Club was now due (£5) and that members must join if they wished to legally purchase alcoholic beverages at the bar.

The club's charity for 2023 is to be Macmillan and the Chairman invited members to put forward ideas for 2024.

Tickets for the North Somerset Show are with Morgan Rogers. Following the usual pattern, there will be a setting-up session on the Sunday at 14:00. Entrance on the day should be via the White gate and no vehicles will be permitted to leave until 17:30 at the earliest.

The show organisers have requested that the club provides 10 tractors with implements for a ring parade between 09:30 and 10:30. In addition, between 12:15 and 13:00 all available tractors are requested to parade. The Chairman has made it clear to the Show organisers that they must provide stewards for the movement between our stand area and the main ring, and requested any members who were not taking a tractor into the ring to step up and assist with the stewarding.

The tea tent will be in operation, but limited to members and Friends of the Club. Cakes are requested!

The Chairman asked if someone could move the trailer from Winford to the show ground – Mike Alvis volunteered.

The road run is on Saturday 22nd April. There is a £10 entry donation and all vehicles must adhere to the NVTEC code. Start is at 10:00 from Alvis's shop where there will be bacon butties and teas available from 09:00. The run will head for Kingston Seymour, then on to Portishead sea front where drivers will be able to get lunch from the various cafes etc. After lunch, on to Failand and back to the Alvis car park, in all about 25 miles.

Mike Alvis will be organising next year's spring run.

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The Chairman asked what members thought about the amount we paid to National and what we got in return – i.e. 4 magazines per year and insurance which is of limited scope. A show of hands indicated that relatively few members would miss the magazine. John Porter reported that he had made preliminary enquiries regarding taking out our own insurance (if we were to leave NVTEC) and the cost appeared to be in the region of £1,000. There was a good deal of spirited discussion about the NVTEC insurance and whether the club should take out its own insurance immediately in view of the apparent shortcomings of the current cover. The case of whether equipment such as a working thresher and baler were covered by the NVTEC insurance was of particular concern. No immediate decision was taken and the Chairman responded to the concerns expressed by stating that the committee would look closely and urgently at the implications and costs of taking out insurance cover which would be adequate for the needs of the members and to protect the committee (as organisers of events).

There being no further competent business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm