

**NETT Season 2017 AGM**  
**Minutes**  
**Date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Gilsland Spa**

Committee members present: Karl Robinson (KR); Dot Nixon (DN); Ian Best (IB)

**1. Apologies / Welcome**

KR opened the AGM with all committee members present, with approximately 30-40 members/families attending.

**2. 2017 Season Review**

KR provided a round-up of the 2017 season, noting 2017 was a good year for the Iveston & Satley NETT quad club, running all eight intended rounds.

The double header event format for 2017 worked well in in terms of organisation and cost efficiency and will be repeated in 2018.

In 2017 the NETT club successfully hosted a practice round at a new track, PJMX, plus two British side-car cross rounds at PJMX and Dean Moor, and a British Quad Championship round, with the majority feedback being very positive, such that PJMX will be on our 2018 calendar subject to dates and availability.

2017 also saw some new faces at the club which we hope to see again in 2018 and wherever possible, with a request to all to encourage new members to keep the club alive with a good future.

Results and award of trophies will be covered after the meal in the evening (4.11.17).

**3. 2017 Financial Overview**

The NETT Club continues its' solvent position albeit our bank balance has slipped by approximately £6,000 in the year, £1,500 or thereabouts due to the cost of presentation evening awards and complimentary tickets provided to a number of regular unseen and more often than not unpaid helpers during the season.

Losses incurred from running events are approximately £4,000, with the largest contributors being (i) increased medical support costs (ii) the marquee and entertainment at Dean Moor and (iii) reduced sponsor support/requests in the year, which were insufficiently supported by rider numbers on the day.

Entry fees for 2018 are to remain at 2017 levels for all classes but with regard to the increased medical cover costs, KR proposed a £5 per rider per day medic levy, which could be voluntary if preferred by the members. Gary McKenna voiced strong support for this proposal, noting urgent care in the event of an incident should rank highly in the club's general obligations to members. Steven Carmichael seconded these views and proposed the levy should be mandatory. An alternative camping charge option was raised but discounted, preferring the fairness of a per rider levy, to be collected when all rider's sign on. Proposed £5 per rider (per day) medic levy carried and will be introduced into the NETT member's handbook and rules.

A further suggestion tabled to only provide end of season awards/trophies to those confirmed as attending the presentation evening (this is NORA's firm approach). This

requires further discussion but would remove the embarrassment of pressing sponsor support, to find nobody turns up to receive trophies.

Cost restraint and levies would be less important if the 2017 rider numbers were ten or more better per day than the below summary provided by KR:

|                     | Saturday | Sunday | Those riding both days |
|---------------------|----------|--------|------------------------|
| Wooley April 2017   | 45       | 41     | 39                     |
| PJMX May 2017       | 47       | 65     | 38                     |
| Dean Moor July 2017 | 94       | 110    | 77                     |
| Wooley Sept 2017    | 51       | 44     | 41                     |

To keep the NETT Club healthy for 2018 and beyond, the answer is to encourage wider membership and attendance, getting rider numbers averaging 50 and 60 a day, suggestions invited but no immediate thoughts offered.

#### **4. 2018 Dates and Track Venues**

KR confirmed the NETT Club intend to work with the ACU, hosting some 2018 British Sidecar and British Quad events and ACU date confirmation is awaited.

The choice of tracks remain suited to our needs and budgets, with a preference to have four separate venues rather than the three in 2017.

Some recent discussions held with QRS on joint rounds, albeit unsuccessful to date, this option remains open if a mutually beneficial solution can be agreed.

In answering a member's chunnering about Wooley Grange track condition, a request was made for volunteers to source alternative options; Keith Knowles to enquire on a Nottingham based track he is aware and KR to enquire if Haverigg will host a double header quads and sidecars weekend.

It was not lost on the committee and associated helpers to highlight the immense amount of unseen preparatory work Wooley Grange has benefitted from, without which the track would be un-rideable to members.

There were no official offers to take up track responsibilities and so the committee will await the ACU dates and track availability, plus feedback from Keith Knowles and KR, before proposing our 2018 calendar.

#### **5. Open Members Forum**

The floor was opened to members on any other issues, none raised.

#### **6. Close**

KR closed by thanking those in attendance, requesting members speak with anyone on the committee if there are any others thoughts arising post meeting, or offers of help for 2018.