



**Southern Sporting
Motor Cycle Club**

CONTACT

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Your Committee

President.....	John Mason
Vice President.....	Ian Slater, Mick Wallace, Robert Wood
Chairman.....	Christian Gorth
Club Secretary.....	Ian Slater
Treasurer.....	Chris Booker
PRO.....	Steve Pearce
Club Captain.....	Mick Wallace
Social Secretary.....	Heather Wallace
Editor.....	Vacant
Auditor – Club.....	Rob Wood
Centre Board Delegate (2)	
BMF Liaison Officer	Ian Slater
Minutes Secretary	Heather Wallace

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th February 2023 – 84th SSMCC AGM, The Adelaide, Teddington.

Stunt Editor's Comments

Welcome to your February edition of Contact

February 15th will see the club AGM take place, so if anyone out there in SSMCC land wishes to take a more active role in the club, please put your name forward.

I have included the AGM Agenda in this Contact so that everyone will see it before the day. There are a couple of days left for any member to send me motions/nominations, so if anything changes I will send out the updated AGM Agenda after the 3rd February.

Once the new 2023/24 committee is in place, events and runs will start to be organised, so keep an eye on your e-mail, as meeting places and times will be sent out a week or two before the event.

If you have anything of interest to say regarding your motorcycling and the Club, please let me know via enquiries@ssmcc.co.uk or through any other member of the committee.

Anyway, keep safe and well and hopefully catch up with some of you at our regular venues and future club runs or events.

Stunt Editor and Honorary Club Secretary.
Ian Slater (aka Spanner).

Southern Sporting Motor Cycle Club

84th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15th February 2023

“The Adelaide”, 57, Park Road, Teddington, Middx

Start time 8.10pm prompt

Agenda

- 1) Opening Address by the Club President
- 2) Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting
- 3) Honorary Treasurer’s Report
- 4) Honorary Secretary’s Report
- 5) Honorary Club Captain’s Report
- 6) Honorary Social Secretary’s Report
- 7) Honorary Public Relations Officer’s Report
- 8) Honorary Editor’s Report
- 9) Award Voting

- Break

- 10) Motions
- 11) Nominations
- 14) Resignation of the 2022/23 Club Committee
- 15) Election of the 2023/24 Club Committee
- 16) Award Presentations
- 17) Any Other Business (at the discretion of the Chairman)

Club Nominations

<u>Post / Award</u>	<u>Present Holder(s)</u>	<u>Nominations Received</u>
President	John Mason	John Mason
Vice Presidents (3)	Ian Slater, Mick Wallace, Robert Wood	Ian Slater, Mick Wallace Robert Wood
*Chairman	Chris Gorth	Chris Gorth
*Secretary	Ian Slater	Ian Slater
*Treasurer	Chris Booker	Chris Booker
*Social Secretary	Heather Wallace	Heather Wallace
*Club Captain	Mick Wallace	Mick Wallace
*Editor	Vacant	Chris Osborne
*Public Relations Officer	Steve Pearce	Steve Pearce
Auditor – Club	Robert Wood	Robert Wood
Centre Board Delegate (2)	None received – open to nominations on the night	
BMF Liaison Officer	Ian Slater	Ian Slater
Minutes Secretary	Heather Wallace	Heather Wallace

Positions Marked * are defined as Committee posts. Only Full or Honorary members may hold these posts. One member may only hold one Committee post

Awards Nominations

Enthusiast's Cup: Darren Mason, Ian Slater, Heather Wallace

The Road Safety Award: Steve Pearce, Mick Wallace, Chris Gorth

Motions

There have been 2 motions submitted as follows:

Motion 1; Submitted by John Mason.

“Anyone who has done 25 years non stop membership to become an honorary member. Plus a build up of 25 years over time”

Motion 2; Submitted by Robert Wood.

"Subject to approval of the restated 2017 and 2018 Training scheme accounts at the AGM, that the Hon Treasurer is given permission to securely destroy all Training Scheme records in his possession at the end of 2023 as this will represent 5 years from the closure of the Training Scheme and therefore completes the period these records may have been needed for historical HMRC investigations and the like."

The Southern Sporting Motor Cycle Club **Minutes of the February 2022 AGM (83rd)**

Held at "The Adelaide", 57 Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex on Wednesday 16 February 2022

The records show 6 Honorary, 8 full members being present at the start of the meeting, with 2 proxy votes given by absent members. 2 proxy votes were sent at short notice and too late to be considered.

Apologies were received from Anne & Graeme Byard, Angus Craig-Wood, Steve Lockie, Darren Mason, Dave Regan, Russell Sommer, Ken Stone, Amoret Whitaker & Carolyn Wood.

The meeting started at 8.05pm

Chris Gorth, Chairman, asked the Club President (John Mason) to open the meeting. John welcomed and thanked those present for coming and that enough had turned out to make the meeting quorate. He hopes that there will be the ability to go on club runs this year, always assuming that GOV doesn't put us into lockdown again..

He then passed the running of the meeting back over to the Chairman Chris Gorth.

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM, produced and proposed by Heather Wallace. Rob Wood highlighted a slight error to be rectified. His name had been recorded incorrectly in the apologies. HW said she would rectify this. The minutes were then seconded by Mick Wallace.

The minutes were accepted without dissent.

The Chairman advised that members could use the voting slip to make their nominations for the Road Safety Award and Enthusiasts Cup which would be presented later.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

Chris Booker advised that Rob Wood had audited the accounts for both 2020 & 2021, and that the reports had been provided to the membership.

RW confirmed that the Club accounts were in order, asking all to note that the ACU subscription had been paid by the Honorary Secretary, and he had not reclaimed this cost, claiming it was a 'donation' to the club.

RW also highlighted that the Training Scheme accounts had been audited in 2017, and the account effectively closed in 2018, had been showing £1400 income from the club, and its use had not been clearly explained. RW was not suggesting any 'wrong doing' with the funds, and that it had probably been used to clear outstanding unpaid 'bills' but as the training scheme organiser had not been present at the last meeting in 2019, no full explanation had been given. The matter was considered closed, with no further action to be taken, although the 2018 training scheme bank statement might throw some light on to this monies use.

A question was asked from the floor as to what the funds that were currently in the club account were going to be used for? The Secretary advised its' use would be decided by the committee, but that if any members had a suggestion for an activity this would be considered. Steve Pearce asked if it could be used to cover a deposit for a club 'get away', pending people attending said event paying what was owned. The Secretary said this could be considered.

A question was asked about the 'club trailer' and whether it was still an asset of the clubs. RW advised that at a previous meeting, it was decided that the club regalia would not longer be counted for the accounts. And that the trailer did still belong to the club, but again not considered as an asset. Tony Coe was still in possession of it, and was expected to be going back into racing this year.

There were no other questions from the floor.
Chris Booker proposed the accounts report, and Rob Wood seconded it.
They were passed unanimously.

CB also advised those present, that he would no longer take cheques for membership fees. Santander will no longer accept checks, and expect online banking to be used.
RW reminded CB that Dave Regan was still recorded as a signatory on the Club bank and this needs to be addressed with some urgency. It requires forms to be completed and DR to go into a local Santander to get his name removed from the account. CB said he would take action.

Honorary General Secretary's Report

Ian Slater advised that membership stood at 41 – the breakdown was 13 Hon, 25 Full & 3 Associate Members. There had been several non renewals.

Ian confirmed that he had renewed the BMF 2021 membership, which was required for the club to be covered with insurance for club runs, and were maintaining links to the South East ACU.

Ian Slater proposed his report which was seconded by John Mason and accepted without dissent.

Honorary Club Captain's Report

Mick Wallace apologised that there had been very few club runs, but it was hoped to get dates and destinations in the diary soon.

MW would be working the runs around Steve Pearce's son who is doing racing this year, but it would be nice for SP to be able to do both.

Any suggestions for placing to go would be welcome.

The Pioneer Run in 2021 did go ahead, but finished at Brighton Airport. There had only been a handful of members that went. The 2022 run will not be until October, so the first club run of the season will be to Hayling Island on 20th March.

There were no questions so Mick proposed his report which was seconded by Heather Wallace and accepted without dissent.

Honorary Social Secretary's Report

Heather Wallace apologised that there had been no social events in 2021 other than the Xmas dinner. She felt that it would have been wrong to have gathering. Having said that 15 had attend the event at the Red Lion in Shepperton. Unfortunately the service was as good as in previous years.

HW said she would try and get some social evenings in the diary.

Heather proposed her report which was seconded by Chris Gorth and accepted without dissent.

Honorary Public Relations Officer's Report

Steve Pearce had nothing to report really. He'd welcome someone else taking on the role of PRO

The website still has an error that he has not been able to rectify.

SP proposed his report, Mick Wallace seconded it.

The report was accepted without dissent.

Honorary Editor's Report

The Secretary, Ian Slater, had continued to provide a 'Contact' each month as nobody else had come forward to take on the role. He apologised for it being very much reduced that other editors had provided, but at least something was going out to the members.

All those present, thanked IS for his continued publishing of Contact. He would welcome anyone wanting to take it over.

IS did put forward a suggestion that perhaps there could be a 'guest editor' or volunteers to take on doing a Contact each month. There was concerns about the use of the template, however RW pointed out that it was not so much 'what you used' as more about the content, and if other perhaps could considered producing an issue, perhaps they had been somewhere or done something that they'd like to tell everyone about, the IS could transfer into the Contact template.

It was suggested that this be put to the membership in the next Contact.

Report proposed by Ian Slater, seconded by Rob Wood. Accepted without dissent.

Award Voting

Chris Gorth advised that the voting for the 2 awards (Road Safety Aware & Enthusiasts Club) that were due to be awarded needed to be completed and the voting slips collected. A volunteer from the floor was asked for and Heather Wallace agreed

Chris Gorth then announced a short break in proceedings for refreshments and vote collection/counting.

The meeting was restarted by Chris Gorth and the first item of business was to request permission from the floor that upon completion of the AGM, all voting slips could be destroyed. This was seconded by Chris Booker and accepted without dissent.

Motions

Chris Gorth handed over to the Hon General Secretary Ian Slater for this item. Ian Slater explained that 1 motions had been submitted.

The motion is as follows

Motion 1

The SSMCC should amend the club rules so that the quorate requirement is changed from 30% to 20% of the membership required to attend the AGM, to allow said AGM to be held.

Submitted by Mick Wallace

MW explained his reason for submitting this Motion.

In his opinion, it would allow those who had made the effort to turn up for an AGM meeting, to be able to 'make any decision', rather than the meeting becoming void because not enough member had attended, or having to call for an EGM. At current membership levels, 30% requires there to be 13 members attending.

A discussion started about the pros & cons of this motion.

It was suggested that if 30% of members could not be available in person, or by giving their proxy vote, then there was a serious problem for the club in general, not just for an AGM.

A side discussion then started about proxy votes, and whether these should be allowed at all, as this meant that people would not have to 'bother' to attend if they gave their proxy vote.

RW said that in the rules, proxy votes WERE allowed, HOWEVER, it was expected that if a proxy vote had been advised to the Secretary within the allowed time (24hrs prior to the meeting), then that person had to actually indicate which way they wanted their vote to be used, whether that was for the awards (Road Safety award/Enthusiast Club) or towards a 'Motion' vote. It should not be expected that the person who has been provided with an individual's proxy vote, to then decide which way it is used. This was to be considered as a 'cop out'!!

A question was asked as to whether attendance could be done electronically now. Particularly with the changes that have recently taken place and people becoming more used to using video calling.

RW said that could be made possible, it had been added into the club rules for committee meeting members to attend via electronic means. SO this could be put forward. But again it was giving people the opportunity NOT to turn out for meetings. An additional thought for electronic attendance would be that those who were miles away for those locally, to be able to attend in this fashion.

The motion has been proposed by Mike Wallace and seconded by John Mason.

It was then voted on.

The motion was CARRIED, as there were 8 FORs and 7 AGAINST. One abstained.

Nominations

The Secretary advised that NO Nominations had been received for vacant posts.

Resignation of the 20/21 Club Committee & Election of the 2021/22 Club Committee

Chris Gorth informed the meeting that the next item on the agenda was the resignation of the 2020/21 Club Committee & Delegates.

He passed the meeting to Ian Slater to explain the process. Ian Slater explained that whilst there was a post still available on the committee, Editor' nobody had come forward to take it on, therefore those members already on the committee would be duly elected for 21/22 on block. Members agreed without dissent.

ACU Centre Board delegates had to remain available even if not filled as this was linked to the requirement in the Rules for the club to be affiliated to the ACU

Ian Slater then said that the 20/21 Committee was duly resigned and the 21/22 Committee elected and welcomed those people. These were:

President	John Mason
Vice Presidents (3)	Ian Slater, Robert Wood, Mick Wallace
*Chairman	Chris Gorth
*General Secretary	Ian Slater
*Treasurer	Chris Booker
*Social Secretary	Heather Wallace
*Club Captain	Mick Wallace
*Editor	Ian Slater Deputising
*Public Relations Officer	Steve Pearce
Auditor – Club	Rob Wood
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This left the following roles unfilled:

ACU Centre Board Delegates (2)

Ian Slater then passed control of the meeting back to Chris Gorth

Award Presentations

Chris Gorth said the next item of business was the annual Club awards and asked John Mason to do the honours. The winners' list was:

Enthusiasts Cup	Ian Slater
Road Safety Award	Mick Wallace
Bateman Cup	Steve Lockie (First Year in the Club article)
Photographic Award	John Mason
Training Scheme Supporters Shield	Not awarded
Darts Trophy	No tournament
Trevor Smith Award	Sharon & Mike Roberts
Pritchard Trophy	Ian Slater
Lynmouth Trophy	Steve Pearce
Gibber Award	John Mason
Twisted Spanner Award	Chris Stock

Any Other Business

Chris Gorth said he would allow items of AOB if members had them.

There was no other business

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

SSMCC - PRO Report 2022/23.

The last 12 months has been quiet in the PRO front as expected.

Only advertising for the club is via the website, and as stated last year, we had an issue which I didn't know how to solve - which has now, thankfully, been fixed. Also as stated, I have limited time, due work, which makes instant updates and amendments to the website difficult. It has only been last month that I have been able to catch-up loading Contact onto the Members area of the site.

The website in the last 12 months (December to December) had 400 hits on the home page.

Only 75 hits on the About the club and 55 on the Contact Us page - the most communication we have received has been spam - and automatically deleted.

I think the question must be what do we want to promote about the club? What would entice people to want to come along and then join. At last month's Committee meeting and in this month's Contact I suggested that I update it photo gallery and title events which are published in Contact. If someone is happy for their picture in Contact, would it be OK on the website?

Or do we want the website?

We have lost the Google pages (linked to the Scheme) - we can reinstate it - but that would have to either be a location, that is not a committee members address.

(Perhaps The Adelaide would help with that?)

If you search Google for Motorcycle clubs in Teddington - we appear in Yell - at The Adelaide, and we are in position 2 for the About Us page on the website returns.

As stated in previous reports - I have a busy work life and the working day often eats into early even, just like all of us - but the knock-on effect is that I do not have the time to devote to the club as I would like. Also, another factor is living over 60 miles away from the committee is not the easiest thing as to attend a committee meeting that takes a minimum of 3 hours commuting (a lot longer when they close the roads in the evenings) - technology has certainly helped with not needing to be at all committee meetings - but as you know it's not the same.

Steve Pearce.

PRO.

SSMCC - Website.

To help keep the website up to date and showing some social activity - unless advised otherwise, any picture placed in contact may be published on the website in the Gallery section - with a short note relating to the picture - no names will be used.

These pictures can be removed upon request.

Steve Pearce.

2022/23 Honorary General Secretary's Annual Report

The SSMCC activities started to get back to normal during 2022, with plenty of club runs and a few events taking place.

Thank you to rest of my committee members for sticking with it and organising those events and for all those members who took the time to join in.

We have renewed our membership to the BMF for 2023 and maintain links with the ACU, although the ACU has had to go through a re-structuring process, which has revolved around centralising various elements, including the membership process.

At time of writing this report, Membership currently stands at 13 Hon, 24 Full & 3 Associate Members.

Ian Slater

Honorary General Secretary

SSMCC Committee Minutes

Meeting Monday 4 January 2023 – at The Adelaide Pub 57 Park Road Teddington

In Attendance:

Chris Gorth (CG) Chairman

Chris Booker Treasurer

Steve Pearce PRO

Ian Slater Secretary

Heather Wallace (HW) Social Secretary

Mick Wallace (MW) Club Captain

Guest: John Mason, Richard Barnett

Meeting started at: 19:55hrs

Apologies – None

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were Agreed, proposed by Heather Wallace and seconded by Mick Wallace

Matters Arising None.

All previous outstanding actions completed

Correspondence

IS has set up an auto payment for the ACU membership which will be taken from his credit card £10 and he will reclaim from CB

Club Secretary

The change to the website host has been completed.

SSMCC 84th AGM – date of Wednesday 15th February 2023 – Has been booked with Mariana at the Adelaide. Notice of the AGM was published in Dec 2022 Contact.

IS advised that members renewal notices would be sent out by email and once payment had been received their new members card would be posted.

Nominations to the committee need to be in by the end of January. At the meeting those present confirmed they will restand.

New Members

None.

Treasurer's Report

CB advised he has sent the

Current acct -

Deposit acct -

Cash -

Social Secretary's Report

HW advised that 19 had booked to attend the Xmas dinner, but on the night there was only 18 of us. Mariana was advised of the change.

£190 had been paid as a deposit.

The total food bill was £587.10 (4 x 2course-£28.95/14 x 3 courses £32.95) (which included an extra pudding £10) plus £39.71 service charge = £626.81 less deposit - £436.81 settled on the night. As Katy Spragg had paid but cancelled, she has been reimbursed

As HW paid the deposit and settled the bill, but didn't originally deposit £50 into SSMCC account and will paid for the additional pud, reimbursement to her is £566.81, which has been transferred.

Contributions in the bank for the dinner by members totaled £425 as Martyn Young had a discount price because he only had one course. Repayment to Heather allowed for the deduction for the dinner payment.

Total contribution by the club was £201.81 (£626.81 - £425 = £201.81)

All present agreed the menu options were very good and that we should consider using the Adelaide again 2023

Editors Report

IS reported that he will continue to issue Contact. Articles from members would be welcome. Confirmation that the AGM notices had been sent in Contact

Still looking for someone to take over the role.

Captain's Report

Nothing yet booked in. MW will look at routes. Suggestion put forward for the first run is to the Riverside Café near Benson.

Public Relations Officer's Report

The website has now been fully migrated and although there were some issues, these have been resolved.

SP asked if anyone had copies of March & June 2021 Contact. HW was able to send over. SP asked if it would be OK to use some old photos from the past Contacts on the website photo gallery. It was suggested that a notification be made at the AGM and in the next Contact advising members that there is an intention to use past published photos on the website unless any member voiced an object for their photos to be used, which should be put in writing.

Any Other Business

IS advised that the club BBQ could be held at South Wonston.

Fixtures Members will be advised via email on any new fixtures that get arranged.

The meeting closed at 20:35hrs

Next meeting – The next meeting will be the AGM 15th February 2023, venue The Adelaide Pub Teddington

The next committee meeting will be 5th April 8pm at the Adelaide Pub, Teddington

Nostalgia.

Well looking back from today the motorcycle training scheme if still going would have been my 50 year. It closed in the September of 2018. At that time I had done 45years service. After 40 years the club put me forward to go to a Buckingham Palace garden party. Very nice it was. I decided to look back at records I still have for the scheme going back to 1963, thanks to an old organiser John Palmer.

Here are some names, some will remember ! Depending on how old you are!

Alan J Totten. Age 16y and 3months, Passed the test on 04/03/1967

Robert Stone Age 15y and 7m Started on the 21/09/1968. Passed the test on 03/11/1968.

Richard W Barnett Started on 04/12/1971 Passed on the 25/03/1972.

John C Mason Started on 09/09/1972. Passed on 18/11/1972

Joy Higlett. (Mason)started 10/01/1978 Passed on 18/03/1978.

Graham Dunbar. Started on 27/09/1980 passed on 29/11/1980.

Ian Slater Started on 06/12/1980 Passed on 27/01/1981 Already passed Ministry test.

Starting of the part one test.

Jon Draper 14/05/1983

Steve Pearce 25/02/1984.

Chris Frazer start 27/06/1992. Passed 01/08/1992.

Darran Mason start 13/11/1993. Passed 18/12/1993.

The next few names will only be recognised by a few. So will any of these ring a bell !

Gary Totten Start 24/01/1970 Pass 18/04/1970.

Richard Goldschmidt start 11/05/1974 Pass 28/07/1974.

Heather Lovell Start 07/09/1974 Pass 09/11/1974

Sue Kolkowski start 17/03/1979 Passed 19/05/1979

Rebecca George. Start 30/01/1993 passed 06/03/1993.

Lisa Harris Start 03/04/1993.

Alex Moss CBT 10/02/1996. Pro test 29/06/1996.

They will to someone out there.

What is your memories off the first day at motorcycle school. There is not many members who have not been through the mill.

This year the club will be 85 years old, but like the scheme with no new young members we will only last as long as the youngest member. So we should be able to make our 90 th Year. Five years to plan a great event !

President.

John Mason.

Wednesday evenings from 8pm in the Adelaide Public House, Teddington.

Saturday mornings Sam's café, Nelson Road in Whitton. If there's a big rugby match on at Twickenham Stadium when we usually reconvene at Power Mill Lane café so it's worth getting hold of one of the team to get confirmation.

24/7 We have a Club page so please "follow" both and make sure your views are heard.



FIND IT OUT AS IT HAPPENS:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8085330049/?ref=bookmarks>

Contact: This document comes out monthly and is restricted to club members. The FB pages are more promotional and open to a wider audience so there may be more detail in this than we would share on line.

Membership Benefits

CBS in Whitton give us a 10% discount.
BMF (British Motorcycle Federation). The affiliate membership is worth mentioning when you next seek an insurance renewal or similar.

