

**AGM**

4th November 2017

28 York Place, Edinburgh

**Present**: Ewan Skinner, Andy Salmon, George Ritchie, John Bryden, Kyle Walker, Jack Russell, Ian Mackay

**Apologies**: R Denholm, N Henderson, I Duff.

The meeting was opened by Ewan who requested all members observe a minute’s silence for those we have lost during the year. Ewan then read out the club pledge to all members.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated previously and were agreed as accurate

**President’s Report** – Ewan Skinner

Once again we have had a busy year for a small chapter, and personally I have had a great year as President and a Blue Knight.

Following last years AGM I attended England V’s Pre-Christmas as ever and had a good time. It was nice to catch up with old friends and make new ones. It was good to see some BKs who have been ill, getting back to full fitness and having a great time.

January saw us hosting our annual Burns Supper where there was a good turn out and a good night was had by all.

March was the month of the Scottish Bike Show and I helped man the Kirsty’s Kids stand with John and Jan and had my bike there. We were able to present a cheque for £1000 to Kirsty’s Kids towards the purchase of a Hex-Hog. It was good to see so many members visiting the stand. It was also good to see some past members and also reinforce connections with other groups and organisations.

April had us attending the Easter Egg run to Robin House which is always a success despite the weather this year.

May saw our bunkhouse weekend taking us to Trust House. We took a wee jaunt to Ardnamurchan Lighthouse. A great weekend was had and I think we all got a better perspective of what John and Jan are about and the work they do with the clients of Kirsty’s Kids.

June saw me off on my Goldwing to Finland via Germany, Denmark and Sweden, returning through Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. This was to attend the Finland Rally where the European Conference were also meeting. The journey had some fantastic hot sunny days and some awful wet days, but through it all I managed to achieve at least one long standing ambition. My bucket list of motorcycling is still fairly full so watch this space.

Meetings have started for the planning of the Scottish Rally 2018, but more of that later.

Last month I travelled to Belper in Derbyshire for a meeting of the UK&IC Presidents and, although it was a fair bit of travelling, it was good to catch up with friends and to find out information pertaining to us directly. I also managed to get the Burns Supper mentioned.

You can probably tell I have a renewed enthusiasm.

I have enjoyed being President and am happy to continue in the role if the Chapter wishes.

I look forward to another successful year for the chapter.

Thank you.

**Vice President** – Ross was unable to make the AGM and no report was submitted

**Treasurer** – Andy Salmon submitted a report on our finances which is included at the end of the minutes

**Chapter Officers**

President – **Ewan Skinner** No other nominations – Re-elected

Vice Pres – **Ross Denholm** No other nominations – Re-elected

Treasurer – **Andy Salmon** No other nominations – Re-elected

Secretary – **Ian Mackay** No other nominations – Re-elected

Past President – Jim Thomson

**Directors** – George Ritchie (Ride Captain), Kyle Walker, Jack Russell (Quartermaster)

**Hon Member** – No nomination. The current membership status of Dave Norris may require to be changed due to his retirement. It was unanimously agreed that if required Dave would become our honorary member.

**Events** – George the Ride Captain has had a period of ill health but hopes to take a much more active role in the coming year. To encourage our more distant members to join us it was suggested we hold occasional meetings at other locations with perhaps an overnight stay. Also suggested was the possibility of midweek chip shop runs. John Bryden stated BKS members were welcome anytime at Trust House provided facilities were not required for the charity. He suggested the first weekend in May for a Blue Knights highland games which would be open to all Scottish chapters. This was regarded as a great offer and will be progressed.

**Scottish Rally 2018** – Planning meetings continue for the rally and Ewan will continue to update us with progress. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

**Burns Supper** – Bill Miller has again agreed to act as the President. The piper is booked and catering is in the hands Cathy and Jack. At present we have 32 bookings.

**Membership fees** – International has increased the membership fees. Andy reported that at present he felt our current level of £25 was sufficient to cover any possible increase and it was agreed to keep it at this level.

**AOCB**

Quartermasters report – Jack submitted a comprehensive report which is attached at the end of the minutes. The club holds stock of most items and our supplier has a wide range of items available for branding. Jack also has a quantity of Kirsty’s Kids stickers available for a donation to the charity

Website – Jack has been working on this and we have the domain name [www.blueknightsscotland2.org](http://www.blueknightsscotland2.org). The website is still under development but will be available soon.

Ewan had previously suggested seeking UKIC funding for a pop up banner to publicise the club at events. To increase the chances of the funding request it was suggested it be available to all Scottish chapters. A proposed design was circulated. Ewan will discuss the matter with the other Scottish presidents.

It was unanimously agreed to continue Kirsty’s Kids as our nominated chapter charity. John Bryden on behalf of the charity trustees thanked the Blue Knights for all their continued support and assistance. The charity has so far raised over £80,000 and the facilities available to families continue to be improved and expanded.

The meeting was then closed



**Treasurers Report 2016 - 2107**

**AGM held at 28 York Place Hotel, Edinburgh**

**Saturday 4th November 2017, @ 17.00 hours**

I have brought together the accounts for the Chapter for the year 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017.

Due to the charitable donations within this reporting year (£1200.00), the club has not made any surplus; in fact a shortfall of £96.54 was incurred.

On a happier note; income from the Burns Supper was £472.50. This means that £236.00 was donated to the chapter's nominated charity Kirsty's Kids. A cheque for £1000.00 was gratefully accepted by John Bryden at the Scottish Motorcycle Show.

Individual chapter member's expenses for the evening were kindly donated to Kirsty's Kids.

My 2015/16 report made note of the Chapter's portion of the revenue from the bi-annual International Rally at Tulliallan, an amount of £482.51, but was not included in the accounts of the year ending 31st August. However, as the money was received before the Motorcycle Show and our donation to Kirsty's Kids, it was included in the amount donated.

19 members of the Chapter have paid their subscriptions for the year 2017, and all subscriptions have been forwarded to International Headquarters.

Subscriptions for 2018 are now due.

Initial response for 2018 Burns' Supper has been encouraging. I have 32 names at present; however, these names include those from our own Chapter who have previously attended, although these have yet to be confirmed. Payment for only 6 tickets has been received to date.

I will close on the note that as at 30th October 2017, the chapter bank account stood at £1565.28.

Andrew Salmon

Treasurer

#  AGM – 4th November 2017 Quartermaster Report

1. This year has been another quiet one with few new projects and no orders from members. We are continuing with the same supplier though have not presented any new orders as we hold stock of most consumables.
2. Ray at AGE Branding is still able to offer a huge range of clothing and merchandising products at competitive prices. Most of the range can be seen on line at [www.ralawise.com](http://www.ralawise.com).In addition Ray can supply plaques, mugs, umbrellas base-ball caps etc. etc.
3. I am anticipating new orders due to the new members that have recently become involved with the Chapter and I shall advise all members when orders are being prepared so other items can be ordered if required.
4. The 20% levy on goods for Chapter funds has continued and, together with items held in stock should show a small but useful income. A current list of stock held by me is attached.
5. Members are reminded that I can supply them with any stock items on a ‘sale or return’ basis.
6. If anyone would like any items of their own clothing embroidering then this can be arranged and I welcome any ideas for other items which we could order, particularly in respect of next year’s Scottish Rally.

Stock Items currently held by me in stock are as follows:-

 54 Pin badges £2.50 each £135.00 2 Beanie hats, £10.00 each £ 20.00. 1 BKS2 T large, £14.35 each £ 14.35 5 material BKS2 badges, £7.00 each £ 35.00 7 2XL Knights Away T’s, £8.50 each £ 59.50 7 XL Knights Away T’s £8.50 each £ 59.50 58 x BKI stickers, £2.50 each £145.00 58 x BKS2 stckers, £2.50 each £145.00 17 x Cardinal Patches £5.00 each £ 85.00

5 x aprons. Stock 3 x Plaques £ 16.00 £ 48.00

Prices are all retail and incl. VAT

Total value of stock £746.35

Credit with Supplier £ 84.00

Total value £830.35

I am also in possession of Kirst Kids stickers x 12 and Eeyore’s Africa Advenure stickers x 8 which can be had for a donation to Kirsty’s Kids.

 Jack Russell (Quartermaster)

 ‘Ride With Pride’