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EDITORIAL

It was with this issue precisely four years back that I took on the job of being Editor of 'Bemsee.' Now, with this issue current, I am laying down the editorial pen. At the time of writing, late October, the name of the new Editor has not been vouchsafed to me. I have no intention—I have thought it best to write this last piece in the first person singular and make it clear that any opinions expressed herein are my own—of indulging in recriminations nor am I proposing to 'sling any mud.' On the other hand, as is natural, a few thoughts do occur to me as I sever my connection with an organisation like B.M.C.R.C.; a connection which has been a fairly close one in one way and another since autumn 1956.

It would be idle to deny that, recently, things have not gone well with the Club. Anyone, be they competitor or official, who has been an attender at the meetings for several years past cannot have failed to have noticed a change in the way things have gone. Do not get me wrong, the racing has been as good, better in fact, and there has been no diminution in the high standard of marshalling. No, the administration has been slipping. This last year, I am sorry to say, the slipping rather tended to assume the proportions of a landslide. One must also say that things have changed in the last couple of years. It grieves me to have to record this but what I call race discipline, i.e. observance of the rules and regulations, is fast becoming non-existent amongst many of you riders. At the same time, too, I agree that many organisers do not help by twisting the rules to suit their own convenience. This cuts both ways! I am not saying that B.M.C.R.C. was, or is, perfect; no one and nothing is perfect. But I am saying that, as a result of much thought and hard work by the Committees and the Secretaries, particularly the latter, a system was evolved which seemed to work pretty smoothly and was fairly well liked; perhaps respected would be the better word, by riders. At least they knew where they stood. In this connection, and merely to provide an illustration of what I am driving at, consider the question of practice times. B.M.C.R.C. was one of the first, if not the first, club to publish specified practice times for each race at its meetings. By doing it this way everyone had an equal chance of equal practice; fair for all, in other words. Many other organisers followed suit. But nowadays the arrangement is abused. A few people have genuine excuses for being late or delayed; most have none—sheer slackness.

What seems quite clear to me is that some considerable re-thinking will be needed if B.M.C.R.C. is to continue to play a proper and worthwhile part in the racing set-up in this country. As the Club cannot fulfil a role in two wheeled racing similar to the B.R.D.C. in four and as it cannot hope to compete with the commercial promoters on the financial basis, it seems to me that the club aspect of things should be concentrated upon. The pity of it is, of course, that the Club does not possess its own circuit. That object would then be easy to attain. But, assuming co-operation and willingness exist on both sides, I see no reason why the present arrangement of 'hiring' circuits should not be continued and a good number of proper club meetings run. While I do not advocate, for one second, any lessening in the standards of running the actual meetings, I do wonder whether the time is not nigh for a change in the administration of the Club; a change, I may add, to reduce the high overheads of running it. For, as it stands at the moment, a goodly membership roll is

essential to even reasonable financial stability. And, quite patently, as most people join the Club to race at its meetings, then they must be given a reasonable chance of doing so; all of them who wish to. I see no objection to one big prestige meeting, i.e. the 'Hutch,' each year, provided it has adequate financial safeguards; that is to say, sponsorship by an organisation that can really provide sponsorship. But I consider that the rest of the racing activity should be, must be, directed to the Club's own Club meetings. Still, that is not for me to decide. That the Board/Committee have re-thinking uppermost in their minds should be evidenced in the rest of this issue. For one of the principal reasons for the new Articles is to have just one executive body, instead of two as heretofore; an arrangement I have always considered wasteful of time and effort and one which has caused troubles galore in the past. So please, if you care one scrap for B.M.C.R.C. and want to see it continue, and to provide you with racing, remember, read them and turn up at the Extraordinary General Meeting which will have to be held to put them before the Club for its approval.

I hope that what I have said does not sound too gloomy. For while I cannot feel happy myself with the present, so it seems to me, topsy-turvy state of the racing world where commercialism seems to be ousting the true sporting spirit, I have no doubt that racing will continue as long as there are people who want to race. 'bikes to race, circuits to race on and other people to come and watch racing. Whatever happens, I hope B.M.C.R.C. will be putting on its meetings, on the right lines, of course, for many years yet. And I feel it would be most remiss of me not to say a personal welcome back to Jim Swift as the new Secretary. That he has not lost any of his enthusiasm is already evident, I think, by the energy with which he has thrown himself into the task of sorting things out and the fact that, with Bill Rose, he has got the London Group active again (for further details see page 215) and has plans for a Jazz session and a revival of the Trial; not to mention, of course, the race meetings and practice days. I suggest you read his piece on page 213.

I would like to end by thanking, with all sincerity, all those people who have contributed to these pages during my 'term of office.' And I include all the 'mutual aid' advertisers; the ads. have sometimes provided a deal of amusement. I'm also glad to know that, in some cases, they have resulted in quick sales of 'bikes or bits.' It might have been a bit of a 'bind' at times, but I cannot say that I haven't enjoyed my editing. I'm only sorry that you had perforce to read so much of yours truly, but then I had to get some sort of a mag. out! Still, I shall now be able to visit my mates in the evenings more frequently and listen properly to my records, amongst other things. The number of times this magazine has been 'got out' with a background of the 'Messiah' or a couple of Vaughan-Williams symphonies or 'Peter Grimes'! So, the best of British to the new Ed. and to you all, and a Merry Christmas, too . . .

The New Secretary

I have been asked by the Chairman to write a few introductory words about our new Secretary. Frankly, I am not quite sure what to say. I could begin, I suppose, by remarking how delighted I am to know that we have a Secretary again.

Well, by now, you will know that he is Jim Swift. And therein lies my difficulty because many will know Jim and know him well. For, until last autumn, he was Margaret Ward's assistant and had been with B.M.C.R.C. before that time for some three years. In the intervening twelve months Jim has been assistant to Jimmy Brown, the Silverstone Track Manager. I imagine that period has been most useful, among other things, for seeing how the other side lives and works.

Jim is a motor cycle racing enthusiast par excellence. He may be the youngest

Secretary the Club has ever had, but he has experience in this sort of thing which many much older might envy. He has a capacity for sheer hard work—another essential requisite for a B.M.C.R.C. Sec. And he is keen; I hardly think he could be classed as a '9 till 5' type. Part of his zeal for racing stems from his father who was long a Marshal Member and an ardent Vincent owner. Jim himself had, he may actually still have it, a 1938 series A Rapide. Previously I recall him having a somewhat brutish 700 Enfield twin and a nice pre-war Vincent 500.

I, and I am sure everyone else, will wish him the 'best of British' in what, at first anyhow, is not likely to be an easy task. For he has a very big job to tackle—I know he has already started on it—in getting things sorted out and back into the right sort of B.M.C.R.C. groove. I am sure he will do it. **W.G.T.**

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NOTICE of Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the British Motor Cycle Racing Club, Limited will be held at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1, on Monday, 6th January, 1964, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution :—

Special Resolution:

“THAT the Articles of Association in the revised form hereto annexed be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing regulations thereof.”

By Order of the Board,

J. H. SWIFT,

Secretary.

1st December, 1963

Note (1)—A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member.

The Extraordinary General Meeting

by The Chairman

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a notice convening an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club, at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall, on January 6th, 1964.

This meeting has been called for the purpose of agreeing the new Articles of Association, which reproduced in this issue of Bemsee. These have been prepared and are presented by the Board of Directors and have the full support of the General Committee. Under Company Law these can be either accepted or rejected. They cannot be amended.

There is no need for me to emphasise the importance of this meeting, involving as it does the future management of the Club or to request that all members who are able to attend this vital meeting.

My purpose in writing here is to answer two questions which I know are being asked. First why do we need to alter the Articles of Association, and second, why call a meeting in January instead of waiting until the date of the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, in March this year, there was some criticism from the floor of the present Articles and Club rules and, particularly, of the divided control between the Board of Directors and the General Committee. On that occasion, the Chairman made it clear that the Board and Committee were well aware of the difficulties and undertook to resolve the position before the next Annual General Meeting.

The difficulties have largely arisen because we are both a limited liability company and a racing club. The former is governed by the Articles of Association as laid down in 1949; the latter by the Club Rules as agreed by the Annual General Meeting of the Club, in 1955.

Under these Club Rules, the control of the activities of the Club was vested in a General Committee, which includes the Directors of the Company with the stipulation that "all questions involving directly or indirectly the expenditure or receipt of money shall be absolutely in the control of the Directors of the Company." Since the promotion of race meetings and social events necessarily involves finance, the position created by these two sets of rules is impossible and it is the purpose of the proposed Articles to remedy this. Providing these are agreed, it will be necessary to amend the Rules in conformity.

The main purpose of these Articles is to invest the whole of the control of the Club, financial, sporting and social in one body, which will be an enlarged Board of Directors. Further amendments to cope with the increased and scattered membership will become obvious as you scan the draft, such as the extended notice of an Annual General Meeting and the possible use of proxies for voting.

But why have the meeting in January! For the simple reason that this enables the Annual General Meeting to be held in March as usual, but under the new Articles with the requisite period of notice. Had we delayed the acceptance of the Articles until March, they could not have been implemented at the A. G. M.

It also means that the Rules can be amended in the light of the new Articles and submitted for approval at the A. G. M.

Incidentally, although the new Articles provide for the retirement of Directors by rotation as in the past, it is the intention of all the Directors to retire at the next A. G. M., offering themselves for re-election. The new Board will be larger than the present one, although not so large as the present Committee. Members will thus be able to select all the members of the new Board.

A further effect of this arrangement is that, by virtue of the use of proxies, the election of the new Board can be undertaken by all the members, irrespective of their attendance at the A. G. M.

May I conclude by saying that the purpose of the whole of this operation is to place the management of the Club's activities on a better basis and that, with the appointment of a new Secretary in whom I feel that all members can have confidence, we should be well placed to extend our activities in the best interests of our members and of racing in general.

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PRELIMINARY

In these Articles, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, the words standing in the first column of the table next hereinafter contained shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof.

Club	British Motor Cycle Racing Club Ltd.
The Act	The Companies Act 1948.
The Statutes	The Companies Act 1948 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
Seal	The common seal of the Company.
Year	Year from 1st January to 31st December inclusive.
Secretary	Any person appointed at a salary or other remuneration to perform the duties of the Secretary of the Company.

Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Statutes.

1. For the purposes of registration the Club is declared to consist of an unlimited number of members.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

2. The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as the Directors shall admit to membership shall be members of the Club.

3. Members may be founder members, ordinary members, overseas members, honorary members and associate members.

(a) **Founder Members.** The first 87 members of the Club elected in the year 1947 shall be known as founder members. A founder member shall have the same rights and privileges as an ordinary member so long as continuity of membership is maintained.

(b) **Ordinary Members.** Such persons as were elected members of the Club between 1947 and providing continuity of membership is maintained. Persons admitted by the Board of Directors to full membership of the Club. Ordinary members shall cease to be members if they shall at any time fail to pay the required membership fee within the stated period.

(c) **Overseas Members.** Overseas membership can be conferred on persons not having a permanent address in England,

Scotland or Wales. An overseas member shall have the same rights and privileges as an ordinary member, subject to the required membership fee being remitted each year within the stated period.

- (d) **Honorary Members.** Honorary Membership may at the discretion of the Board of Directors be conferred on persons who in their opinion have rendered outstanding services to the Club, or the sport of motor-cycling, and must be passed unanimously or without dissent. Honorary Members shall pay no entrance fees or annual subscription, shall have no vote at the General Meetings of the Club and shall not be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, otherwise they shall be entitled to all benefits and privileges of an ordinary member.
- (e) **Associate Members.** As and when the Directors of the Club shall deem it expedient to make available this class of membership Associate Members shall be elected. Such members shall be entitled to such rights and privileges as the Directors may from time to time determine, but in any event shall not be entitled to receive notice or to attend or vote at any General Meeting, be eligible for election to any Committee, be entitled to enter as a competitor in any closed to club or other restricted race or other competition organised or sponsored by the Club, be nominated by the Club as a competitor at any other motor cycle trial, race, rally or other competition.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

4. (a) The annual subscription for Founder members and Ordinary members shall be £2 2s. 0d. per annum and for Overseas members £1 1s. 0d. per annum.
- (b) The annual subscription may be altered by Special Resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club.
- (c) The annual subscriptions of members shall be payable at the registered offices of the Club on the 1st January in each year and shall cover the year ending the following 31st December.
- (d) Members whose annual subscriptions are not received by the 31st March in any year shall cease to be members of the Club as from that date.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

5. Each applicant for membership must forward to the Secretary a signed application form together with the appropriate subscription. The application form shall state the applicants full name and address and such other particulars as may be required by the Club. All applications for membership of the Club shall be considered by the Board of Directors. The Board shall have power to refuse membership to any individual including any intending associate membership without assigning any reason.

6. The payment of the subscription shall be a distinct acknowledgment on the part of the member that he is bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association together with rules and regulations for the

time being of the Club, and that he accepts the ruling of the Board of Directors in all cases and no member shall be absolved from the effects of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and rules and regulations for the time being of the Club upon the plea of not having received notice of them.

RESIGNATION

7. In the case of any member wishing to resign he shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of the Club on or before the 31st day of December in any year.

8. In case the conduct of any member of the club shall in the opinion of the Board of Directors or any twenty members of the Club, who shall certify the same to the Secretary in writing, be deemed injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Board of Directors shall request a written explanation from such member and if in the opinion of the Board of Directors the explanation be unacceptable or not forthcoming in one month from the date of such request, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to request such member to resign and if the member so requested shall not resign within 14 days after such request the Board of Directors may expel such member from the Club. Any member so expelled shall on giving notice to the Secretary within one calendar month after the forwarding by registered post of the notice to such member of such expulsion and on the payment of a fee of five guineas to the Secretary towards the expenses of the meeting have the right to appeal to a General Meeting of the Club, specially called to deal with such appeal. The decision of such General Meeting shall be final and the said fee of five guineas or any part thereof may be returned at the option of such meeting.

9. Any member ceasing voluntarily or otherwise to be a member of the Club shall thereupon cease to have any claim whatsoever on the property of the Club or to enjoy the privileges of membership and forthwith cease to use or display the badge of the Club and shall not dispose of the said badge to an unauthorised person but the members liability shall continue for payment of debts due from him and his liability as provided in and by the Memorandum of Association shall also continue.

ADMINISTRATION

10. The officers of the Club shall be a President and not more than four (4) Vice-Presidents, and members of the Board of Directors and a Secretary. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually by the Club in General Meeting and the Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

11. The Club shall be governed for all purposes by the Board of Directors consisting of 9 Directors whom from their number shall elect annually a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

12. A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of five Directors.

13. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as shall be found necessary and shall subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and these Articles have full power to management and control over the conduct and affairs of the Club and of exercising all

powers within the scope of the Memorandum of Association & by way of addition to and not in limitation of and without prejudice to the general powers therein be conferred on them shall have full powers—
meaning of these Articles.

- (a) to call and regulate their own meetings and proceedings
- (b) to elect new members of the Club
- (c) to appoint sub-committees, elect members thereto and fix the terms of reference and quorum necessary for meetings of such sub-committees
- (d) to approve the formation of local branches of the Club or to disband any such branches
- (e) to use, sell or invest all the property or funds of the Club
- (f) to exercise all powers of the Club to negotiate and subject to to the approval of the Club in General Meeting to raise and borrow money and for that purpose to create and issue at par or at a premium or discount mortgage debentures, debenture stock or other security consisting of a charge upon all or any of the present and future undertakings, assets, property and effects of the Club.
- (g) to exercise all such powers and functions relative to the Club as are not by the statutes or by the Articles required to be exercised by the Club in General Meeting to make such rules and regulations relative to the use of the property of the Club and to conduct or hold races, matches, competitions, sports or time trials or any other purposes within the objects of the Club as they may deem fit and proper and to alter and revoke the same provided that all such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the Memorandum of Association or these Articles and do not amount to any alteration of or addition to the Articles as could only be legally made by a Special Resolution.
- (h) to appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board of Directors but so that the total numbers of Directors shall not at any time exceed the number fixed under Article 11. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

14. The Club may exercise the powers conferred by Section 35 of the Act and such powers accordingly be vested in the Board of Directors.

15. The Board of Directors shall keep Minutes of its proceedings and all acts done in pursuance of anything appearing by such Minutes to be resolved upon or authorised by the Board of Directors shall be deemed to be acts of the Board of Directors within the meaning of these Articles.

16. The Board of Directors shall have power if it considers it desirable in the interests of the Club to close as against members of the Club the whole or any part of the Club's premises at any time for any period and for any purpose or may refuse to admit members of the Club except on payment of a sum for entry.

17. The Directors shall be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the business of the Club subject to the approval of the remainder of the Board.

18. At the first Annual General Meeting of the Company in 1948 all the Directors shall retire from office and at the Annual General Meeting in every subsequent year one third of the Directors for the time being or if their number is not three or multiple of three then the number nearest one third shall retire from office. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall unless they otherwise agree among themselves be determined by lots.

19. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

20. The Club may by Ordinary Resolution of which special notice has been given in accordance with Section 142 of the Act, remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles, or in any agreement between the Company and such Director. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such Director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.

21. The Club may by Ordinary Resolution appoint another person in place of a Director removed from office under the immediately preceding Article. Without prejudice to the powers of the Directors under Article 13 (h) the Club in General Meeting may appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director. The person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

22. (a) A General Meeting shall be held once in every calendar year at such place as the Directors shall appoint. Such meeting shall be called the Annual General Meeting and shall be called for the purposes of :—

- (i) receiving the Report and Balance Sheet made up to the 31st December preceding.
- (ii) to elect President, Vice-Presidents and Directors.
- (iii) to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
- (iv) to consider any motion or motions submitted in accordance with Article 24.

(b) The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Directors not less than three months beforehand and notice of such date shall be given to members not later than two months prior to the date fixed for the Meeting.

23. Twenty-one days notice at least shall be given of the Annual General Meeting, such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the audited statement of accounts for the past year together with a copy of the auditors report and an Agenda of the Meeting.

24. Any member desiring to submit a motion at an Annual General

Meeting shall give notice of such motion in writing to the Secretary not later than forty-two days before the date set for the Meeting. Such motion must be supported in writing.

25. Any member desiring to nominate a Director shall give notice of such nomination to the Secretary in writing not later than forty-two days before the date set for the meeting.

26. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors or on the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition stating the purpose of the meeting and signed by not less than fifty members whose membership numbers shall be stated. Any such meeting shall be held within forty-two days of receipt of such requisition and not less than twenty-one days notice shall be given of such meeting.

27. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting with the exception of the consideration of Accounts, Balance Sheet, election of officers and the fixing of remuneration and election of auditors.

28. Persons entitled to attend an Annual General Meeting shall be individual members of the Club. A member whose subscription is due and unpaid at the date of any meeting regardless of any period of grace allowed or given under Article 4 (c) shall not be entitled to attend any meeting or vote at any meeting.

29. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the commencement of such meeting or within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting. Such quorum shall consist of fifteen members of the Club.

30. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum shall not be present, the meeting if called upon a requisition of the members shall be dissolved, and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day and hour of the following week, and if a quorum shall not then be present, business may then be transacted whatever be the number of members present.

31. The President, if present, shall take the Chair at every General Meeting of the Club and if he is not present, the Chairman. If neither the President nor Chairman are present, the Vice-Chairman. In the absence of all three officers, such members present may elect one of their number to be Chairman.

32. At any General Meeting, the Chairman may with the consent of a majority of the members present adjourn such meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall then be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business unfinished at the General Meeting.

33. At any General Meeting, a declaration by the Chairman that a Resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect made in the book of proceedings of the Club shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of those in favour of or against such resolution. A poll may be demanded before or on the declaration of the result by a show of hands by at least five members present in person or



An unusual shot of Becketts—during the 250 c.c. race at Trophy Day this year. Barry Lawton (on the outside) takes his Aermacchi round R. A. Freeman's Honda; or does he?

(photo: Peter Knocker)

The first man to show that a Greeves could be used as a short circuit racer was Reg Everett, of Chelmsford. Here he is seen at Brands with his 24RAS model, one of the 100 or so sold in 1963.

(photo: John Stoddart)

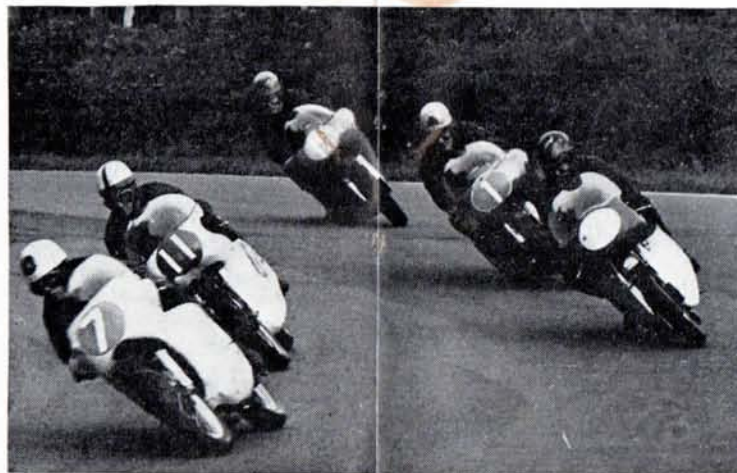


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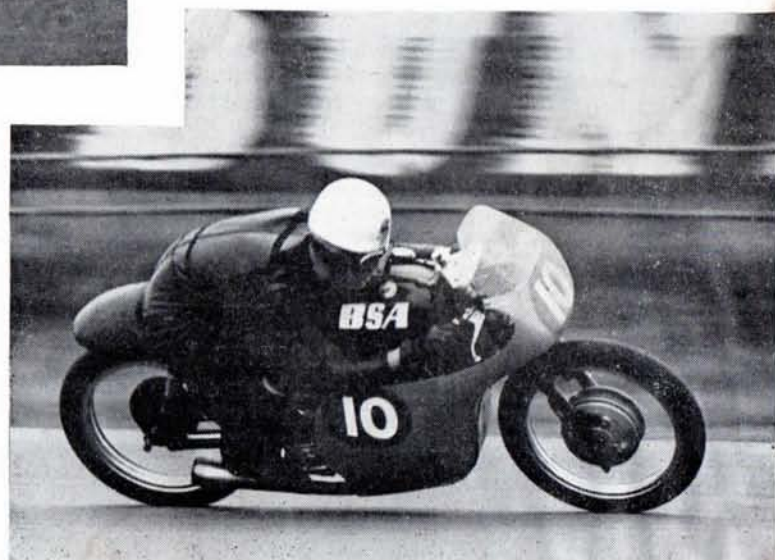
A Barry's Day shot of M. L. Harris and D. Norton and their Pegasus outfit; they appear to be having quite a tussle with the front wheel, the handlebars and the forces of g.

(photo: Peter Knocker)



Five of our finest riders in action together. In a Brands Hatch shot we see Dennis Ainsworth (7), Derek Minter (11), Griff Jenkins (19), Joe Dunphy (1) and 'Paddy' Driver (21).

(photo: John Stoddart)



This Gold Star Beesa was not exactly out-paced at the Club Silverstone meetings this year. John Godwin, well down to it and well healed over, is here seen at Barry's Day in the first 350 c.c. race

(photo: Peter Knocker)

by proxy and the poll if so demanded shall be taken at such time and place and in such manner as the Chairman shall direct and the result of of the poll shall be the resolution of the Club in General Meeting. When the voting is by poll the number of votes in favour of and against such resolution shall be declared if so demanded by a majority of those present at the meeting in person.

34. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing. No persons shall be appointed a proxy or act as a proxy at any meeting unless he be a member. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power of authority shall be deposited at the registered offices of the Club not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.

35. An Instrument of Proxy may be in the following form or any other form which the Board of Directors shall approve :—

“BRITISH MOTOR CYCLE RACING CLUB LTD.”

“I, the undersigned, being Member No. _____ of the

“above-named Club, hereby appoint

“of _____ whom failing

“of _____ each being a member of the Club

“as my proxy to vote and act for me and on my behalf at the

“Annual (or Extraordinary as the case may be) General Meeting

“of the Club to be held on the _____ day

“of _____ 19____, and at any adjournment thereof.

“Dated this _____ day of _____ 19____”.

Proxies need not be witnessed.

36. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an Instrument of Proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principle or revocation of the proxy, or of the authority under which the proxy was executed providing that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Club in its office before the commencement of the Meeting or adjourned Meeting under which the proxy is used.

VOTES

37. Every member other than Associate Members or Honorary Members shall have one vote and no more. Voting in every case shall be by show of hands or by poll. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy, but on a show of hands a member present only by proxy shall have no vote. In case of equality of votes at any meeting the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote.

ACCOUNTS

38. The Board of Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept of the Club's business and transaction and all sums of money received and expended by the Club and matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place and all the assets and liabilities of the Club.

39. The books of Accounts shall be kept at such place as the Board of Directors shall prescribe but without such authority of the Board no member shall be entitled to inspect them or any document of the Club except such as shall be produced for that purpose at a General Meeting. Any document shall be produced if required by a resolution of the Annual General Meeting at a time and place to be agreed at the meeting.

40. Once at least every year the Board of Directors shall lay before the Club in General Meeting a statement of income and expenditure for the past year made up to the 31st December then last past or such other date as the Board of Directors may decide.

41. The Statement so made shall include all expenditure properly chargeable upon the year's income so a just balance of profit and loss may be laid before the meeting and in cases where any item of expenditure which may in fairness be distributed over several years has been incurred in any one year, the whole amount of such sum shall be stated with the additions why only a portion of such expenditure is charged against the income of the year.

42. A Balance Sheet shall be made out in every year and laid before the Club at the Annual General Meeting, such Balance Sheet shall contain a summary of the property and liabilities of the Club.

AUDIT

43. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with Sections 159 to 162 of the Act.

COMMON SEAL

44. The Board of Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the Common Seal of the Club.

45. Whenever practicable any property acquired or disposed of by the Club shall be so acquired or disposed of in its corporate name and under its Common Seal.

46. The Seal shall be affixed to any document only with the express authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of two members of such Board of Directors, at least, who shall sign every instrument to which the Seal is affixed and every such instrument shall be counter-signed by the Secretary or some other person appointed by the Board of Directors.

NOTICES

47. A notice may be served by the Club upon an member either personally or by sending it through the post in a pre-paid communication addressed to such member at his last registered place of abode notified to the Club.

48. Any notice if served by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when communication containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of the post, and in proving such notice it shall be sufficient proof that the communication containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the Post Office.

49. Any member not residing in the United Kingdom may name an address therein to which all notices shall be served and all such notices served at such address shall be deemed to be well served. If he shall not

have named such an address he shall not be entitled to any notices and all proceedings shall be as valid without notice to such member as if he had due notice and had neglected to comply with or avail himself thereof.

DISCOVERY

50. No member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting any details of the Club's contracts, undertakings, arrangements or any matters relating to the conduct of the business of the Club and which in the opinion of the Board of Directors it would not be expedient in the interests of the members to communicate to the public and particularly no member shall be at liberty to be without the express sanction in that behalf of the Board of Directors in or upon any part of the premises of the Club or to see any of the working books or documents of the Club or to interfere in any respect with the management or conduct of the Club.

REVENUE

51. The Revenue of the Club shall not be available for dividend but shall be used for the advancement of the objects for which the Club is established.

WINDING UP

52. In the event of the winding up of the Club (whether the liquidation is altogether voluntary under supervision or by the Courts) the surplus assets of the Club shall, after providing such compensation to the staff for loss of office that may be decided by the Board of Directors, be given paid or transferred to such institutions having objects similar to those of the Club as the Directors at the time of commencement of such winding-up shall determine at or before the dissolution of the Club.

INDEMNITY

53. The Officers, members of the Board of Directors and all other Committees, Sub-Committees and the Secretary of the Club and any other Agents for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Club and their respective executors or administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Club from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by reason of any act done, concurred on or omitted in or about the execution of their duty or supposed duty in their respective offices or trusts, except such (if any) as they shall incur or sustain through their own wilful neglect or default respectively, and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other of them or for joining in any receipt for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects of the Club shall be lodged or deposited for safe custody or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of the Club shall be placed out or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts or in relation thereto. But this Article shall have effect only so far as its provisions are not voided by Section 205 of the Act.

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Now that I've taken over as Secretary there are a number of things I want to do and which I need your help to be able to achieve successfully. But, to be able to help, you have got to have an idea of the difficulties. I'm not going to pretend that there aren't any because there are.

One major difficulty at the moment is cash. To be quite honest we haven't very much to start throwing around and a bad season could finish the Club off completely. Once this is realised then half the battle has been won. You need money to make money and we need money to be able to put on Club meetings for the average rider to compete in. We rely on the 'Hutch' to do just that. Subscriptions and any small amount of profit which we make on sundry items all go to offset the overheads of running the Office. You would be doing the Club an injustice if you believed that we were 'rolling in lolly.' I once overheard one very well-off and influential member argue that the Club must be making a hell-of-a-lot of money to be able to put so many meetings on. Of course, he was accepting the fact that we should make a profit on every meeting instead of realising that, sometimes, we make losses. It's entertainment all over. You need a good picture to get the cinema-goers in just as you need a good meeting to get spectators. It's a vicious circle. And look at the number of picture houses that are closing down nowadays!

The Committee and I realise the ever increasing necessity of giving the members their money's worth in every respect. To this end they have a number of schemes at present under consideration about which you will be hearing in due course. If all goes as we hope, you will be having a very full season next year.

Not having our own circuit limits us a great deal and our season is planned, not to suit our convenience, but to suit that of others. There is a limit as to the number of meetings the Office can deal with, as I feel sure you readily appreciate—at times we can be running as many as three at once—so, should you feel that we ought to put on more, try thinking again! The nature of the meetings is open for debate, but remember that we are restricted by funds. After a couple

of bad seasons these are near rock bottom. We all appreciate the need for more meetings as well. I honestly don't like turning people down for races or having to argue with them afterwards, especially when I know only too well that they are perfectly right in all they say. The fact that there is another side to every argument doesn't really apply here, does it? I, like you, am a motorcyclist at heart; always have been and always will be. I started as a Club messenger at the age of 11 and have worked my way up to Secretary the hard way. 'Pomp and circumstance' never was one of my strongest points, but one has to move with the times. So, before I go any further, please realise that I am working for you and not against you. So are every member of the Board and Committee, despite what the surface may show or you may think it shows. None of us get paid for it—except me that is—so it would be wrong to draw the conclusion that we're doing it for money or personal gain.

Now I come to the most important part of this piece. I have one or two ideas in the back of my mind which might help to bring you all a bit closer together socially. I think you all realise that, good though it undoubtedly was, the idea of 'Cells' hasn't been altogether successful. I'm not saying that it should be scrapped entirely, but serious consideration should be given to modifying the idea as it stands at present. It is a waste of time running them, if only a handful are going to turn up. Whatever enthusiasm there was seems to have disappeared. It was something which we tried to do for you, the Members and which, it would appear, fell on fallow ground. If you are keen enough, then let us start the ball rolling again. If not, then forget it. It maybe that some of you have been keen enough to keep going without publicity, in which case well done. But for the information of the newer members let's have something about it in 'Bemsee'.

In this issue is 'splashed' this idea of mine for a Jazz Session. I give now a fuller explanation of this.

The reason for it is obvious to all, that goes without saying, but the three necessities which I listed may need ex-

panding. Obviously for the financial reason I have already mentioned, the Jazz Session must be self supporting in every respect, so we shall require somewhere free or very cheap to run it. A big hall or something similar is ideal for the purpose. Secondly, liquid refreshment must be readily available, and by this I don't mean orange squash! If a big enough 'pub' could be found that had a sufficiently large dining room, or something, that's the answer. If the publican could be persuaded to let us have the room free in return for supplying about 100 people who would consume vast quantities of his booze, better still. We don't really want to go through the rigmarole of obtaining licences etc. so that we can supply the stuff ourselves because then we would have to keep

strict records of a number of things and we don't want to put ourselves to too much unnecessary work.

Then we come to the problem of a band. This may be a little easier than I anticipate as we seem to have a number of present or ex-"musicians" in the Club who may be willing to get together to form a band of our own. If they can, this will save another fairly large expense. Don't forget the idea of all this is to provide something for next-to-nothing. Obviously some sort of fee will have to be charged to cover any breakages(!) etc. or to make the next event even better. This is something which can be left later.

Well, the idea's there if you've any constructive suggestions let me have them. It's for you!

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## EDITORS CORRESPONDENCE

(The Editor is not necessarily in agreement with what his correspondents say and stresses that arguments and/or opinions in this feature are those of the writers)

Sir,

With reference to your comment in the latest 'Bemsee' (November) that A. Kemp was the best Itom at the Guinness Trophy meeting, I would humbly suggest that your lap chart was indeed very much adrift. I would suggest that, if you are not sufficiently interested to be able to keep an accurate lap chart over three or four laps, then you shouldn't put pencil to paper.

As regards your well known prejudice against 50s, I can only suggest that you ride one, unless that is beneath your dignity. It may surprise you to know that a great deal of time and money and hard work goes into 50 c.c. racing and that those of us in it can do quite well without your derogatory remarks.

Yours, etc.,

R. Scivyer

Headington,  
Oxford.

(Well, well, how interesting—chacun à son goût, Mr. Scivyer. I made it clear, I thought, that my lap chart was suspect in regard to the leading Itom—Mr. Scivyer was, I later discovered. I can lap score with some facility, too, by the way! If, you read page 189 of the November issue, Sir, you will see that I own and ride a road-going 75 (not much bigger than a 50, you know), that I have had it for nigh on two years and that I like it a lot. I am also aware of the work that goes into racing machinery, of whatever capacity. The fact remains that, with a few exceptions and on one or two circuits, 50 c.c. racing is not a good public spectacle.—Ed.)

Sir,

I was delighted to see that you resurrected the subject of a B.M.C.R.C. circuit in your editorial in the November issue of the Magazine. This question has been much in my mind following the circuit ownership developments during the last

year or so. For I believe that it may become more and more difficult in the future to hire circuits for B.M.C.R.C. meetings now that 'big business' has moved in. Consequently, I feel strongly that rather than being a pipe dream, it is essential that B.M.C.R.C. should start—and start now—to do something about the matter.

Has anything ever been done to study the pros. and cons. of having a circuit? If so, has any draft plan been drawn up covering the essentials required? Has any thought been given to ways and means of raising money? Quite obviously, an amount of £100,000 cannot be raised by the usual, parochial means adopted by Clubs. Have you any reason to doubt that, given sufficient enthusiasm and support from Members, the Club would be prepared to set up a Committee and get things moving.

I would stress that this is not just idle chatter on my part. I have this matter very much at heart as, like you, I feel it is essential that 'racing for sport' must be maintained and fostered in every way possible. The commercialisation of the sport by circuit owners is a retrograde step; as is the gladiatorial outlook of the spectators—to this I am sure you will agree.

Finally, in all humility may I say that I am willing to devote time, energy and enthusiasm to promote this matter provided those people who guide the destinies of the Club believe it to be a practical proposition.

Yours, etc.,

Charles Darley

London, N.W.11.

(This letter was addressed to me personally, but it is so pertinent that I have published it. Of course, Mr. Darley is right. A circuit should, must, still be investigated. What do you think?—Ed.)

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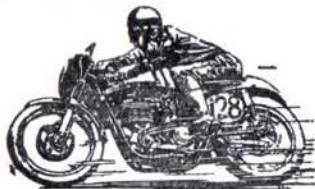
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