

Fellow Members, Section Chairs, Secretaries and Area Reps,

The date of the next AGM has been confirmed and we now only have until 25th April 2021 to save the VMCC from the current Management Committee who are seemingly determined to drive the Club into the ground through their appalling decisions already taken and their proposed future schemes.

Here are a few facts for you to digest :

- J The VMCC has suffered record losses of approaching £200,000 in the past financial year
- J The Club has suffered membership losses approaching 3,000 members or 25% of the membership in one single year.
- J In the past 12 months - 5 Directors of the VMCC have resigned due to Management Committee incompetence, boardroom disputes and a lack of leadership from the Chairman and the total lack of democracy being exercised by the Management Committee within the Club.
- J The Club has experienced the loss of insurance commission as the existing agreement with Footman James has come to an end, with no plan from the Management Committee on how to replace the lost income
- J The Allen House reorganisation undertaken under the cover of COVID 19 has been botched and staff and HR costs are increasing. Staff numbers themselves have actually increased ! How is this saving the Club money?
- J Under the current Management Committee communications within the Club via the Journal and the Forum have been severely censored to cover their plans and decisions taken under cover of the COVID 19 situation. This is a deliberate attempt to hoodwink the membership to their plans and real agenda.
- J Were you aware that there are future plans being put in place to create a CIC (Community Interest Charity) where Club assets would be hived off into trusts with the automatic VMCC Membership access removed and financial charges introduced for access. These trusts would have paid Directorships and the VMCC Membership would have no say in their running or be able to change the Directors running them through a democratic process. A salary figure for Directors of £50K per annum for 30 hrs per week has already been suggested by the Chairman !
- J The current Management Committee has overseen the continuation of the failing VMCC Retail operation, whilst writing down unsold retail stock to 50% of purchase price after 6 months, then to zero after 12 months to fudge the figures and make it appear the retail operation is a success.
- J The current increased membership fees are only the beginning. There are plans afoot to increase the membership fees further to the region of £60-80 per annum for a standard member.
- J Under this Management Committee Club funds have been used to fund a £5000 campaign to reinstate motorsport to Madeira Drive, Brighton. The VMCC nor any other Vintage Motorcycle Club uses Madeira Drive Brighton for events ! It's a total waste of our precious Club funds to throw this money away !
- J The Management Committee's attention has also been focused on a lobbying group (CoMorg) in conjunction with other organisations. What is the use of pouring resources into a lobbying group when your own Club is going down the pan?
- J The specially adapted VMCC van purchased 3 years ago has been sold off on the quiet at less than retail value, when it was perhaps one of the most useful assets the Club possessed. The Management Committee wanted to sell it off even more cheaply but even the buyer thought this was immoral and offered nearly double the asking price !
- J Reduced democracy...the vote count at last AGM declined to just a few hundred votes. No guests and very limited access to area reps in board meetings. There have been allegations made of suspect voting patterns and vote counting. Indeed there are no minutes available from the last AGM detailing the votes cast ! This should be unacceptable in a democratically run Club/organisation.
- J The Chairman and his right-hand man now want to vet all future applications for the Management Committee before they are put to the membership in a democratic vote. They don't want any

member on the Committee who goes against their message or isn't fully in agreement with their future plans.

- J The "Concerns for the Club" section has been removed from the VMCC forum to stifle discussion of important matters relating to the running of the Club. Members who raise any concerns now on the forum have been verbally bullied by the current Chairman.
- J The Management Committee have ridden roughshod over the current Club Byelaws and Articles and are re-writing them to suit themselves.
- J What was once touted as a future way to promote the Club and recruit new members via Social Media has since the staff member was made redundant been allowed to wither away. So how is the Club going to recruit new members to make up the shortfalls in income streams ? The Management Committee haven't got a plan or any ideas !
- J The Chairman has stated in writing that "the first stage in a revolution is to control the radio stationand now the Management Committee control the radio station"

Regarding the last point, the Chairman and the Management Committee couldn't be more wrong !

If you want to learn more regarding the above, inform yourselves, resist the changes being proposed by the current Management Committee and help save YOUR Club before it's too late there is a new way to communicate with like minded members across the VMCC World. A new Members' Forum has been created at

<http://www.vmccmembersforum.club/>

The Forum is anonymous, so when joining use a pseudonym and please read the very limited number of simple rules we have.

Many thanks for reading this and please feel free to share with your fellow members who would also like to Save the Club.

Admin