

# THE NORWICH TRAFFIC CLUB



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## 11<sup>th</sup>.April 2018 Meeting:

The April meeting was attended by 16 members and 6 guests, including Matthew Lamb the guest speaker from Aviva. Matthew gave a very interesting talk on the "Vehicle technology opportunities and threats on the road to autonomy from Aviva Insurance's perspective. His subject and the issues raised provoked good discussion and comment.

My apologies to all who attended and were expecting lasagne for the meal. When producing last month's Newsletter, I inadvertently quoted the menu for our May meeting. I hope no one was to be disappointed and enjoyed the fish and chips. *Barry.*

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 A.G.M. and Meeting:** As usual this year's Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm ahead of the normal meeting and meal which will be fifteen minutes later than the norm at 6.15 pm for 6.45 pm. If all the business of the A.G.M. is not completed by 6.15 pm it will continue at the end of the evening after the guest speaker has finished. Committee Members, please remember our May committee meeting starts at 4.30 pm.

**The A.G.M.** - will be held in the Director's Suite, the room behind the one in which we hold our meals. The formal notice of the A.G.M. together with a provisional Agenda, the minutes of the 2017 A.G.M. and Nomination & Proxy forms were circulated with the last Newsletter. As an amendment to the Rules has been notified the Agenda has been revised and a copy of this is attached together with the President's Report and details of the proposed Rule changes. If you plan to attend the A.G.M. please advise the Hon. Secretary no later than Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and please read all the documents beforehand so that we do not have to go through them line by line at the meeting. Please bring the documents with you.

**The Meal** as usual will be in the Chairman's Suite and the bar will open at 6.15 pm. The guest speaker is Mark Adcock from the R.A.C.

The menu is: Traditional beef lasagne al forno; crisp salad garnish and garlic bread followed by Fruits of the Forest cheesecake with fruit coulis. Tea/coffee and mints

Cost - £16.50 per head. (first 5 cheese and biscuit alternative to dessert at no extra cost else £2.50 per serving). **Meal bookings no later than Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April please.** Bookings accepted by email to [thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com](mailto:thenorwichtrafficclub@gmail.com) or text to 07789103154.

This is the last meeting of the 2017-18 season, it would be great if we could make it the best attended of the year. The A.G.M. is your chance to have tackle the Officers, express your views and ensure you get the Committee you want. Please try to attend the A.G.M. as well as the meal. Remember nominations for the 2018-19 committee are required 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## Guest Speakers for the 2018/19 Season:

The process of identifying guest speakers for next year's meetings needs to start soon and the Committee needs your help. Each year it becomes more and more difficult so please consider subjects you would like to hear about. Particularly any which have specific reference to current events; important event anniversaries; or new technologies, rules affecting your business. Given the forthcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1, we have already got a speaker for the November meeting. Suggestions as to topics and potential speakers to the Hon. Secretary please.

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# Norwich Traffic Club Annual General Meeting

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 5.30 pm



### Agenda

1. Apologies/Attendance. (Members to sign in on arrival please)
2. Minutes of the AGM- 10th May 2017 (copy attached).
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2017 AGM.
4. Presidents Report [see Note 1 below].
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report - Audited accounts available at AGM.
6. Appointment/Election of committee members and Club Officers. The Nomination & Proxy Vote Forms have been circulated with the Notice of Annual General Meeting. (see note 2 below).
7. Amendments to Rules:
  - 7.1. Clarification of voting and electability to be a committee member rights of Corporate Membership nominated representatives
  - 7.2. Privacy and Data Protection Policy
8. Any Other Business:
9. Meeting Closure.

### NOTES

1. The papers at Items 2, 3, and 4 will not be read out at the meeting. In order that business can be conducted within the time available, the documents are being circulated with this Notice, and will then be taken as read, **it would be appreciated, if when you attend the meeting you could bring copies with you.**
2. For Items 6 where rules permit, alternative nominations to the Committee's suggestions may be made at the AGM. Any Committee Member or any former Committee Member may be proposed as Vice-President. Any Member may be proposed as a Committee Member. Any Member nominated for any post must be willing to stand for appointment or election. All the existing Committee Members have advised they are standing for re-election. If re-elected the Hon. Secretary and Hon Treasurer are happy to continue in those roles unless another elected nominee is selected for the posts. The positions of Club Chaplain and Press Officer are filled by co-option by the Committee.

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Approaching the end of a two year term of office I hope the rule change allowing successive terms for President is seen as a step forward. In the previous five years we have had only two Presidents with Donna Howlett and myself taking two year spells. Perhaps the membership will see this as a welcome measure of stability. Sadness does, however, come to the post because we should be looking forward to Vice President Terry Long succeeding to President in May, something he was keenly anticipating. We lost Terry to an untimely death in November and such was the measure of his popularity £1000 was raised in tribute at the annual dinner, donated to the Big C charity. The annual dinner was once again voted a great success, albeit tinged by the absence of Terry Long.

The past year has seen us welcoming several new members and some originality has appeared with the introduction of corporate membership and the fund raising enterprise of 'heads and tails'. Whilst regretting the absence of the suspense allied to a raffle we have instead been able to raise funds to reward speakers with a significant contribution to a charitable cause. I am quite sure the raffle will not die but appear in suitable circumstances. Dinners have been reasonably well attended considering the pressures of weather and in several cases the demands of business and a career.

At this point I must record my thanks to the committee for their unequivocal support during my term of office and make particular mention of the untiring efforts of our Secretary, Barry Parnell, who kept everything and everybody in order. It is to be noted that after several years of successful outings, in the temporary unavailability of Barry we were unable in this last year to organise a suitable trip. We are, however, looking to the future hoping that Barry, the present incumbent in the post of Secretary, continues in post. Appointments will obviously fall into place following the AGM but it cannot be presumptuous to welcome Nick Barrett as the President designate. Nick stepped into the breach sadly created by the loss of Terry Long and in accordance with our rules should automatically move on to the presidency. I wish him all the very best in his two years of office to come.

In noting the future and reviewing the past I can see our club continuing a trail of successful business and social interaction. I congratulate and thank the membership for their unfailing support and applaud the work in setting up a practical web site, which ably demonstrates our ever continuing progress. Trawling for suitable speakers and bringing forward innovative suggestions to enhance the club are challenges that have been ably met and, I am confident the future will see more in the same vein.

My thanks and best wishes to you all in 2018/2019.

Maurice Morson

**Amendments to Rules:**

Clarification of voting and electability to be a committee member rights of Corporate Membership nominated representatives:

It has been realised that when the category of Corporate Membership was proposed and agreed last year we did not specifically clarify nor agree the voting rights of such members in Annual or Special General Meetings. Nor did we address the issue of nomination and election of a Corporate Member to the Committee.

Corporate membership is open to companies and organisations engaged in transport or commercially enabling nominated representatives to attend meetings. It would clearly be wrong if in an Annual or Special General Meeting a vote was called and the Corporate Member could exercise more than one vote. Additionally, it is considered that there can be no reason why a named representative of a Corporate Member should not be eligible for nomination and election to the Committee. To address this a revision to Rule 9b has been drafted and, to improve the way in which the Rules read Rules 9 Membership and 10 Honourable Membership have been moved ahead of the original Rule 3 Officers.

Proposal:

1. The Meeting agree the premise that Corporate Members can only exercise a single vote irrespective of how many of their nominated representatives attend an Annual or Special Meeting.
2. The Meeting agrees that Corporate Members can sit on the Committee but that only one of their nominated representatives can be elected.
3. Assuming the two above proposals are agreed the following revised wording to the Rule 9 be agreed:

Membership

- a) Personal membership shall be open to all persons engaged or formerly engaged in transport, or at the discretion of the Committee in a related discipline, in a proprietary, managing, or supervisory capacity.
- b) Corporate membership. Is open to companies and organisations engaged in transport, or commercially associated with such businesses, thereby enabling three nominated employees as representatives to attend meetings, including the Annual General and any Special meeting. Only one representative can vote as the Corporate Member at Annual General and any Special Meetings. Only one representative of the Corporate Member can be nominated or stand for election to the Committee or as an Officer at any one time.

Privacy and Data Protection Statement.

New legislation which becomes effective from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 concerning the express permission for clients/customers of too receive correspondence and marketing from companies and organisations, unfortunately also applies to small non-registered society and clubs. As members are aware this has been addressed in a letter circulated with the April 2018 Newsletter. Alongside this it is felt the Club needs to have a Privacy and Data Protection Policy Statement included in the Rules.

Proposal:

The Meeting agrees the following text be added to the Rules under the heading Privacy and Data Protection Statement: