

VMCC WEST WILTS SECTION

Proposal for future arrangements for Trophies

Ref. AGM 12th December 2024

Minutes of Meeting, item 12 AOB:

12.1 Future use of Trophies for Section awards and Events: the Secretary noted that the arrangements for future trophies had been subject to some debate in 2024. Accordingly he had agreed a series of steps for the committee plus event secretaries to arrive at a single recommendation, to be presented for approval by the Section members at a future Section meeting.

To address the above action, the section committee plus White Horse event organisers have looked at alternative formats for the section and event trophies, following some difficulties in recent years in handing out and retrieving the current engraved silverware (shields and cups). We looked at options of pre-engraved glasses and printed certificates. The key factors we considered were the prestige and heritage embodied in each format; the ease of administering them (organising engraving/printing, distribution and retrieval, etc.); and cost.

Following assessment of the options and discussion, it is proposed that we continue with the status quo. That is to say, we will continue to use the existing silverware for the section rider of the year award and the White Horse Scatter, and other events may at the organisers' discretion have informal awards in other formats.

It must be noted that this will all be on the following basis:

1. It is intended that event income will as a minimum cover all event costs which includes engraving costs and distribution/retrieval costs (if any) of trophies.
2. To maintain the heritage of the trophies, they will be engraved with the winners' names each year, irrespective of whether the winner of any trophy intends to collect it.
3. It is not intended that current silverware trophies be replaced or refurbished, or that additional silverware trophies be purchased. The committee is very grateful to current and past members or their relatives who have donated funds for trophies and these funds have been fully spent accordingly, most recently for the Bill Little memorial trophy.
4. Trophies which cannot be handed out at the event will be presented at certain pre-set section meetings (dates to be fixed); or at other section meetings by prior agreement if requested.
5. It is acknowledged that there is a risk that a trophy may not be returned; this risk is believed to be small and is accepted - in the event the trophy in question will simply be written off.

It is noted that the current committee and event organisers are all content with the above proposal, and that in the process the Trophy secretary found a significantly lower cost provider of the engraving service.

The section members are asked to approve the above proposal.