



**Annual General Meeting
23 March 2024 at 12:00
BMM, Gaydon, CV35 0BJ**

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of 2023 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Presentation of 2024 Awards
7. Proposals & Elections of Officers

Lunch Break

8. Questions previously submitted to the Secretary.
9. Open Forum: "Questions from the floor"

Minutes

Item		Actioner
1	Welcome & Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Sails welcomed & thanked everyone for attending the meeting.• Present from the Committee: Richard Sails(RS), Paul Blackwell(PB), Mervyn Larnar(ML), Steve Thomsit(ST), Karen Thomsit(KT), Nick Warner(NW), Oliver Edwards(OE), Chris Mitchell(CM), Tyler Harrop (TH). Also in attendance were: Jane Rowley(JR), Paul Calland(PC), Jon Lowey(JL)	
2	Apologies for Absence: <p>Mark Hickery(MH), Bob Young(BY), Martin Blackwell (MB), Graham Walden(GW), Nev Butler(NB), Mark Tickle(MT), Darren Greenfield(DG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plus those members who had returned postal/proxy ballot forms.	
3	Minutes of 2023 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of the previous meeting's minutes was proposed and agreed.• There were no matters arising or outstanding.	ML
4	Chairman's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard explained that he was standing down at this AGM after 20 years as a Committee member including 7 years as Chairman. It had been an honour to be Chairman and had met many new friends.• He'd seen significant recent changes. Since the Covid 19 "lock down" the Committee has changed from bi-monthly meetings here at Gaydon to monthly using zoom. Saving significant expense.• Zoom has also enabled us to have sub-group meetings to work on particular topics and events. Eg. NEC Show, member recruitment.• We have increased our social media presence Eg. TVR Torque on Facebook.• We've introduced our monthly eNewsletter to highlight forthcoming events and any latest news. It goes to every member for whom we have an email address.• Finally, He made the point that our Club was not run by him, not just the Committee or by the Office. The Club is actually run by the ROs, DROs and many other volunteers, they are the Club and without them there wouldn't be a Club.	

5 Treasurer's Report:

- Paul presented his report which included a plan to introduce digital membership cards which would save several £'000s per annum. A show of hands indicated widespread support for the suggestion. See Appendix for details.

6 Presentation of Awards

Trevor Wilkinson Trophy:

Mervyn explained Trevor's Trophy was for the best restoration completed in 2023~24 There were 3 outstanding entries, a rare 420SEAC, a V8S and a Griffith 500. The voting was close, but the award this year belongs to Glen Wilson for his 1986 420SEAC.

All 3 entries will be featured in Sprint.

Folkard Cup:

Colin explained this award was for the RO that has made the greatest contribution during the year. ROs and their Deputies are the backbone of our Club and work incredibly hard for their local members. There were several nominations, but the 2024 winner is Heath Briggs, (Blackpool).

Scott-Moncrieff Trophy:

The TVR racing award goes to recently deceased Hugh Chamberlain who took TVR to Le Mans in 2004.

Mieczek Award:

A new annual award in memory of former TVR employee and Blackpool RO, John Mieczek. Awarded for "Spirit of TVR" to Tony Hodgeson.

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7 Proposals & Election of Officers:

Mervyn explained that anyone who had submitted a postal vote should not now vote in this ballot and only one vote for family/household membership.

- **Adopt Financial Statements for year ended 30-Sep-23:**
For: 110*, Against 0, Abstain 0
- **As from 1st May 2024 Membership Fees will be £58 per annum if a member pays by Direct Debit, otherwise the fee will be £68. Overseas Members fee will be £78:**
For: 108*, Against 1, Abstain 1
- **Club Secretary: Mervyn Larner (D)**
Term of Office expires 2025
- **Treasurer: Paul Blackwell (D)**
Term of Office expires 2026
- **Chairman/IT Manager: Steve Thomsit (D)**
For: 109, Against 2, Abstain 2
- **National Events Team: Karen Thomsit**
For: 112, Against 1, Abstain 0
- **National Events Team: Nick Warner**
For: 110, Against 2, Abstain 1
- **Events Calendar: Darren Greenfield**
For: 112, Against 1, Abstain 0
- **Sprint Editor: Mark Hickery**
For: 113, Against 0, Abstain 0
- **Sprint Editor: Oliver Edwards**
For: 113, Against 0, Abstain 0
- **Marketing Communications: Vacancy**
- **ROCo North: Chris Mitchell**
For: 111, Against 0, Abstain 2
- **ROCo South: Bob Young**
For: 112, Against 0, Abstain 1
- **Young Enthusiasts: Tyler Harrop**
For: 113, Against 0, Abstain 0
- **Competition Secretary: Graham Walden**
For: 111, Against 0, Abstain 2
- **Model Registrar: Mervyn Larner (D)**
For: 113, Against 0, Abstain 0
- **Partnership Development: Martin Blackwell**
For: 111, Against 1, Abstain 1

* 3 members did not record a choice for the 2 proposals
There was 1 spoilt (late) ballot

8 Questions previously submitted to the Secretary

- Q. An RO asked:** Why is there no recognition for members who reach say 10, 20 or 30 years of membership. A simple badge on different colours would be one idea. This must be a simple thing to do as you know when members joined?
- R.** Mervyn explained that there were 2 issues, one technical, one financial. When the membership was computerised in 1995-96 no record was made of the Date of Joining either for existing or new members. We therefore directly don't have the information. It was suggested that ROs could issue a certificate to any qualifying local member they were aware of, at least 1 RO had already done this.
- Q. A member asked:** What has been the cost for the NEC shows for 2021, 2022 and 2023?
- R.** Paul replied that the figures were in his earlier report.
- Q. A member asked:** What happens to the surplus money raised from Track Day events?
- A.** Paul replied that any additional income, including track days, helps to keep membership fees down and manage the risk of future events.
- Q. A member asked:** What plans the Committee had for succession strategy for retiring members when they stood down?
- A.** Mervyn replied that we had a current vacancy, also that he will stand down as Club Secretary at the next AGM a role required under the Companies Act and a Motorsport UK registered club.
Like many clubs, we rely on volunteers responding to advertisements and personal contacts.

9 Open Forum: "Questions from the Floor"

Questions and discussions covered:

- Pros & cons of differing systems used by RO's to contact members ~ use what worked best in their region.
- Continuation of system for uploading RO's reports?
- Former TVR employees' reflections, famous TVR owners & other ideas for celebrating TVRCC's 75th Anniversary,
- Plans for Millbrook 2025.
- Marketing ideas & the spread of membership packs.
- Uploading to the online Event Calendar.

Save the Day

- A national event "TVR Heaven ~ Back Home" was being planned. 13 & 14 July 2024.

Steve thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 16:10.

Mervyn Lerner
Club Secretary

- **Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report**