



**Annual General Meeting  
25 March 2017 at 11:00am  
Kestrel Suite, British Motor Museum  
GAYDON, CV35 0BJ**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of 2016 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Questions Submitted to the Secretary
7. Proposals & Elections of Officers
8. Questions from the Floor
9. Presentation of 2016 Awards

Lunch Break

10. RO's Forum: Questions/Discussion

**Minutes**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Actioner</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Cottrell welcomed &amp; thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</li><li>• He announced that one member was not attending because he appeared to have been verbally abused and threatened. Tony emphasised that as a Club we totally condemn such actions and would always cooperate with any police investigations.</li><li>• He then introduced the Committee: Tony Cottrell(TC), Ralph Dodds(RD), Richard Sails(RS), Mervyn Lerner(ML), Mandy O'Neale(MO), Graham Walden(GW), Mike Hardy(MH), Zoe Mortimer(ZM), David Hothersall(DH), Paul Blackwell(PB). Also in attendance were: Alison Brown(AB), Ann Ray, Linda Sutton, Paul Calland(PC), Jonathan Lowey(JL).</li></ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew Maneely(MM), Alayne Samuels(AS), Paul Gotts, Pietro Abate.</li><li>• Over 500 members had returned postal/proxy ballot forms.</li></ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of 2016 AGM ~ Approval &amp; Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mervyn Lerner explained that the Matters Arising would be covered later in the meeting. The minutes were approved.</li></ul>	<b>ML</b>
<b>4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Committee Reports &amp; Questions: ~ See Appendix &amp; 2016 Financial Statement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony explained that the main aim of the Committee was providing benefits for members and promoting the TVR marque. His report covered:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The links with TVR Automotive means that our Club will be amongst the first to hear of developments. Expect some exciting news shortly.</li><li>• Review of 2016 Events</li><li>• Review of 2016 Shows</li><li>• Added value for Members</li><li>• Regions</li><li>• Sprint</li><li>• Updated website</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Tony thanked everyone that had contributed to another successful year.</p>	

- Paul explained that Club is in a very sound financial position and thanked Matt Maneely for his stewardship over recent years. He then outlined more details of our income and expenditure ~ See the Treasurer's Report.
- Tony continued by outlining the main events for 2017, which starts with our season opener at Burghley House in April and ends with the NEC Show in November. The main national event this year will be Back Home > New Home, TVR's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which is scheduled for August 11~14th

## 6 Questions Submitted to the Secretary:

- No questions had been submitted.

## 8 Proposals & Election of Officers:

- **Adopt Financial Statements for year ended 30-Sep-16**  
For: 579, Against 1, Abstain 31
  - **No Increase in New & Renewal Membership Fees**  
For: 595, Against 1, Abstain 15
  - **Appoint Lewis Brownlee as Auditors**  
For: 564, Against 3, Abstain 45
  - **Members' Resolution**  
For: 10, Against 603, Abstain 1
- The Proposal was rejected**
- **Chairman: Richard Sails (D)**  
For: 578, Against 7, Abstain 16
  - **Treasurer: Paul Blackwell (D)**  
For: 600, Against 1, Abstain 12
  - **Public Relations/Marketing: Ralph Dodds (D)**  
For: 598, Against 4, Abstain 10
  - **Sprint Editor: Mandy O'Neale**  
For: 599, Against 2, Abstain 14
  - **Deputy Editor: David Hothersall**  
For: 591, Against 7, Abstain 14
  - **Competition Secretary: Graham Walden**  
For: 598, Against 2, Abstain 13
  - **Special Projects: Zoe Mortimer**  
For: 598, Against 3, Abstain 18
  - **Events Manager: Grahame Butcher**  
For: 338, Against 226, Abstain 38

This was followed by a series of questions from the floor. Tony explained that Grahame Butcher had not been in contact to follow up his nomination. Many members present wanted Mr Butcher to confirm his willingness to serve as National Events Manager. It was agreed that the Club Secretary would write to him requesting a reply within 14 days.

- **IT Manager: Mike Hardy**  
For: 592, Against 3, Abstain 16
- **Events Deputy: No Nomination**
- **RO Coordinator: No Nomination**
- **Club Secretary: Mervyn Larner (D)**  
For: 544, Against 1, Abstain 28
- **Club Secretary: Paul Gotts (D)**  
For: 19, Against 0, Abstain 29

### **Mervyn Larner was elected Club Secretary**

There were 103 Chairman's Proxy Votes in the above totals.

There were 21 partly spoilt ballots, members had voted for both Mervyn Larner and Paul Gotts. There was 1 spoilt ballot and 1 void (late) ballot.

- Tony stood down and Richard Sails replaced him as Chairman. David Boarder (Wilts Deputy RO) proposed a vote of thanks to Tony for his years of service to the Club. This was acclaimed by sustained applause.

**8 Questions from the Floor:**

- Q. There were several questions and suggestions concerning the appropriateness of the Club's Articles of Association for the needs of the Club. We should review them and seek legal advice to make them better suited to an organisation run by volunteers.
- A. The Committee had started to look at this and would bring forward ideas in the coming year.
- Q. Would it be possible to have a wandering microphone for next year?
- A. Mervyn will check availability with the museum.

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**9 Presentation of Awards ~ See Appendix**

**Trevor Wilkinson Trophy:**

Ralph explained Trevor's Trophy was for the best restoration completed in 2016. There were 3 outstanding entries, each of which would be worthy winners. The award this year belongs to Brian Holmes and his Grantura MkII.

**Folkard Cup**

Mervyn explained this award was for an 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 2 nominations, but the 2016 winner is Jo Stockwell, Mid-Essex. Jo was unable to be present, due to a prebooked holiday so we'll arrange for the award to be sent to her.

**Scott-Moncrieff Trophy**

Graham explained the history of the trophy. This year's winner is Mat Smith.

**Lunch Break**

**10 RO's Forum Questions/Discussion**

- Mervyn introduced the updated RO Handbook available for collection and that a pdf version would be emailed to all RO/DROs.
  - Richard introduced Fred Heddell & Brian Cooper who have volunteered as ROCo.
- Q. Could the Club buy a PA system for use at outdoor events?
- A. While we don't currently have one, we will investigate the costs etc.
- Q. Could the Club have a system of outdoor display cards for each model?
- A. Ralph explained that he uses new laminated ones each year for the NEC and thinks this is the best system. Another RO felt that the social interaction at events was far more important and not having display cards encouraged it.
- Q. Could we have dedicated RO email addresses rather forwarding to personal ones?
- A. Paul Calland explained there were several possible systems and would suggest them to the Committee.
- Q. Several ROs asked for more use of the RO Forum.
- Q. Could Committee members make more visits to regions?
- A. Committee members do visit their local region(s), but time and cost are issues.
- Q. What can we do to encourage new and/or junior members?
- A. All suggestions/ideas would be welcome.
- Q. Can ROs be notified when a new member joins in their area?
- A. Under the present system the new member is given the RO's details, but we don't always have the new member's permission to disclose their contact details. We will review the system. ROs can always request a list for their region based on Royal Mail "Out-Codes" – ie. the first part of a PostCode.
- Q. Can we increase the size limit for pictures on our forum?
- A. Paul Calland will review what is possible, but is a balance of size vs speed.
- Several ROs mentioned their regional events and invited other to join in.

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There were no further questions or comments.  
Meeting closed at 15:15.

**Mervyn Lerner**  
**[Club Secretary](#)**

**Appendix:** 2016 Annual Review,  
2015~16 Annual Accounts