

Minutes of the AGM of the TVR Car Club on March 24th 2007 at Gaydon

Apologies for absence were received from.

Derek Smith, Tony Vile, Simon Lacey, Andy Race, Richard Sails, Howard Bryan, Karen Thomsit, John Mleczek.

1. Minutes of last AGM were read and approved.

Acceptance: Proposed by Nick Smith and Seconded by Paul Calland

Carried by a Majority vote.

2. Matters arising – no matters arising.

3. Chairman's report – see attached document

Chairman asked for a formal vote of thanks for Carol Folkard's work as Secretary.

Proposed by Pauline Frost and Seconded by Jim Davey. Vote Unan.

4. Treasurer's report – see attached document

5. Voting of Officers and Proposals

		Vote for	Against	Abstentions
Chairman	– Jeremy Blandford	151	2	0
Secretary	– David Sloggett	148	0	4
Treasurer	– Matthew Maneely	148	0	3
Editor	– Derek Smith	142	4	6
Dep. Editor	– Howard Bryan	151	0	1
Publicity manager	– Ralph Dodds	148	1	3
Advertising manager	– position vacant			
Competition Sec.	– Graham Walden	152	1	0
RO Co-ordinator	– Pietro Abate	154	1	0
Events Manager-North	– Nick Kay	151	3	0
Events Manager-South	– Corin Denton	152	2	0
Track Day Co-ord.	– Andy Race	153	0	0
Archivist	– Richard Sails	155	0	0
Model registrar	– Grant Crouch	153	0	0
Life Membership	– Pauline Frost	145	5	4
Auditors	– Lewis Brownlee	149	0	4

All Votes carried by a Majority.

6. Awards.

Club Vice Chairman Ralph Dodds delivered the following citations:

The Trevor Wilkinson Trophy

“The Trophy was inaugurated and hand made by Trevor in 1997 to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Trevcar Motors and is awarded to the Club member whom, in the opinion of the judges, has completed the most comprehensive restoration of a TVR in the previous 12 months. Whereas in the past there have been some entries that stood out so clearly that there was no doubt as to who the recipient should be, such as Ian Massey-Crosse's Le Mans Grantura, this year amongst the entries there were three of which realistically any one could have won. David Jones' Griffith 500 and Jasper Gilder's 3000M were excellent examples of restorations from different standpoints –one was an long term, nut and bolt restoration to produce a track day car whilst the other was a rolling programme to return a regularly used car to factory condition. But, in the near

unanimous opinion of all of the Committee, one car did have the edge and therefore we are pleased to award the Trevor Wilkinson Trophy for 2006 to Chris Womsley". The trophy was presented to Chris by Club Chairman Jeremy Blandford.

The Scott Moncrieff Trophy

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The trophy was traditionally awarded to the driver who won the most points in a single season of motorport in a TVR and has some very famous names engraved around its base including Gerry Marshall, Tommy Entwistle, Rob Farmer and Paul Weldon. About 10 years ago with the rise of interest in all forms of motorsport within the Club, especially the various sprint series in which a very successful driver in one series could regularly win but accumulate far fewer points than a less successful competitor in a rival series that awarded points differently, it was decided by the Committee to change the criteria for the award. It is now awarded to the individual who has made the single greatest contribution to TVR motorsport during the year and its most recent recipient was the former TVR Motorsport Manager John Reid who managed to successfully keep the Tuscan Challenge running through 2005 in the face of adversity when Factory sponsorship was withdrawn and thus enabled the combined series with the TVRCC Challenge Cup to commence last year.

“This year’s recipient was difficult to select but ultimately it was awarded not only for his efforts through 2006 but also for his stalwart efforts in previous years which has seen him shortlisted on at least three occasions. He has single-handedly raised the profile of sprinting to a point where now the Club routinely has 60 competitors all vying for the Speed Championship and he does this with only minimal financial backing. Therefore, the TVRCC is pleased to award the Scott Moncrieff Trophy for 2006 to Steve Cox”. Unfortunately Steve could not be present to receive the award but the Club will arrange for it’s presentation to him at a suitable time/place.

The TVR Car Club Challenge Cup

“The current one make race series for TVRs first began back in 2000 with the TVRCC Tasmin Challenge – an entry level motorsport designed to encourage new drivers into the sport in simple, cheap, equally powered 2.8 litre Tasmins. After four successful seasons, this expanded to become the TVRCC Challenge Cup in the 2004 season, open to any TVR and although the classes were changed in 2006 to accommodate the more powerful ex-Tuscan Challenge cars, it is essentially the same competition today. 3 classes, all TVRs and although the Class A drivers usually take the chequered flag, Class B drivers have done so on several occasions but the overall championship is wide open to anyone. It was therefore no surprise in 2006 to see the championship go to the final race between two Class B drivers, Marc Hockin in a Griffith 500 and TVRCC Competition secretary Graham Walden in a Rover powered ex-Tuscan Challenge car. After a thrilling final race at Oulton, we are pleased to award the TVRCC Challenge Cup for 2006 to Graham Walden”. The trophy was presented to Graham by Club Chairman Jeremy Blandford.

The Folkard Cup.

RO Co-ordinator Pietro Abate read the following citation:

“We now arrive at one of the moments that as RO Coordinator, I get much pleasure from. That is, presenting the Folkard Cup to the RO of the Year.

“This year there were several contenders for this accolade but I’m sure you will all agree that the eventual winner has earned the right to the crown. When this larger than life character took over their region it was at a very low ebb. But with sheer determination, organisational skills, delegation and a charismatic personality, they built their region into one of the largest and most successful in the country.

“Having built up a regular attendance, sometimes more than 50 cars, it was with a supreme and sustained effort that they organised runs and outings that were always well attended. But they were always careful to delegate some of the organisation and responsibility to willing helpers and ensured they received the acknowledgement

they were due for their efforts. Not only did they meet and greet every one on their arrival, but every member was nurtured and made to feel their presence was paramount to the success of the meetings.

“Members of not just their own region, but also of neighbouring regions could call this RO their friend. Always willing to listen to anyone and not afraid to wade in with good solid earthy advice when the need arose. Meetings and events in this region were always fun, the RO was always smiling and visitors from quite far afield would make the effort to experience one of their famed gatherings. Even coming from overseas.

“A lot of thought was given to the venues, particularly to ensure that the TVRs could be parked in safety and where they could be displayed with panache. A love of the marque and a genuine desire to encourage all owners and devotees to enjoy their cars and the company of like minded people. Fellow ROs received encouragement, advice or could just sound off to a broad pair of shoulders and a generous heart. All this was achieved in parallel to a very demanding job and homelife and they still found time to be active on the forums.

“I’m sure you have probably guessed who I am referring to, but before I reveal the winner of this trophy, I just want to add my thanks for the encouragement and friendship they have shown me, and I bear no grudges for the disagreements, it was always in the spirit of ensuring the TVR Car Club and it’s members got the best deal, so it is without hesitation that I announce this years very deserving winner is Pauline Frost.” The trophy was presented to Pauline by Pietro Abate and Carol Folkard.

7. Acceptance of the accounts was Proposed by: Matthew Maneely and Seconded by Brian Crewe - carried by a majority vote.

8. Open Forum

Comments from open forum -

Geoff Gwynne asked about the new log in & password system – it is to be one unique password linked to club database – members only.

Pietro Abate– access to non members can be obstructed.

Alan Morris – a lot of communication on PH from RO’s should this be discouraged ?

Jeremy Blandford– to use both club & PH is a good thing.

Alan Morris – how do RO’s know if a person is a member.

Nick Smith – asks new faces at meetings if they are members.

Steve Guest – encourage the use of both forums as PH brings new members.

Ralph Dodds –suggested that club only issues are best discussed on club only forum.

Pauline Frost– embrace new members coming via PH.

Jeremy Blandford– there may be changes as a result of Haymarket’s ownership.

Haymarket may remove links to club?

Brian Crewe – members should increase the dialogue on club forum

John Case – local newspaper wanting views about TVR- is it the right time to advise the RO’s .

Ralph Dodds – steer media towards him or Jeremy. If you must do it ‘be honest’. Emphasis that the Club and TVR are two separate companies and that it would be wrong for us to comment on the business of another company.

Jim Davey – excise rules don’t apply to most of the older cars.

Brian Crewe – members want to congratulate Derek on Sprint.

Pauline—proposed a ‘thank you’ to the committee .

Meeting closed 2pm with Jeremy Blandford’s thanks to all the attendees.