

# **Annual General Meeting** 22 Mar 2014 at 12:00 noon Heritage Motor Centre, GAYDON, CV35 0BJ

## Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Minutes of 2013 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising
- 4. Committee Reports & Questions
- 5. Proposals & Elections of Officers6. Presentation of Awards
- 7. Open Forum Questions/Discussion

Lunch Break

8. RO Meeting

## Minutes

Committee: Tony Cottrell(TC), Matthew Maneely(MM), Ralph Dodds(RD), Richard Sails(RS),

Mervyn Larner(ML), Mandy O'Neale(MO), Graham Walden(GW),

Alayne Samuels(AS), Mike Hardy(MH)

Members mentioned: Angus MacDougall(AM) Alison Brown(AB), Paul Calland(PC)

Item **Actioner** 

#### Welcome & Introductions: 1

- Tony Cottrell welcomed & thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- He then introduced the Committee etc.

#### 2 **Apologies for Absence:**

- David Hothersall, Jonathan Lowey, Andy Hutcheson, Jim Davie, Karen & Steve Thomsit.
- 65 members have returned postal ballot forms.

#### Minutes of 2012 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising: 3

The minutes were approved.

For: 21, Against 0, Abstain 0

There were no matters arising.

#### 4 Committee Reports & Questions: ~ See Appendix 1

- Tony explained that the main aim of the Committee was providing benefits for members. His report covered:
  - His meeting with TVR Automotive executives. TVR has a brighter future than this time last year! Our Club will be amongst the first to hear of developments.
  - Review of 2013 Events
  - Review of 2013 Shows
  - Added value for Members
  - Regions
  - Sprint
  - Updated website

Tony thanked everyone that had contributed to a successful year.

Matt explained the main features of the accounts for year ended 30-Sep-13. The downward trend in income reflected the decrease in membership, cars, advertising and regalia sales.

The Club had invested some of its reserves in a low risk fund because of the historically low bank interest rates.

Reserves have decreased by approx. £650. Some of our reserves were

spent on Back Home 2013 and other events.

The auditors have approved the accounts without qualification.

Qn: Why do some events make losses?

Matt explained it was because of the cost of trophies, postage etc. It was basically a benefit for members. We also sold regalia at some events which did produce a profit which was shown elsewhere in the accounts.

We are on budget for a small profit in 2013~14.

Qn:Tim Payne asked if there were other ways of generating income? Tony said we needed to respond to members' needs, but the best way to increase income was to recruit members and this was a role for all members. Mervyn said that we could accept banner advertising on our website/forum but we had, so far, resisted this idea. Matt also explained we are a "not for profit" organisation and any profit would be subject to tax. There were no further questions or comments.

Tony continued his report:

Classic & Sports Car Awards for TVRCC ~ unfortunately no "golds" this year runners-up in four categories and a "bronze" in one other. Tim Payne added his region had won best stand at Uxbridge Show. Ralph asked all ROs to let him know of such awards.

Tony continued by outlining the main events for 2014, which starts with our season opener at Burghley House in April as a suitable date was unavailable at Chatsworth.

Tony said the Committee had initiated a full regalia review and will continue to source new deals for members.

Qn: Could we recruit non-owners?

Ralph said all our marketing info covers enthusiasts, not just owners. Most new members either have just bought a TVR or are intending to buy one. Steve Guest added we all need to actively promote membership.

Qn: Could we make the website open to non-members? Ralph said this could be a two-edged sword as if everyone could see everything then what would be the benefit in joining? We will review access to different parts of the site.

RD/PC

#### 5 **Proposals & Election of Officers:**

Adopt Financial Statements for year ended 30-Sep-13

For: 103, Against 0, Abstain 2

Increase Renewal Membership by £1.50

For: 96, Against 8, Abstain 2

**Appoint Lewis Brownlee as Auditors** 

For: 104, Against 0, Abstain 3

Tony handed the Chairmanship to Matthew Maneely.

**Chairman: Tony Cottrell** 

For: 105, Against 1, Abstain 1

Matt returned the Chairmanship to Tony Cottrell.

**Treasurer: Matthew Maneely** 

For: 103, Against 1, Abstain 3

Secretary: Mervyn Larner **Sprint Editor: Mandy O'Neale** 

For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

**Deputy Editor: David Hothersall** 

For: 103, Against 0, Abstain 3

**Events Manager: Alayne Samuels** 

For: 104, Against 0, Abstain 3

**Events Deputy: Angus MacDougall** 

For: 103, Against 0, Abstain 3

Public Relations/Marketing: Ralph Dodds

For: 103, Against 1, Abstain 3

**RO Co-ordinator: Mervyn Larner** 

For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

IT Manager: Mike Hardy

For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

**Archivist: Richard Sails** 

For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

**Competition Secretary: Graham Walden** 

For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

- Special Projects: No Nomination
- Karen & Steve Thomsit be awarded Honorary Membership

For: 104, Against 0, Abstain 1

• Kevin Dunnington be awarded Honorary Membership

For: 104, Against 1, Abstain 2

There were no spoilt ballots.

# 6 Presentation of Awards ~ See Appendix 2 Trevor Wilkinson Trophy

Ralph explained Trevor's Trophy was for the best restoration and there had been 3 entries:

Nick Halstead's Chimaera which just missed the 2012 deadline Chris Gilpin's 3000M

Howard Bryan's 1988 "White Elephant"

It was a very close decision, the winner being Howard Bryan.

## Folkard Cup

Mervyn explained this award was for an RO that has made the greatest contribution in the year. It is always difficult to pick one person from amongst 40+. There were several contenders, but after consulting the Committee and Carol Folkard, David Welton gained this year's award, particularly for his organisation of Back Home. David thanked the Blackpool Region for all their support.

### **Scott-Moncrieff Trophy**

Graham explained the history of the trophy. This year's winner, Owen O'Neill, has made a significant contribution to TVR motorsport for many years. He started his interest in the cars working for one of the main dealerships. This spread to motorsport where as his business developed; he became a major sponsor of the TVRCC Challenge Cup before entering as a competitor. He was piloting an Tuscan AJP very successfully in the DTEC series, before a major off at Castle Combe destroyed his car. Since then, he has turned his attention to historics and now campaigns a Grantura in events such as the Spa Classic. Unfortunately Owen was unable to attend; we will arrange to present the trophy at a later date.

## 7 Open Forum Questions/Discussion

 Steve Guest said his region had attended every DTEC meeting last year which were very good days for members. He recommended other regions attend

Graham Walden explained the benefits offered to members. An allocation of tickets to ROs, dedicated parking, coffee etc. An awards dinner after Oulton Park meeting.

- Mandy O'Neil thanked everyone for their contributions to Sprint.
- Qn. Colin Lyons asked how many Honorary Life Members there were? Mike Hardy said there were 43 Honorary Members.
- Qn. Colin Lyons queried when the Club was formed? Richard Sails explained a TVR club had existed before 1965, but it folded and the current Club was formed in 1965.

There were no further questions or comments. Meeting closed at 14:30.

Mervyn Larner Club Secretary

Appendix ~ 2013 Annual Review