



**Annual General Meeting
21 April 2012 at 12:00 noon
Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon**

Agenda

- 1 Welcome & Introductions
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of 2011 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising
- 4 Committee Reports & Questions
- 5 Proposals & Election of Officers
- 6 Presentation of Awards
- 7 Open Forum Questions/Discussion

Minutes

Committee: Jeremy Blandford(JB), Ralph Dodds(RD), Alison Brown(AB), Tony Cottrell(TC), Mal Gwynne(MG), Richard Sails(RS), Mervyn Lerner(ML), Mandy O'Neale(MO), Graham Walden(GW), Pietro Abate(PA), Sharon Blanchard(SB), David Hothersall(DH), Sean Lacey(SL)

Members mentioned: Steve Shaw, John Holden, Steve Guest, Nick Kay, Geoff Gwynne, Pauline Frost, Sarah Cole, Nick Smith

Item

1 Welcome & Introductions:

- Jeremy Blanchard welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Committee introduced themselves.

2 Apologies for Absence:

- Matthew Maneely, Oliver Edwards, Daniel Nash, Carol Folkard, Colin Lyons
- 199 members returned postal ballot forms.

3 Minutes of 2011 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising:

- The minutes were approved. For: 54, Against 0, Abstain 2
- There were no matters arising.

4 Committee Reports & Questions:

- Jeremy apologised for Matthew's absence and asked members to read the draft 2011 accounts. He then outlined the main points:
 - A small loss of £1.8k before tax, the main reasons being:
 - Reduction in membership although our data was now more accurate.
 - Regalia and advertising income is down.
 - A planned for "investment" (loss) in TAG11.
 - Insurance revenue is under review.
 - Our reserves are strong ~ enough for 25+years at existing rate.
 - The Committee has initiatives in place and under development to address the challenges facing our Club. The inflationary increase in fees being just one.
- Jeremy then reported on other significant issues during the past year:
 - The challenges facing the Club could lead us in various directions. We could become a club for "Classic" cars as our cars become older. We could offer our services to other (small) clubs. Our overriding actions will always be to increase the benefits to members.

The Club's hardware and software systems have been updated which gives the Club greater flexibility, security and resilience. Mike Hardy has led this work.

Our website is being updated and is about 70% complete. Many thanks to Ralph and Cypher for this work.

Sprint has been updated ~ thanks to Jonathan Lowey (Online Design) and the whole Sprint team for their great work.

We have had some tremendous events, both national and regional. Particularly TAG11 ~ many thanks to the Hampshire team and all those who have organised the other events for members.

Huge thanks to Ali, Ann & Linda at the Club Office. They have taken on so much more in the past year, particularly in updating our systems.

Many thanks to all the ROs, they are the heart & soul of our Club ~ agreed by applause from those present.

Many thanks to the Committee, both past & present. Over the last 6 years they have been the best team ~ agreed by applause from those present.

Finally thanks to Chrissie (my wife) for her tolerance and support.

Q. Steve Shaw asked whether the decline in membership was permanent or a temporary dip?

R. Jeremy felt that we would not recover to the 7k members reached in 2003~4 unless TVRs are produced again. Hence the Committee's strategies to counter the decline.

R. Tony Cottrell added we could accept the decline or diversify to all cars. We need to be inclusive to all members, but exclusive to TVR cars. We can liaise with other clubs and this could well be a good way forward.

Q. John Holden said were are the TVRCC not a TVROC and need to remember to enable members with no TVR to access our events.

R. Jeremy said we are considering such items for our events.

R. Richard Sails said we invite other clubs & members to some of our events.

R. Steve Guest said an RO needs to be open to get people to our events.

R. Mal Gwynne said he'd never felt excluded when not in a TVR.

R. Pauline Frost felt an RO's secret was to welcome all, no matter what the car.

Q. Pauline Frost said the membership peak coincided with the 2003 Le Mans 24Hrs entry and asked what was the current figure?

R. Jeremy said it was currently approx. 5400, but fluctuated daily and he was not worried for the Club's future.

Q. Nick Smith said that track day attendance was a concern.

R. Jeremy said this probably reflected the current financial situation.

R. Sean Lacey added that he'd cancelled a track day to minimise the loss to the Club ~ 1 external entry had signed up.

5 **Proposals & Election of Officers:**

- Pauline Frost thanked Jeremy for his 6 years of service ~ agreed by sustained applause from those present.

- **Adopt Financial Statements for year ended 30-Sep-11**

For: 212, Against 0, Abstain 16

- **Increase Renewal Membership by £2**

For: 211, Against 9, Abstain 12

- **Chairman: Tony Cottrell**

For: 241, Against 0, Abstain 4

Jeremy handed the Chairmanship to Tony Cottrell.

- **Secretary: Mervyn Lerner**

For: 242, Against 0, Abstain 2

- **Treasurer: Matthew Maneely**

For: 240, Against 0, Abstain 4

- **Sprint Editor: Mandy O'Neale**

For: 240, Against 0, Abstain 5

- **Deputy Editor: David Hothersall**

For: 241, Against 0, Abstain 4

- **Competition Secretary: Graham Walden**

For: 241, Against 0, Abstain 3

- **RO Co-ordinator: Mal Gwynne**

- **Events Manager: Sharon Blanchard** For: 241, Against 1, Abstain 2
- **Events Deputy: Vacancy** For: 241, Against 1, Abstain 3
- **Trackday Co-ordinator: Sean Lacey** To be co-opted when volunteer available
- **IT Manager: Mike Hardy** For: 242, Against 0, Abstain 3
- **Archivist: Richard Sails** For: 242, Against 0, Abstain 3
- **Public Relations/Marketing: Ralph Dodds** For: 241, Against 1, Abstain 3
- **Special Projects: Pietro Abate** For: 242, Against 0, Abstain 3
- **Appoint Lewis Brownlee as Auditors** For: 240, Against 0, Abstain 4
- **Jeremy Blandford be awarded Life Membership** For: 238, Against 0, Abstain 4
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There were 9 spoilt ballots.

6 **Presentation of Awards: Trevor Wilkinson Trophy**

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

Steve McCaw's 1971 Vixen 2500 which missed the deadline.

Chris Womsley's Griffith

Dave Smith's "2000M", a 3000M which now boasts a Cosworth engine.

It had been a very close decision, but the casting vote had been for Dave Smith.

Scott-Moncrieff Trophy

Graham explained this was for an outstanding contribution to TVR in motorsport. As there was no clear 2011 winner the award will be held over.

Folkard Cup

Mal explained this award was for an RO that has made the greatest contribution in the year. The TAG11 team were clearly contenders. After consulting Carol Folkard it was Tim Payne who gained the award. He always goes that "extra mile" and had even taken on an extra region. Alison Brown awarded the cup.

7 **Open Forum Questions/Discussion**

Actioner

Q. Nick Kay asked Tony is he was intending to set out his view of the Club's future?

R. Tony felt that it was the Club's duty to provide what the membership wanted within the obvious financial constraints. He will set out his views and those of the Committee in a future Sprint.

TC

Q. Geoff Gwynne regretted the lack of regalia for owners of early (pre'80s) cars.

R. Tony said we were well aware of the problem and were looking at ways of addressing the issue.

AB

R. Ian Massey-Crosse thought pre-ordering was a possible way forward.

Q. John Holden asked what was the best way of passing on ideas and comments to the Committee?

R. Tony said any ~ email, phone or suggestions part of the Members' Forum.

R. Sarah Cole said the RO's section of the Forum seemed to work well.

R. Mervyn added that he regularly checks the suggestions section and will add items to the Committee Agenda.

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• Pauline Frost thanked the Committee for all their work during the past year ~ agreed by applause from those present.

• Tony thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 13:35.