



**Committee Meeting ~ 14 July 2012 at 10:00
HMC, Gaydon**

Agenda

- Apologies
- 1** Adoption of and Actions from previous minutes (21-Apr-12)
- 2** Co-opting of Alayne Samuels as Events Deputy
- 3** Financial Situation & Membership Numbers
- 4** Summary of meeting with Dietrich Probst of TVR Motors and Dom of TVR Power
- 5** Regions:
 - a. Regions with no RO
 - b. Regions with little activity
 - c. Rôle of an RO & their communications. Outcomes from RO's Mtg (MG)
- 6** Sprint:
 - a. Current situation
 - b. Digital/Online Sprint
- 7** Events:
 - a. Current Year
 - b. 2013 Plans
 - i. Major (Back Home 2013?)
 - ii. Multi Region
 - iii. Regional
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 - v. Motorsport
 - vi. European Rally
 - c. Event Equipment
 - d. Costs & Venues
- 8** Regalia & Merchandise
- 9** Car Shows:
 - a. NEC
 - b. Autosport & Others
- 10** Members' Benefits:
 - a. Club Insurance (ML)
 - b. Other
- 11** Club Charity/ies for 2012~13
- 12** Date & Venue for 2013 AGM
- 13** Life/Honorary Members
 - a. A member's suggestion (ML)
 - b. Oliver Winterbottom
- 14** Committee Members' Reports/Issues
- AOB** Dates for next meetings

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Minutes

Present: Tony Cottrell(TC), Richard Sails(RS), Mervyn Lerner(ML), Mandy O'Neale(MO), Pietro Abate(PA), Sharon Blanchard(SB), David Hothersall(DH), Matt Maneely(MM), Mike Hardy(MH), Alayne Samuels(AS), Alison Brown(AB)

Apologies: Mal Gwynney(ML), Ralph Dodds(RD), Sean Lacey(SL),

Guests: Dave Blanchard(DB)

Item		Actioner
1	<p>Adoption of and Actions from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved and OK to be uploaded. Richard has spoken to John Mleczek, NFA. Work still needs to be done on updating RO pages & Forum. There are still occasional problems with forwarding of emails, especially RO ones. Can we use personal ones for intra-Committee messages. Can we all post our contact details on the Committee Forum Committee rôle info/packs. Mervyn & Sharon will attempt to find a template 	<p>ML/RD</p> <p>MG/RD</p> <p>All</p> <p>SB/ML</p>
2	<p>Co-opting of Alayne Samuels as Events Deputy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony welcomed Alayne to the meeting who is willing to be co-opted as Deputy Events Manager. Proposed by Sharon and Pietro. Agreed unanimously. Mike and Ralph to set up IT access & website information. 	<p>MH/RD</p>
3	<p>Financial Situation & Membership Numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Matt's report. General income and gross profit are still, as predicted, in decline. Net profit is stable because of control of costs. We need to maintain our current reserves, but if they rise we should increase spending to improve member's benefits. Previously agreed spending limits were confirmed: Club Office <£1200 <£5000 Treasurer, >£5000 Chairman+Treasurer. Matt had obtained alternative costs for our accounting & auditing. Current providers are very competitive. Matt to keep under review. Ali reported current membership is 5435. 	<p>MM</p>
4	<p>Meeting with Dietrich Probst of TVR Motors and Dom of TVR Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony summarised his meeting, but felt it had been overtaken somewhat by Nicolai Smolensky's Autosport (wind turbines) article! Our priority must always be membership benefits. Dietrich's work for Nicolai is about 20% TVR and 80% other projects. The possible link with the Germans didn't prove viable so was not followed up. TVR Motors wouldn't want to merchandise TVR Motors items using their registered logo ~ this could be an opportunity for us. Tony to contact Dietrich to discuss things. We should also approach David Gerald about use of Vixen & M Series logos. Dietrich said he was keen to set up an official service and dealership network and the parts agreement with Multipart was likely to be renewed as it seemed to be working well. TVR Power has been renamed as Power Performance in-line with Dom's decision to diversify. 	<p>All/ML</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
5	<p>Regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mervyn circulated Mal's summary. Mervyn & Sharon to liaise with Mal to discuss actions and report back to next meeting. Mandy volunteered to help with RO reports as long as Mal can just check word limits. 	<p>SB/ML/MG</p> <p>MG/MO</p>

6	Sprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandy is fairly happy as she has 2 editions worth of articles in hand, but that doesn't mean she wouldn't like more. So please keep chasing! • Mandy is working towards earlier publishing dates and update of RO listing with regional reports. Ali to send Jon a condolences card. • David and Ali/Anne to liaise over advertorials and work out some policy guidelines. Policy guidance to be added to our rate card for new advertisers. • Digital Sprint: Mandy, David, Pietro, Richard & Mike to investigate possible solutions and report back to next meeting. • Mervyn to forward TTOC/flippingbook login to David. 	<p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DH/AB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DH/MO/PA/RS & MH? ML</p>
7a	Events ~ Current Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatsworth was very, very wet. Many thanks to Office Team for their determination and perseverance! Also everyone else who helped out. • Classic Le Mans had gone smoothly and the liaison with Ian Longden had worked well. Ian Longden to be offered a Sprint advertorial. • Ian Massey-Crosse's photo display that Ralph had scanned was very impressive. • Silverstone Classic sales had gone well and the closed discount code system had worked well. • Cadwell track day bookings had been very slow, but Bernie Hartnett and Ian Bannister had worked hard to boost numbers. It will not cause a loss to the Club. We need to review our track day offer(s) as they are important to some members. Can Sean please suggest a strategy/policy for 2013 at the next meeting, Richard is willing to help. • Guards Polo, 40 cars so far with no problems. • S Club Heaven was initially cancelled because of lack of support. Alayne & Tony have managed to piggyback it onto a 3rd party event. We have tickets on a sale or return basis. There will be a dedicated TVR space etc. Tony to write something for Sprint. • BNG, Ali has some concerns about the moving cars part of the offer. Ali will give Sharon more details, who will then speak to Richard Lee. • TVR Rock Relay seems to have caught RO's imagination and was going well despite short notice etc. It was forcing ROs to talk to one another! Sharon to write a report for Sprint/Website. • The e-newsletter seems to have gone down well and produced results. Ali and Mike to investigate viability of a cheaper monthly system. • A review of 2012's events to appear in either Dec/Jan Sprint. 	<p style="text-align: right;">DH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RD/ML</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SL/RS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AB/SB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MH/AB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SB/AS/MO</p>
7b	2013 Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike outlined the details of a European Rally we had been offered. Minimum 10 cars, 20 probable maximum. Could be run as a no financial risk event, but office costs would/could be covered. Agreed that Sharon & Alayne put details on the Forum to sound out interest. • A member had suggested we have a TVR "Supercar Sunday" at HMC Gaydon. Probably not viable ~ NFA. • 2013 Spa Classic was being planned by the same team that run the Le Mans Classic. We should partner with FastTrackTours with no financial risk to the Club. Provisional dates are 24-26 May. Sharon & Alayne to continue discussions with Ian Longden. • Sharon has visited a Lotus event at Dunsfold with Nick Smith. When their Wings & Wheels event is over she will have more detailed talks with them. We could have use of runway, an autotest, skid pan, Top Gear Circuit etc. Also link it with a Brooklands Day to give a weekend event. Invite Ride Drive? Agreed to continue discussions. • David outlined his latest discussions with Dave Welton etc. for Back Home 2013. Planning to use Blackpool FC's hotel (& Travelodge?) plus their town centre car park for an autotest etc. Agreed that David continues discussions. 	<p style="text-align: right;">SB/AS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SB/AS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SB/AS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DH/SB</p>

7b cont'd	Other 2013 Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatsworth will happen. • Sharon will sanction regional events and promote them in Sprint and on the Forum if there is no financial risk to the Club. • Can we obtain a discount for members at all or any race circuits? • We should have a rolling programme of events in Sprint as soon as they are agreed, not an annual listing. 	<p>SB</p> <p>SB/AB</p> <p>SB/AS/MO</p>
7c	Event Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loaning out equipment was causing some problems: All parts not returned or damaged Cost of carriage was becoming prohibitive • Agreed we should have a core stand which was only used by the Office for events that they attend. • Ali believes we have 3 other usable shelters, she will check them and then send them to Sharon, Mike & Richard for "wider regional" use. 	AB
8	Regalia & Merchandise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we go can ahead with TVR branded items we need to investigate the tax position of selling to non-members. 	MM
9	Car Shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to set overall and individual show budgets. • Show priorities are quality cars with good people on the stand. Also important we have a quality stand that we can be proud of, for both current and prospective members. • NEC Classic ~ See Ralph's report & proposal ~ agreed with a £3000 budget plus any sponsorship we could obtain. Some concerns about need for unique shirts etc. • 2013 Autosport Show ~ agreed with a £1000 budget. • Negotiations are still open for 2013 Goodwood Festival of Speed. 	<p>MM</p> <p>RD</p> <p>TC/MO SB/AS</p>
10a	Recommended Insurers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mervyn outlined the replies and proposals he'd received. Agreed that all should be recommended as members have a wide range of cars and requirements. • Mervyn to write to them asking for a summary of their service(s) for use on our website and an insurance article for Sprint. • We'll need to update insurance page(s) on website 	<p>ML/MO ML/RD</p>
10b	Other Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony thinks he has the only paper copy which he will pass on. Ali and Ralph to please upload/update website. 	TC/RD/AB
11	Club Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top two suggestions from the AGM survey were: Help for Heroes/Royal British Legion Cancer eg. Hospices, Macmillian & Marie Curie Nurses etc. • Mervyn suggested we sponsor the Rally for Heroes at £50 per TVR (total £300). Each car would carry the Club logo and there will be extensive media coverage ~ agreed. David to provide hi-res logo. • Mervyn suggested a cancer charity could be Richard Burns Foundation (brain tumours). • We should aim to support a charity at all events ~ bucket collections? 	<p>DH/ML</p> <p>SB/AII</p>
12	2013 AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggestion of holding it the Saturday before Chatsworth was agreed as a good idea. Alayne to investigate suitable venues for the meeting, an afternoon drive-out and evening function. • Mervyn to provisionally book HMC for 27-April as a back-up. 	<p>AS ML</p>

13 Life/Honorary Members

- A member has suggested that we should write to all life members asking if they wished to continue receiving Sprint. Not agreed as it was felt to be a bit mean spirited, obviously if they requested cancellation we would! Mervyn will contact the member.
- Oliver Winterbottom has asked for 3 copies of Sprint containing his article ~ agreed.

ML

AB

14 Committee Members' Reports/Issues

- Ralph and Mervyn have seen pleas for help by TVRCCNA. We could offer to out-source some of their needs. Mervyn to contact them and discuss possibilities.

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AOB Next Meeting(s):

- 29 September 2012 at HMC, Gaydon
- 24 November 2012 at HMC, Gaydon

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Meeting closed at 15:50

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