

## **Annual General Meeting** 14 Mar 2015 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. Chairman's Report & Questions
- 5. Treasurer's Report & Questions6. Proposals & Elections of Officers
- 7. Presentation of Awards

Lunch Break

8. Open Forum Questions/Discussion

#### Minutes

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

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

Alayne Samuels(AS), Mike Hardy(MH), Zoe Mortimer(ZM)

Alison Brown(AB), Paul Calland(PC), Jonathan Lowey(JL), In Attendance:

Mel Philips from Lewis Brownlee(Auditors)

**Actioner** Item

#### Welcome & Introductions:

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

#### 2 Apologies for Absence:

- Graham Dobson, Clive Ford, Patrick Hurst, Andy Hutcheson, Bob Naismith, Colin Truman, Richard Walton, Mike Whiston, Jerry Henderson.
- 71 members returned postal ballot forms.

#### Minutes of 2014 AGM ~ Approval & Matters Arising: 3

The minutes were approved.

For: 19, Against 0, Abstain 0

Non-member's access to our website has been reviewed.

#### Committee Reports & Questions: ~ See Appendix 1 & Draft Accounts 4 & 5

- Tony explained that the main aim of the Committee was providing benefits for members and promoting the TVR marque. His report covered:
  - His recent discussions 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 2014 Events
  - Review of 2014 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-14. The downward trend in income reflected the decrease in membership, cars, advertising and regalia sales.

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

Reserves have increased by approx. £5650.

Some of our reserves will be spent on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

The auditors have approved the accounts without qualification.

Tony continued by outlining the main events for 2015, which starts with our season opener at Burghley House in April. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Shuttleworth/Millbrook, Chatsworth in October and ending with the NEC Show in November.

Tony said the Committee had initiated a full regalia review and samples will be on show during the lunch break.

### 6 Proposals & Election of Officers:

**Archivist: Richard Sails** 

• Adopt Financial Statements for year ended 30-Sep-14

For: 106, Against 0, Abstain 2
Increase Renewal Membership by £2.00

For: 98, Against 5, Abstain 4

Appoint Lewis Brownlee as Auditors

For: 104, Against 0, Abstain 2

Tony handed the Chairmanship to Matthew Maneely.

Chairman: Tony Cottrell

Matt returned the Chairmanship to Tony Cottrell.

For: 107, Against 0, Abstain 2

For: 108, Against 0, Abstain 2

• Treasurer: Matthew Maneely
For: 106, Against 1, Abstain 2

Secretary: Mervyn Larner
 For: 108, Against 0, Abstain 2

For: 105, Against 1, Abstain 2

• Sprint Editor: Mandy O'Neale
For: 108, Against 0, Abstain 2

Deputy Editor: David Hothersall

For: 104, Against 0, Abstain 4

• Events Manager: Alayne Samuels

For: 106, Against 0, Abstain 2

Events Deputy: No Nomination

Public Relations/Marketing: Ralph Dodds
 For: 107, Against 0, Abstain 1

RO Co-ordinator: Mervyn Larner
 For: 105, Against 0, Abstain 2

IT Manager: Mike Hardy

For: 106, Against 0, Abstain 3

Competition Secretary: Graham Walden
For: 107, Against 0, Abstain 1

Special Projects: Zoe Mortimer

There were no spoilt ballots.

#### 7 Presentation of Awards ~ See Appendix Trevor Wilkinson Trophy

Ralph explained Trevor's Trophy was for the best restoration.

Unfortunately there were no qualifying entries this year. Some members may believe that any restoration featured in Sprint are automatically entered, but Ralph explained a separate entry must be made. Ralph asked all ROs to encourage their members to enter if they finish restoring a car in 2015.

#### **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, Jerry Henderson, RO for Eire, was chosen. Because of Jerry's known absence he was presented the award at the recent Celtic Gathering. Mervyn read Jerry's response in which he gave his thanks to the Rol members for their support and friendship.

#### **Scott-Moncrieff Trophy**

Graham explained the history of the trophy. This year's winners, Steve & Jo Hunter, have made an enormous contribution to TVR motorsport by coordinating the TVRCC Speed Championship. Steve accepted on behalf of all the Championship competitors who had a great deal of fun both on and off the track. He would like to encourage all members to take part or spectate.

## 8 Open Forum Questions/Discussion

- Q What was the Club's policy towards non-TVR owning members?
- A Tony said we were an enthusiasts' club. Some events, eg. shows or concours required a TVR, but all members could attend. We may have separate sections for parking or track days.
- Q How would we change the focus of the Club as we become more of a "classic car" club?
- Q We will respond as the demands of members change. Is there a preferred supplier for Club events/visits such as Le Mans & Spa Classics?
- A No, several years ago bookings were done by the Club Office, but this led to problems with changing £:€ exchange rates. The Club only charges for administrative costs. We are reviewing available suppliers for 2016 and these will be considered at the 30<sup>th</sup> May Committee Meeting.
- Q Can we ensure the Club Forum is used rather than social media.
- A ROs are volunteers and we encourage them to use our Forum above all else, but we cannot prevent the use of Facebook or Yahoo email groups etc.
- Alison Brown explained the ease of changing Forum passwords via the Club Office.
- Mervyn explained the requirements for the Club's Agreed Valuation service.
- Graham encouraged members to support TVRs in motorsport, he'd like ideas. He
  knew that late or changed details from organisers could be a problem.

There were no further questions or comments. Meeting closed at 15:45.

# Mervyn Larner Club Secretary

Appendix: 2014 Annual Review

2013~14 Annual Accounts