

TVRCC Car Club Committee Meeting Stratford Manor Hotel 5th July 2003 10-30am

Attendees.

<i>Pietro Abate</i>	<i>Advertising</i>	<i>Alan Morris</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Alison Brown</i>	<i>Club Office</i>	<i>Jane Payne</i>	<i>Deputy Events.</i>
<i>Tony Connor</i>	<i>Editor</i>	<i>MartinPayne</i>	<i>Marketing.</i>
<i>Carol Folkard</i>	<i>Club Office</i>		<i>and Deputy Chair.</i>
<i>Bernie Hartnett</i>	<i>Track Day Organiser</i>	<i>Laurence Sayer</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
		<i>Paul Shrimpton</i>	<i>R.O.Co-ordinator</i>

Apologies

<i>Chris Wright</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Steve Heath</i>	<i>Technical</i>
<i>Mervyn Larnar</i>	<i>Model Registrar</i>	<i>Stewart McQuillian</i>	<i>Competition Sec.</i>
<i>Bruce Smith</i>	<i>Deputy Track Day</i>	<i>Richard Mayoh</i>	<i>Events</i>

Agenda

M.P. welcomed members and apologies were read out.

M.P. opened with a minute's reflection following the sudden death of Colin Parry. A letter of sympathy from the Club and donation/wreath to be arranged.

M.P. complimented the Factory and Richard Stanton on an impressive Le Mans effort. Very well done. Thanks would be appearing in Sprint.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Under section 8, re. Le Mans, the wording that "Steve Hyde, who also requested sponsorship, had not got a drive," was to be changed, to read "did not get a drive. His request, therefore was not applicable.

Committee Reports As circulated.

Events. *R.M.* had submitted his report, but unfortunately due to a late family crisis, was unable to attend. The wide issues re. The trailer, web site and Club future were therefore left until he is able to personally discuss.

B.H. raised the matter of Mania 'Sprint' at Bruntingthorpe. At the last meeting it was agreed that if this so called 'sprint' was to form part of Mania, the Track Organisers were needed to view arrangements, as this was a Club event. *B.H.* nor *B.S.* had been consulted to date.

Track Day Safety first was the key objective. The Novice school had worked well. All except Croft had run at profit. Croft would be considered carefully for next year, as its take-up was only 50%. *B.H.* said he had liaisons with other marque clubs, e.g. Westfield, and may view a split day, if the other party underwrote a pre-agreed percentage. A female instructor was on the panel and a set of Track Day notes was issued and looked very good.

Advertising

P.A. reported things going well, but a few late payers were being chased. There is a waiting list.

Office C.F. *said membership is still growing with 241 new members last month. Shrinkage is falling, total now 6800 + with 7000 likely by AGM.*

C.F. expressed concern that rumours were circulating that she was to take a year out for personal reasons. This is not the case and even if so, Alison was well able as an equal partner in MGA to run the Office, and deal with the demands of MGA's contract with the Club. It was suspected by a number of members, that in view of mention of Trading Arms being made elsewhere there could be vested interests in the rumour making. The Committee endorsed Carol's position and MGA and their ability.

Editorial T.C. *apologised and explained that July Sprint was delayed due to Le Mans.*

Treasurer L.S. *reported with balances: C/A £65K, D/A £85K Total £150K and items to pay £33K, net cash £117K, we could feel all was well. However this was a rolling position with frequent large deposits being needed, e.g. Back Home, Le Mans and Zolder. Zolder had problems, with the Dutch a small club and the event large, both organisationally and financially. The event will have more hands on from the office and Treasurer in future. L.S. was researching Direct Debiting for subs. General comment was that the club was financially too small for the scheme and likely to be unable to get necessary indemnities. L.S. would report findings.*

R.O. Co-Ordinator P.S. *Business Cards are to go out shortly. The R.O. E-Group is running. P.S. is to send out Minutes to R.O.s after Committee approval. Minutes are generally circulated to Committee a week after meeting and any amendments dealt with within 7 days, so P.S. can then circulate.*

P.S. raised the RO meeting after AGM, which he has circulated to ROs. The cost factor was raised and it was agreed that 1 RO per region can claim mileage and overnight. Venue to be confirmed.

Budget Next Year *L.S. reported that, notwithstanding increased membership, overall costs to the Club have increased. He mentioned the fuller impact of Sprint and the necessary increase in Editorial expenses. Under the Budget heading, L.S. raised the problems of the never-ending and often disputed claims, from the owner of the new lorry. The lorry now carries Peninsula dealer signage with TVRCC less prominent some felt, with Peninsula cars outside. Also it did not lend itself to shop sales easily, Carol said. The Committee agreed future use is to be confirmed by the whole committee, not individuals. For this season we are committed to Wells and Bruntingthorpe only. Further use will then be reviewed in view of limited use. The Club did not want to be seen as a joint venture with a single dealer, as lorry is now signed, for fear of friction from other dealers.*

The conclusion was that the meeting agreed that the Treasurer put a proposal at AGM to increase subs. To £35 per annum, sole, £40 per annum, family, new members £45. We

have not seen an increase for some years and the rise proves necessary for strategic reasons, and hopefully it would be sufficient for more than one year.

PAYE Accountant's Report **L.S.** had circulated the accountant's report re. Editor, Treasurer and Office situation viz-a-viz payment. Whilst the Office is quite in order, Editor and Treasurer, the report states, are more appropriately employees of the Club. They have no covering indemnities of their own to cover personal liability for their work. Also the Club could be construed as avoiding Tax and NIC payments under its present system. The change, whilst not difficult, brings with it NIC payments, holiday provision and provision of equipment. The latter not a problem as this is already the case. Cost of payroll management £40 per month. Regarding a job description **A.M.** suggested **T.C.** and **L.S.** should start the ball rolling by writing their own descriptions for discussion and agreement with the Committee.

The position needs voting for at the AGM or EGM. This was proposed by **B.H.** and seconded by **P.S.** and carried by 5 votes. Also the position of an elected Treasurer needs resolving at the AGM.

In conclusion, **M.P.** announced that he had received a personal note from **M.L.** (unable to attend) stating that, because of his fundamental disagreement with the employee route, he was tendering his resignation. He stated that he felt the Club could regret its actions at a later stage.

The changes advised to Memorandum and Articles are being put in hand through a lawyer and we await draft.

Trading Arm Little detailed information was available. **A.M.** stated that there would be a cost to the Club of stocking and such activities are notoriously open to 'shrinkage'. The majority are happy with arrangements through the Office. The matter was left until a detailed proposal was available.

A.G.M. The Rule, Memo and Article changes to be voted on, plus the appointment of Treasurer and Editor as employees.

Meeting to be 11a.m. 27th September 2003. Venue to be confirmed.

To date no proposals or nominations received from members; these have to be in by 2nd August. Voting papers to go out with September Sprint.

A.O.B. Editor **T.C.** said the Club computer kit he has, keeps breaking down. He inherited it from the previous Editor so it must be at least 3-4 years old. With the changes, replacement is needed. **T.C.** had an idea that this would cost £2,500 and he was asked to report back after discussions with Jon Lowey.

T.C. also highlighted lack of a Deputy, which means he cannot take 2 weeks holiday. His workload is such that he needs cover and he asked to look for a suitable candidate on a voluntary basis for a trial period. Agreed he should research and come back when he finds a suitable candidate.

Meeting closed 4-05p.m.

Next Meeting 27th September after A.G.M.