

TVR Car Club Meeting Minutes

21st July, Donington Manor Hotel, Castle Donington.

Chairman	John Hayter	Secretary	Nicky Evans
Treasurer	Tony Connor	Advertising	Pietro Abate
RO Co-Ordinator	Paul Shrimpton	Deputy Track	Bruce Smith
Track	Bernie Harnett	Technical Editor	Steve Heath
Club Office	Carol Folkard	Club Office	Alison Brown
	Chris Wright		

Apologies:

Competition	Stewart McQuillian	Events Co-ordinator	Richard Mayoh
Deputy Events	Debbie Rogers	Publicity	Martin Payne
Model Registrar	Mervyn Larner		

		Action:
1	Minutes of the last meeting	Approved
1a	<p>Matters arising from the March minutes</p> <p>Citation for Ralph - ML will do the Citation for Ralph Dodds when the nominations for Life Membership are proposed at the AGM.</p> <p>Cheque Signatories: just need signatures from CFolkard</p> <p>Club Sponsorship Fund. Fund still the same £1,000 - nothing further. Perception many have sponsored Martin Short directly. To be covered later.</p>	<p>ML - Carried Forward.</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>? Carried Forward</p>
1 (3)	<p>Matters arising from Last Meeting.</p> <p>MP to write to Graham Ilot to thank and close his involvement and delete his access rights.</p> <p>Passwords - changes are not being made - members are ringing the Club Office to check. Discussion took place on the need for a password. It was agreed to publish the password for the existing site which will remain same until the new site is launched, which won't have a password initially. A review will take place on whether it is worth reinstating a members only area protected by password.</p>	<p>MP not present - carried forward</p> <p>T Connor</p>
1 (4)	<p>RO meetings - PS reported that there is a need to rethink the format and benefit vs effort of the meetings. RO's are invited to respond with ideas. NE proposed adding the committee members onto RO E-group and sending 'broadcasts' by post to RO's not on line. Idea: suggest having summer meeting in conjunction with a summer event - but publicise it now. The AGM can have an RO meeting element.</p>	<p>All RO's invited to propose ideas to PS</p> <p>NE.</p> <p>PS to organise RO event.</p>
1 (5)	<p>Model Registrar</p> <p>Zante: (DR update after meeting) Ownership remains with the factory, not negotiable. Help would be provided with parts for restoration project. Whoever did the restoration could then use the car for publicity. DR asked if the car would be junked if we returned it for storage and was assured this would not be allowed to happen.</p> <p>2 proposals (if that is allowable)</p> <p>a. Unless we are confident we can find someone to undertake</p>	

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	<p>restoration in the near time we return the Zante to the factory.</p> <p>b. If it hasn't happened already cover Mervyn's costs for the 3 months storage he paid. DR not present was talking to factory to seek out response</p> <p>ML to write article for the magazine PA again offered garaging for the car if required.</p>	<p>Carried forward ML carried forward</p>
1 (6)	<p>No update on Back Home 2002 Provisionally booked De Vere for 17-19th May. Factory say too early to make commitment but should be no problem. Have always liked the idea of coinciding the event with the "Illuminations"s but due to Motor Show commitments factory have always declined an autumnal Back Home. DR Spoke to Danielle about this again in the light of the London shows cancellation. They are going to see how this year goes (may have alternative exhibitions around the same time) but may be an option for 2003.</p> <p>IOM - perhaps 100 cars - some doing their own thing over and above the work done by Stuart Milne who took over the workload from Stewart McQuillian and Bruce Smith to liaise and organise. BS proposed JH to write to Stuart to thank him for his efforts in organisation. Super Unleaded petrol will be available at the track at pre agreed times.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>SH to publicise on e-groups</p>
1 (8)	<p>AGM - is on track for October 20th at Pembrey, although sent for publication in July magazine, it will be now advertised in August edition - have extended the proposal deadline 25th August to allow reasonable time for submissions. NE to discuss and confirm logistics with Leon Hickman and S Heath and see whether it is possible to present any end of season competition prizes or ideas to make the AGM more of an event. CF suggested having a Sprint Sale</p>	<p>NE/SHeath/Leon Hickman</p>
1 (9)	<p>Sprint and Editorial Progress</p> <p>JH did not respond to Pistonheads discussion group, however, things have moved on.</p> <p>JH to write to each (non winning) bidder for Sprint Magazine production thanking them for their contribution with the exception of Swan Print. JH to write letter of sincere thanks and wish them well</p> <p>Letter from Michael Mullen complaining at the costs he incurred to meet with committee. JH to write and offer to pay round trip travel expenses.</p> <p>Editing RO Reports and archive material - ML - Technical Editors column - SH has been preparing material - discussion off line with TC- on content/style. SH to draft article on warranty</p>	<p>Closed</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>ML carried over</p>

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	claims as factory clamping on warranty claims where any modification has taken place and pass by the factory before going to print.	SH
2	Financial Report: See report.	
3	<p>Chairman's Report: See report Chris Wright was welcomed to the meeting. He has indicated that he is happy to stand as Chairman. JH will propose him as Chairman (as outgoing Chairman) All of those present were willing to re-stand for election with the exception of the secretary who will stand down at the AGM. A successor needs to be found. Confirmation is required from those not at the meeting: ML, DR, MP, SMqQ C Folkard (member 6027F) proposed TC as Treasurer.</p> <p>All prospective committee members need to get non committee members to propose and second their positions on committee. The secretary to receive written, faxed or e-mailed nominations by Saturday 25th August</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All:</p>
4	<p>Club Office Report See report A Manning Ltd business suffered greatly as a result of IIS demise - Ann Manning has personally handled the situation very well to members by discussing on pistonheads etc. Business transferred to Cornhill as the story broke, many other brokers were caught out. From abuse to complements from members. After discussion a vote took place on whether to continue with A Manning as Club Insurance Scheme. Have list of other suppliers who advertise (e.g.: Sunninghill) and offer this after Mannings. TC gave a Vote of thanks to Carol and Alison for flack taken during this period</p> <p>Regalia sale on line: CF has been working with Paul Calland - Cumbria RO. Orders will come through encrypted software as e-mail - and processed business as usual. ?How much more work will this give club office? Regalia sales still strong - SH reprint of book already sold out! However, sales slower than last year, there being no budget for a new brochure to stimulate new sales. However, profitability is up.</p> <p>Highest number of members ever - net gains 5340 - moves 1 second hand cars 2 sensible insurance 3 club office technical advice.</p>	<p>Proposed BS and Seconded TC and Unanimous. Proposed TC Seconded BH, Unanimous.</p>
5	<p>Sprint and Editorial Positions Progress. See TC report. Editorial help: TC reported that he had three offers of help. Graham Dobson - John Simpson - Ian Houghton</p>	

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<p>6</p>	<p>Web Site progress. Site won't look as good as TC wants - time constraints - is rewriting. Want front page - that can be updated daily. - need volunteers to help rewrite pages - any takers?.</p>	<p>RO's?</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Advertising Report Since 21st May PA has invoiced £11k outstanding - many advertisers have upgraded to colour from b/w. The rear cover was auctioned and went to Henley Advertisers - happy with change to A4. Ads all in the back - with the exception of Full page ads. Looking at how to manage personal ad/sales Send copy to all Dealers. Advertising income is greater than it was - there is pressure from new/existing advertisers, rates will rise next May. Will have a print run of 6,000 - so we can distribute more to help market the club: Factory - , Motor Museums, Dealers</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>PS/RO's</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Model Registrar Report ML: paid storage until August. PA again offered garage. PA to contact ML to offer</p>	<p>PA</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Event Report: Castle Coombe - final figures not known - touch and go - karting and BBQ didn't get support envisaged. - Building blocks good for similar event next year</p> <p>Goodwood. The event is deemed to be national and needs to have the national events organiser to help/cajole/organise/intervene. It is clear that we need to consider new equipment to create a good impression of the Club - and proper help and support. After discussion it was agreed to approach Jonathan Lowie and Paul Calland and Steve Lewis - to see whether they could help with design of portable stand. The total cost of the stand, hire or marquee stand costs over £1,000. Could do better with something more tailor-made from a van.</p> <p>NEC Classic Car Show (Nov) SH may be able to help out 1 day Is it worth going? Many clubs have dropped out</p> <p>Look at exhibiting at the Autosport Show in Jan at NEC as an alternative. We need to know viability/cost</p> <p>PS proposed a vote of thanks for Simon Lacey and CF for their work on Le Mans this year. (Coach got PS cyclists home - and coaches into Town Centre)</p> <p>2002 Future Event Ideas:</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>SH to talk with SL CF to cost out flags.</p> <p>SH to contact RM</p> <p>SH to talk to RM</p>

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	<p>Portmeirion North Wales was proposed. 2002 not possible as they already have block bookings from US tour operators. 2003 or 2004 a possibility so long as not July or August, max 40 rooms available, max 100 people to evening functions, 50% deposit would be required within 14 days of reservation even if for 2003/4. Unless we could find alternative accommodation and just do Port Meirion as a daytime visit this is not an option.</p> <p>Mania for future date Irish (Colin Logan) want to host one in the future and are preparing a proposal. BS wants to make Spa track day Back Home in conjunction with AGM? - for later in the year.</p> <p>Le Mans 2002 already bid for - Simon Lacey trying to get TVR participation in drivers parade</p> <p>PS proposed Discuss Events Strategy in detail at next meeting.</p>	<p>BS BS</p> <p>SAL and MP</p> <p>ALL.- ensure RM. present.</p>
10	<p>Track & Competition: Only 4 mainland track days this year. - worked well, could do 6 -new circuits Rockingham is a new possibility. Possibility of working with Westfield car club. However, dates aren't released until New Year, but get an idea of options/venues to spread over year and country. Early Deposits are required. Early Advertising and booking helped this year.</p>	<p>BS and BH to put some ideas together for the next meeting.</p>
11	<p>Secretary Report: AGM: Details are now in Sprint, (20th October, Pembrey) looking to create a 'gathering' as well as the AGM NE progressing - Foot and Mouth may mean that competitions aren't finished by October.</p>	
12	<p>RO Report New business cards, are required, with new printers this means a new format which has a photo on is proposed. A new list will have to be made</p>	<p>PS to write to all ROs.</p>
13	<p>Marsh Green and Totally TVR Contracts. - NE The club needs long term stable relationship between Club & its contractors - from both sides. The end of an initial contract term should not be a signal to invite new tenders. Regular reviews should be part of the process and the Club should review contracts when new services required/proposed - which should be added as appendix. If either side is unhappy - termination is as stated - 3 months notice.</p> <p>Performance reviews with the Clubs subcontractors should be possible without the threat of a re-tender and is counterproductive down the supply chain. They are 'employees' of the club, and critical now for its</p>	

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	<p>ongoing smooth running.</p> <p>NE proposed that Marsh Green are (retrospectively) paid the event booking fees they have waived for the past year now the Club finances are on a more regular footing, these should be business as usual. Shows commitment to club.</p> <p>PA Proposed that Totally TVR be given the contract to act as producer and manager the production of sprint magazine. Since January, no viable volunteers have come forward or found to act as Editor, so to secure the regular production of Sprint, it has been decided to pay for role to act as Executive Editor liaising with outsourced production house.</p> <p>BS proposed Totally TVR be paid £18k for full time job as Editor (Web site manager) and Treasurer from the beginning of June.</p> <p>TC to draw up new appendix to existing contract.</p> <p>Need to groom people to come forward for future succession - encourage grass roots support and help to support club committee and its business.</p>	<p>Prop: NE Sec: TC Unanimous</p> <p>Prop: PA Sec: BH Unan</p> <p>Prop: BS Sec: NE. Unan.</p> <p>TC</p> <p>All: Any RO's or their members wish to come forward?</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>AOB: BS proposed the 'Member of the year' awarded to Struan Robertson be continued and be an annual/regular feature- BS to write inviting nominations to Magazine BH to contact Ian Bannister re: Christmas party - Club office will take bookings.</p> <p>The message is filtering back that RO's don't know what is going on in the committee - .Remind RO's can attend meetings, NE to add committee to RO -e-group and send out committee reports to RO's with the minutes.</p>	<p>BS. RO's to provide nominations?</p> <p>BS/IB</p> <p>All: RO's NE</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Date of next meeting: Sunday 9th September. Gaydon Motor Heritage - M40 - possibly, TBC I have apologies from S Heath for this date.</p>	<p>ALL -</p>

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Chairman's Report

Sadly, this year's invitation to the Classic Cars Magazine Annual Presentation Dinner didn't produce another award. As Tony Connor quite rightly assumed, I was invited as a representative of last year's winner. Nevertheless, it was useful to talk at length to journalists from the magazine and to the representative of the Porsche Club. They seem to face all of the same challenges that we do and have the added complication of another Club competing for the same pool of members. Perhaps we should count our blessings.

I have written to the unsuccessful bidders for the magazine contract to advise them about our decision. Thus far, only one 'phone call has come through. The general tone was that they understood our decision but were, nevertheless, disappointed.

The volunteer member who attended the meeting has written to me. He was upset with the reception he received and was not surprised to see that we were still looking for volunteers. Before I reply, I would like to hear from all present how they remember the events of the day. He is also considerably out-of-pocket, should we offer to meet any reasonable expenses for which receipts can be produced?

I am sure that the arrangements for paying Tony Connor for producing Sprint will be discussed in the course of the meeting so I will not dwell on the issue at this point. However, I think we should all be extremely grateful to Tony for stepping in at very short notice so that the uninterrupted production of Sprint was possible. I look forward to a constructive debate on the way in which we can take the editorship of Sprint forward. We will need to focus our discussion on what is actually possible rather than indulging in wishful thinking about what we would do in an ideal world. Please consider the number of appeals for help and the response we received.

I would like to make several nominations for Life Membership of the Club. The first is Karen Jamieson. Karen has devoted a great deal of time to the Club as Deputy Editor in addition she has made the continued appearance of Sprint possible this year. The second is Ian Loader, Ian served as RO for many years and is now sadly suffering from illness. His condition is unlikely to improve. The incumbent RO will support the nomination. Finally, I would like to nominate David Balderson, having seen how much more can be achieved when someone is able to devote themselves almost full-time to the task I think it is a great tribute to David that he managed so much in his spare time.

I am delighted that Chris Wright has agreed to stand as our next Chairman. I wish to propose this nomination and I believe that he will be seconded by Martin Payne. I intend to take a very "back-seat" approach but Chris can be assured of my support if ever he feels the need to ask for it. I am sure you will all pull together and each play your part in ensuring that the Club goes from strength-to-strength.

I was sorry to learn that Nicky will be stepping down as Secretary. I understand her reasons and wish her, and Simon, well in the venture. I believe that Nicky has played a central role in bringing a greater degree of professionalism to the way in which the Club has been run. I would like to nominate Nicky for Life Membership and I hope that one of you will act as a second.

Finally, having initially supported the idea of a mail shot about the AGM, I have been persuaded by the arguments in favour of delaying the AGM and writing to the ROs to tell them about the change in our plans. Hopefully, a venue that will be a little more accessible will now be chosen.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday and wish you all a safe journey

Regards

John Hayter
(PS Chris Wright will be joining us this weekend)

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Club office report for Committee meeting 21/7/01

We have had an excellent period through May, June and the first half of July, enrolling 450 new members during that time. Regalia sales are continuing at their monthly average boosted by Back Home and the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

Goodwood Festival of Speed was fairly well attended by both club members and the public but the cars only drew attention when the bonnets were up. The overall look of the stand was disappointing, we should probably invest in new flags/banners. The old equipment is looking very tired. There was also a lack of help from local members to talk to prospective members. It seems that local members were not asked ; perhaps it requires some input at committee level to improve the situation for the future.

Progress has now been made towards the selling of regalia on-line. Paul Calland has all the relevant details and is working on it at present. We should be in action within the next couple of weeks. This new venture will receive our full attention as we are not dealing with any major events at the moment. We have no idea how it will develop as we are proposing to sell to the public as well as club members.

With regard to the new Sprint magazine, we have been liaising with Jonathan Lowey to ensure that distribution goes smoothly.

The demise of the Independent Insurance company caused us many 'headaches and heartaches'. Ann Manning and her staff, also Alison and I answered hundreds of calls and emails and were the focus of much abuse. At our suggestion Ann logged on to the Pistonheads site and answered queries and comments. It was a useful exercise as there was a lot of rubbish being written which Ann was able to deal with. The situation is still not clear but further moves have been made within the last few days to help recoup members' money. There may be more to report at the weekend.

Carol & Alison TVRCC Office

Track & Competition Report

Three trackday,s gone, one to go. Oulton 60 places taken 30 left with 6weeks to the event.Have offered prefferential terms to the westfield cc so will make profit as all previous t/days have. Will give breif verbal account

Bernie Hartnett

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REPORT FOR JULY COMMITTEE MEETING – TREASURER, EDITOR AND WEBSITE MANAGER !

Please forgive me if I am brief this month. There is a lot going on and it's all happening at once!

FINANCE

The paperwork for the end of year audit has gone off to the auditors. As I have said previously, because of the extra duties I have recently taken on, I have not had time to do the analysis I would like to have done myself, so we will have to wait for the auditors report to show our final position for the year.

Our situation has improved considerably however, thanks to prudent cost control and a successful year with almost everything we have done. I am not going to attempt to pre-empt the outcome of the audit, suffice to say that I am not going to be having sleepless nights worrying about our position. Our bank balance is looking healthier than it has in a long time, with £60,000 in the current A/C and £26,000 in the deposit A/C.

I am in the process of setting up the new, charges free, account with the Bank of Scotland so we will start to reap the benefits of this in the current financial year. I still have one year's worth of VAT to re-calculate. I must do this before the 3-year limit expires in September, but the pressures of a first magazine to put together has precluded me from doing so at the moment. I will get there however!

Finally on finance, I still plan to let Event Organisers etc have a breakdown of their profit / loss position, as soon as I can. Please bear with me.

MAGAZINE

I am expecting the proofs of the first A4 edition either tomorrow or Friday, so, Post Office willing, I will be able to bring something for everyone to look at on Saturday.

I am delighted with the look of what I have seen so far, and hope you will be too. You had better, because it's too late to change it now! Constructive criticism will be welcomed however. Do bear in mind this is a learning process for me.

Because of very early deadlines on this first issue, I have had to write much of this first issue myself, and provide the photos. For future issues (assuming you want me to carry on) I have plans to write a key feature article myself each month, together with lots of pictures, and hope to fill the rest with good articles from contributors.

I am writing a piece on the last of the Griffs for the next issue, and have lined up one of the last 100 for a photoshoot. I am then planning to write something on the Speed Twelve, for which I already have the pictures, followed by an article on the Sixties Griffith. I am quite happy to travel and take the time to get the right stories, another advantage of being retired!

I have taken up three of the offers of volunteer help with the magazine, but it is too early to say how effective this is going to be, as they have only just come onboard.

WEBSITE

Slow progress on this front, but we are getting there. Paul Calland has had problems wrestling control of the existing site from Andrew Guy, because of a dispute over an unpaid bill, but things have now been resolved, without any cost to the Club.

I had started re-writing some of the content of the old site, but had to put it to one side when my priorities changed. Carol has now progressed things with Paul such that we should be ready to go live with on-line regalia sales in the next two or three weeks.

Whilst the site will not be fully re-written, it will at least be more up-to-date than the current site. I am keen to get to a position whereby I can post snippets of topical information to the front page on a regular, even daily basis. There is obviously a crossover from the editorial side of things and I am already receiving bits and pieces which, whilst perhaps not being suitable for the magazine, would be ideal for the website.

Did I say I was going to be brief!?

Tony

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TVRCC Events – July 2001

Castle Combe Spectacular / Powertour

A great weekend for racing and decent weather with a large turnout especially of TVRs. The weekend was a good learning curve for me and hopefully I will use this new found knowledge to improve any further TVRCC events. Organisation was lacking but generally it was quite successful and the GT/Tuscan/ factory people seemed to enjoy themselves at the karting event.

Goodwood Festival of Speed

This year we had three cars which was enough according to Mat Towns who has organised this event successfully for the forth and final time. The cars drew about the same amount of attention that the normal road cars have done. This year they didn't do individual description of the cars and this didn't detract from the display. Hopefully as Carol has pointed out we can improve in the quality of the equipment needed for such an event.

Future Events

In the near future we may still be able to get a few members together to enjoy the Swordfish film that is out very soon. At present I am awaiting a call from Warner Brothers and Mr Samuelson with regard to this and hopefully I can update you all before the end of the week.

I hope to have news of a visit to an airline soon, things are at the early stages at present, I hope we can convince them that a promotional visit would be beneficial for all concerned. (Sorry Martin will talk publicity with you soon!).

One thing that keeps coming up is the problem of getting early bookings and so knowing roughly how many participants there will be with regard to deposits etc. I would like to propose that in the future we offer a discount for early bookings. Your thoughts would be appreciated.

Richard Mayoh