

**Minutes from TVRCC Management Committee Meeting
Saturday 19th July 2008
TVRCC office, Newport 10.30am**

Present: Jeremy Blandford (JB) Matthew Maneely (MM) Pauline Frost (PF)
Pietro Abate (AP) Mandy O’Neale(MO) Richard Sails (RS) Nick Kay (NK) Alison
Brown (AB)

Guests: Paul Calland (PC) Ray Frost

Apologies: Graham Walden & Grant Crouch

Matters arising from the minutes of committee meeting 31st May 2008.

Conference call with Sue Reynolds to be arranged to discuss advertising and marketing opportunities.

Current advertising rates card to be emailed to Mandy. Those to be involved in the call JB/MM/MO & AB

MM to amend the dates on the insurance tender document and mail to the office for sending.

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by PF and seconded by MO voted for by unanimous vote.

AOB – Emergency topics.

PF suggested that the information following the TVR preview event was not displayed very effectively on the website, details needed to be on the discussion forums as well as on the homepage. Members were eagerly awaiting more information from those committee members who attended the preview. After lengthy discussions the committee decided that for future announcements the protocol would be:

A more co-ordinated information stream
Information on both the discussion forums and TVRCC homepage
Better communication from committee members
Coverage on the website as well as in Sprint.

The proposed interview of the TVR management by Sprint is to be overseen by one committee member and Mandy. Mandy to put a post on the forum requesting questions via email, which members would like to propose to the TVR management.

MO proposed that in light of the recent forum debates, the committee should have a standardised response for messages posted in an aggressive manner? Action JB&PF to word such a statement for use when deemed necessary.

MO
AB

JB/M
M/M
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MM/
AB

All

MO

JB/PF

MM
PF

Guinness Book of Records statement to be amended by MM and posted on the RO forum by PF, then put on to the general forum by PF.

Increased pages in Sprint.

MO outlined the offer from Jon Lowey at Online Design, for 8 extra pages in Sprint for no extra printing cost, there would however be nominal production costs tbc. After much discussion PF suggested that the page increase be held until March '09 to coincide with the start of a new summer season. It was decided to check with Online Design to confirm that the offer could be rolled over to March'09. The number of pages in Sprint will be reviewed at September's committee meeting.

MO suggested that a new level of photo advertising for members' cars could be offered in conjunction with the page increase. Action AB to investigate costs and proposed charges for this service to members.

MO once more assured PF that there would be no cut in RO word counts.

PF requested the committee's help in formulating some guidelines for charitable giving following several recent requests from ROs for members to give to worthy causes.

The following suggestions were put forward:

Each individual case to be considered on its merits.

Monies/cheques must **not** be processed through the TVRCC accounts

Cheques should be made payable to the charity/beneficiary.

To avoid where possible running totals of who has given what on the forums, it was felt that this may pressurise members in to giving. PMs should be exchanged rather than posting on the forums.

These guidelines to be published to the ROs and site moderators.

Chairman

Action JB to approach Trevor's friends in Menorca to see if the TVRCC could add a tribute plaque to the harbour bench in his memory.

Treasurer

Regalia sales continue to decrease, action AB new range launches.

PC offered to help with designs, AB to send initial ideas to Paul via email.

Track days numbers of bookings continued to be low, targeted marketing was needed urgently to ensure the remaining days fill. MM to complete a revised budget and review prices for the two remaining days Oulton/Coombe.

Editorial

MO suggested that regions should be actively encouraged to source their regional clothing from the office, thereby increasing regalia sales. AB detailed that several regions already use the office for this service, action AB to forward details to PF for the next regional newsletter.

MO

ALL

AB

PF

JB

AB
AB
done

MM

AB

Events

Silverstone 24hr – Prices had been set and a booking form drawn up. The booking form will be available online / faxed from the office/posted or bookings will be taken over the telephone. Details of the form to be released in Aug. Sprint. NK had taken on board the criticisms from members of the £50 per pitch camping charge for the event. NK is in discussions with the camping providers to try and negotiate the charge, but it had to reflect the costs of security/toilets etc.

NK
Office

MO outlined that Racing Green were interested in sponsoring this event, more details on this needed to be finalised. MO to speak with Racing Green and report back to NK.

MO

Plans for 2009 events have started, looking in to an Isle of Man event for the large National. Action AB to forward details to NK of the company who we previously used in 2002.

AB

NK to recruit a possible replacement and deputy, all committee members were asked to look out for possible replacements. NK would like to get a replacement involve in any planning meetings for 2009 events.

NK/All

RoCo

Further to PF's report considerable work had been done on codes of behaviour for ROs and the start of an online RO's handbook. PF asked for suggestions from the committee for any amendments to this document to be emailed to her. Once completed and approved these guideline would be uploaded to the RO's area of the website.

All

PF

Archivist

No matters arising/to report.

Secretary

No matters arising/to report

AOB

MM wished to inform the committee that due to an increased work load he would be actively recruiting a replacement treasurer and would not be seeking re-election at the March '09 AGM.

MM

Meeting closed 3.50pm