

TVR Car Club Ltd
Minutes of Committee meeting held on 3rd June 2006
At The Heritage Motor Centre

1. Apologies - Graham Walden, Corin Denton, Howard Bryan, Richard Sails,
Andy Race

Present - Jeremy Blandford, Tony Vile, Carol Folkard, Derek Smith
Ralph Dodds Georgina Baker, Warren Foster, Nick Kay,
Alison Brown, Pietro Abate, Grant Crouch

2. Read and Approve Minutes of last meeting.

Acceptance Proposed by Tony vile
Seconded by Ralph Dodd
Vote Unan.

3. Matters Arising - no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Jeremy stated that relations with TVR had improved considerably, although a low point has been reached when the trademark registration had been discussed. The format of a contract had now been arrived at and is being examined by the trademark lawyers.

A letter of intent to provide a Factory Visit at the Back Home event has now been received. TVR have taken the Health & Safety responsibilities for the event. Matters are progressing well.

A complaint had been received from an RO with regard to the actions of a committee member. A meeting has been planned between the involved parties to resolve the matter.

5. Advertising Manager's Report

Georgina asked that she be kept up to date with changes within the club as she had been put in an embarrassing and awkward position when contacting an advertiser who was no longer involved with the club.

A number of advertisers felt that they had a better response to advertising on Pistonheads

The time required to chase outstanding payment of invoices is becoming a problem. It needs to be carried out on a daily basis, which is difficult now Georgina is working part time. Georgina also feels that it should be the club office address which appears on the invoices, not her personal address. A number of advertisements have had to be dropped due to non-payment

Broken links on the advertising website have been causing considerable problems. Ralph will discuss this matter with Paul Calland and seek a resolution to the problem.

6. Treasurer's Report

Tony reported that the increase in membership numbers and particularly the uptake on Direct debit had improved the cashflow. However in order to achieve the level of income required from advertising Georgina needs to be able to concentrate her time on sales rather than operations. It is possible to ring fence a sum of money to cover the cost of operations being carried out at the office. Discussions will take place to determine how this role is staffed.

Tony put forward a proposal to appoint an advertising operations clerk

Proposed by Pietro Abate,

Seconded by Grant Crouch Vote Unan.

A 'bad debtor' report needs to be issued to the Editor regularly in order to avoid offering free editorial to those advertisers with outstanding debts.

Tony stated that he would now be handing over the Treasurer's duties to Warren and would assume the role of Assistant Treasurer in order to carry out a smooth handover.

A proposal was put forward to appoint Warren Foster as Treasurer

Proposed by Pietro Abate

Seconded by Grant Crouch

Vote Unan.

Tony will concentrate his efforts on projects.

1. the appointment of an Advertising Operations Clerk
2. the updating of regalia
3. the updating of the club's rules
4. linking our new database to Direct debit software.

Jeremy thanked Tony, on behalf of the committee, for all his hard work.

7. Previous Chairman Simon Lacey was then invited to report on the Trademark registration matter.

Simon outlined the situation to this point for the benefit of new committee members.

(details appear in minutes of past committee meetings)

The present situation is as follows.

The club is now at the end of a 'cooling off' period where time was given for informal discussions with TVR. This period ends on 7th June 2006. At this point the club must either drop its application or file a defence to TVR's opposition. Our trademark lawyers feel that TVR do not have case against our application

The cost of our defence would be £400 plus VAT. TVR would then have 3 months to make their reply.

The committee felt that we needed to tell TVR that we have no choice but to file our defence. The consequence of a withdrawal at this stage would be to lose any chance of owning or using the club logo.

The club are suggesting that on receipt of the registration in the club's name the club will assign the logo to TVR who will lease it back to us 'in perpetuity'. This will be explained to the management at TVR by our Chairman.

A proposal was put forward to file the defence of our trademark registration.

Proposed by Jeremy Blandford

Seconded by Nick Kay

Vote Unan.

8. Editor's report

Derek reported that the advertisers liked the new design of the magazine. The articles by Julian Smith of Ride Drive had been very well received. Derek stated that he would be standing down as editor at the next AGM. He would assist Howard during a 3 month handover period in early 2007. Derek offered to reproduce Sprint articles for the website after his retirement as editor.

9. Event Manager's report

'S' Club event had been successful with 50 attendees. an article and pictures are being supplied to Sprint.

The events team have spent the past 4 months rationalising the diary and raising the profile

of the national events.

Wedgifest- now has 75 bookings

Back Home – sell out at over 500 people, 260 cars

Griff growl - between 120- 150 expected to attend

Guards Club polo - 100 expected

Classic TVR meet - 80 expected

Big Northern Gathering – 100 + expected

Nick reported that he had asked event 'owners' what they required of the committee and a significant number had re

quested the presence of regalia sales.

Nick, Tony, Warren and Alison to look at a policy for 'off site' sales.

Considerable discussion took place with regard to arrangements for Back Home.

Ownership of the various aspects of the weekend is now clear.

Alison asked that the possibility of providing toilets be investigated - Nick to discuss with Blackpool Council

The 'rumble on Sunday is to named 'The Dave Cumming Memorial Rumble'

Events for next year -- Goodwood, Le Mans, TVR Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Nick has remade the Day membership form, Ralph will investigate its' use at all future events.

10. Publicity Manager's report.

The cost of advertising the club in motoring magazines cannot be justified. The banner on Pistonheads produces a reasonable level of response, therefore this will continue.

The contract for the NEC show in October was available to be signed by a director. This was signed by Jeremy.

The theme of the show is '6 decades'. The stand is the same size as last year which will enable us to re-use the existing carpet.

The provision of the club gazebo at Challenge events had not proved viable as there are not sufficient people to erect or man it. An offer had been received from RO Graham Dobson to man it if costs of fuel and entrance tickets could be covered. This was not felt to be financially viable.

Ralph is to carry out further investigation on the matter of 'RU a Member cards' for the use of RO's

Jeremy to ask Ian Law of TVR if he would be prepared to answer frequently asked questions for publication in the magazine or on the website.

11. RO Co-ordinator's report

Pietro reported that a member had put himself forward to be RO of the Greater Manchester, Merseyside & Cheshire Region. he had the necessary proposer and seconder. Pietro had spoken to Steve Reid, the present RO, who did not want to enter into a voting situation; he stood down as RO. It is noted that Steve is not happy with the way the matter was handled. The committee also felt that a more satisfactory way of coping with changes of RO positions needs to be set up. A suggestion was put forward that an RO's tenure should be for 1 year, at the end of the year if anyone wanted to stand in opposition to the residing RO an election would be held at regional level with a committee member in attendance. Pietro will put this suggestion to RO's for their input.

12. Archivist's report (written report supplied in Richard's absence)

Richard requested the permission of the committee to buy a full set of Sprints which is being offered for sale by Ian Bannister. The price of £500 was felt to be fair, if the set is complete

A proposal to buy the set was put forward
Proposed by Pietro Abate
Seconded by Grant Crouch
Vote Unan.

Richard to progress this matter.

The matter of marking all archive material as belonging to the club will be discussed at the next meeting.

Model registrar - nothing to report

Club Administrator - all matters had been covered in other reports.

Competition Sec. - written report supplied.

Track Day Co-ordinator - written report supplied.

13 AOB

The matter of contact details of members being supplied to other members was discussed. Should members wish to contact other members in relation to a particular subject, then it would be possible to publish requests in the magazine or on the website.

Derek will try to find space for this in the next available issue of Sprint.

The need to vote in a Vice Chairman was discussed and acted upon
Ralph Dodd as Vice Chairman was Proposed by Pietro Abate
Seconded by Jeremy Blandford
Vote Unan.

The Swiss event in October 2007 was still being investigated by Bonne Route.

Date of next Meeting to be October 14th 2006