

**Minutes of TVR Car Club Committee Meeting
Held @ Gaydon, Sat 14th October 2006**

Present Jeremy Blandford, Nick Kay, Ralph Dodds, Derek Smith, Pietro Abate, Graham Walden, Matthew Maneely, Carol Folkard, Alison Brown, Howard Bryan and Richard Sails

Apologies Tony Vile, Grant Crouch, Andy Race, Georgina Baker

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Acceptance proposed by Ralph Dodds seconded by Nick Kay Vote Unan.

2. Matters arising.

Derek had not had time to archive past editions of Sprint, he offered to carry out this task after his retirement as Editor

3. Chairman's Report

Jeremy reported that the factory had not responded to recent communication with regard to the Trade Mark Registration Agreement. Jeremy will continue to monitor this situation with the help of Simon Lacey.

Jeremy welcomed Matthew who had been appointed Assistant Treasurer. Tony will hand over financial matters over the next 2 months and Matthew will then replace Tony as Treasurer.

4. Treasurer's Report (given by Matthew in Tony's absence)

Tony has supplied written report. Financial situation is excellent , retention of members has much improved because of subscriptions being paid by direct debit

The committee aim is to take membership past the 7000 member mark in 2007.

Budgets for 2007 – officers need to let Matthew know of new items for budget over the next month. Tony advises continued prudence in order to maintain the current stable situation

Some financial records are still with Warren Foster – action is being taken to have these returned asap.

5. PR Manager's Report

Ralph asked that website problems need to be communicated directly with Paul Calland as he cannot be expected to correct problems he knows nothing about. Resizing of pictures automatically is still an issue. Information is needed re costs of web advertising. Commercial ads on the site will be expensive in terms of software but we will probably have to go that route eventually.

Suggestions to the Committee forum – only one outstanding issue. Editorial team to respond.

NEC. The committee agreed to the spending for this year's show. Some discussion took place with regard to future spending. It was agreed that the club must have a presence at this show and that the stand be of a high standard.

It is possible that the club may be the 'featured club' in 2007 – the 60th Anniversary year

Ralph asked that Regional logos be checked and proofed- Pietro to let ROs know.

6. Editorial Report

Derek is to stand for re-election in 2007 with Howard to remain as Assistant Editor

Sprint cover to be changed to emphasise 60th. Look at logo change.

Articles will reflect the anniversary during 2007

Good feedback on Ride Drive- to follow up next year.

Technical articles are appreciated.

Negative comments on touring articles – these articles are the most heavily criticised.

Put excess articles on the web as an alternative to Sprint.- Derek to action with Ralph's help.

Possibility of an ebook has been offered- Jeremy to action.

Howard to reduce number of hours during 2007 as a result of increased workload Person needed to proof read RO reports. Need to find someone possibly an RO.

Word limit adherence in RO reports much improved.

Jeremy stated that he felt Sprint is fabulous and thanked the editorial team for all their efforts.

7. Advertising Manager's Report – written report supplied.

Howard suggested that there are more advertisers requesting space than is realised.

Matthew to review the advertising situation.

Advertising policy to be revisited when new ad manager is in place next year

8. Event Manager's Report

2006 review

10 national events in last year - S Club Heaven; 24 Heures du Mans; Big Bad Wedge Fest; Back Home; Griff Growl; Grand Prix Masters; Guards Polo Club; Pre-80s Classic TVRs; Chimfest; Big Northern Gathering. Thanks were expressed to the organisers and attendees of all events.

Limited edition 'TVRCC 2006 Events Team' T-shirts being supplied to event organisers as a thank you.

New events team managed 'future events diary' in Sprint and on web working well, together with previews of future national events in Sprint - same proposed for next year. Event organisers appreciated the presence of the club office and merchandise stall at events.

2007

Big event 60th anniversary- possibly track based, in partnership with TVR.

Suggestion that TVR bring new demo cars ? encourage members to upgrade to new models.

Other proposed events:

Romantic 'Red Rose' winter evening event has been suggested - possibly Dinner/Dance in February

Le Mans ? ticket allocation decided ? Simon Lacey already actioned

BNG

Gang on the Green

Single model events to continue as previous years.

Committee decided not do a Back Home in 2007, return to this event in the future when TVR have moved.

Silverstone Britcar 24 Hr Event in Sept 2007 - possibility of area for TVR's , camping and parade laps?
Graham to continue to investigate

Public Liability Insurance - clarified position for 2007 - events do not have to be 'Members only' but PLI only covers TVRCC members, whether organisers or attendees of events. Agreed £10m cover for 2007.

Check with Alexander Forbes about cover for display cars.

Clarify with insurers what is an event.

Event calendar must be clear as to which is a club event Year's worth of events to go on website

Plan when pre-publicity happens and when event articles appear? Nick & Derek to action

Words to Ralph for input to breaking news on the web after events.

Chairman to send letters of thanks to event organisers and sponsors.

9. RO Co-ordinator's Report

David Earp resigned as an RO . A meeting was called with committee members present to elect a new RO. Corrin Denton was the only applicant so therefore elected.

Devon and Cornwall not to be split into 2 entities but to remain as one region with

2 sub groups, 2nd group headed by Geoff Chick.

RO's now have guidelines for submissions to Sprint.

Word count – some regions have asked for an increase in their allowance- this to be allowed.(Agenda point for the Jan meeting with new RO proof reader.)

Only 10 RO Registrations have been received - letter to remind them needed- Pietro to action. Letter to RO's who have retired to thank them for their work

RO's need to publish where their meeting is.- Pietro to add this to the letter.

Rules to be clarified with regard to who can organise an event.

10. Comp Secretary's Report

Majority of cars in the challenge are car club members.

BRSC are happy with the format- series is safe for next couple of year.

20 cars for 2007

Coverage in Sprint is vital, this is working well.

Regions to be asked to support their local driver.

A small 'easiup' for the Sprinters has been requested.

11. Track day co-ordinator – written report submitted.

Andy wishes to liaise with Nick re events. Further sharing with Easy Track suggested.

Growing the group of experienced TVR instructors.

12. Archivist

Collating still ongoing- lots of enquiries.

Valuations ongoing with James Birkby and Manning. To be publicised in Sprint and website.

13. Model registrar. – no report.

14. Club Administrator's Report

Nothing further to add to written report

Jeremy offered a big thank you to office staff for their hard work during a very busy year

A new computer to be supplied to the club office asap.

Jeremy thanked everyone for a great year.

15. AOB

RO's – can they have mileage paid to AGM & RO meet ? Pietro to check cost.

Carol to stand as Non Exec Director after her term as club secretary has ended(this to be voted on at next meeting or the AGM

Yahoo group to be sorted out – Jeremy to action.

'Tweaks' on website to be actioned by Ralph

16. Date of next meeting – Jan 27th 2007