



# MORRIS REGISTER

The Club for Morris vehicles designed before 1940

The Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at Blunsdon House Hotel, The Ridge, Blunsdon, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN26 7AS.

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

### 1 Those present:

John Ford, Jim Riglar, Stephen Gant, Rob Symonds, Malcolm Dixon, John Powell, Tom Bourne Mike Brears, Val Brears, Pat Farmer, Barbara Farmer, Pam Lee, Dave Lee, Trevor Willsden, Roger Clitheroe, Stephen Parkes, Roz Parkes, John Bates, John Sargeant, June Sargeant, Tom Taylor, Dave Lawton, , Anne Riglar, Geoffrey Salminen, Michael Hedger, Stuart King, Martin Roters, Bill Ironside, Jane Ironside, Derek Eastwood, John Mason, Terry Smithson

### Apologies for Absence:

Christine Haigh, Roy Pidgeon, , Ben Gadsby, Neil Truslove, Chris Lambert, Jeremy Matthews, Jenny Smithson, Michael Moxon, Peter Harrison, John Nagle, Jo Nagle, Keith Harvey, Roger Needle, Brendan Jones.

### 2 Presentation of Awards

The annual awards, to recognise outstanding contributions to the life of the Club, were awarded as follows:

The President's Choice trophy was awarded by the President to xxx – yyy

The Writer's Chalice was presented by the Editor to John Howells, recognising John's regular contribution to the Magazine.

The Mary Benfield trophy was awarded by the Chairman to NW Region for presentation to a member nominated by them.

The Chairman's award was presented to Anne Riglar

The Calormeter Trophy was presented to.

### 3 Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 14th October 2017

The minutes of the previous AGM were published in the November 2017 edition of Morris Monthly. These were approved unanimously as a true record of the meeting.

### 4 Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd Director's Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd. There being no queries, the accounts were adopted with xx postal votes, proxy votes and votes in the meeting in favour, x against and x abstentions.

### 5 Appointment of the Accountants

The continued appointment of Plummer Parsons as the Club's accountants was approved with 99 postal votes, proxy votes and votes in the meeting in favour, x against and x abstentions.

### 6 Election of Officers

The chairman explained that under rule 5(a) six "Elected Officers" are to be elected. The post of Webmaster is vacant and there was no nomination.

The following officers was elected by proxy votes and votes in the meeting:

		For	Against	Abstain
Membership Secretary	Christine Haigh	xxx	x	x

The following serving officers were re-elected by proxy votes and votes in the meeting:

		For	Against	Abstain
Chairman	John Ford	xxx	x	x

Secretary	Jim Riglar	xxx	x	x
Treasurer	Steve Gant	xxx	x	x
Editor	Rob Symonds	xxx	x	x

## 7 Resolutions

Resolution 5: Introduce Rule 2(e) to cover Honorary Membership.

“2 (e) The National Committee may offer Honorary Membership to a member or member’s partner. This confers full membership benefits, free of any subscription, from time of the award for the life-time of the individual. Any action to award Honorary Membership shall follow a procedure approved by the National Committee. Honorary Members have no voting rights. Honorary Membership may be rescinded in accordance with rule 2(c).”

Proposed by John Ford                      Seconded by Jim Riglar.

Resolution 6: Introduce new Rule 3(n) to formalise control of Morris Register Limited by The Pre 1940 Morris Register Limited and re-number existing Rules 3(n)-3(s) as Rules 3(o)-3(t).

“3(n) Three Directors (the club chairman, secretary and treasurer) shall be also appointed as Directors of Morris Register Limited to serve a term concurrent with their directorships of The Pre 1940 Morris Register Limited.”

Proposed by John Ford                      Seconded by Jim Riglar.

## 8 Specialist Officers

The meeting noted that the following Specialist Officers have agreed to continue in post:

National Rally Organiser	Ben Gadsby
Spares Secretary	Dave Lawton
MSA Representative	Tom Taylor
DVLA authentication Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
PWMN Affiliation	Chris Lambert
Shopkeeper	Barbara Farmer
Vehicle Registrar	Mike Brears
Information Centre	Pat & Barbara Farmer
Archivist	John Powell
Overseas Secretary	Tom Taylor
Spares Officers	David & Lindsay Smith
Historian	Tom Bourne
Assistant Treasurer	Phil Butland
Club Safeguarding Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
Federation Representative	Stuart King
MVA Representative	Ben Gadsby

The meeting noted that the following Specialist Officers posts are vacant:

Webmaster, DVLA Authentication Officer

## 9 Chairman’s Report

In summary the Chairman stated it had been another great year for the club and he wished to thank the committee and the management team for their continued work and achievements during the year.

He thanked the management team, treasurer Stephen Gant, membership secretary Jane Nathan, editor Rob Symonds and secretary Jim Riglar for their respective contributions to the smooth running of the club.

He remarked that National Committee has again done some outstanding work this year, noting the work undertaken by spares secretary Dave Lawton sourcing parts to keep our cars on the road; Barbara & Pat Farmer with the information service and running the club merchandise shop; Overseas Secretary Tom Taylor

for the regular supply of information from overseas Australia and New Zealand; club historian Tom Bourne for providing information to members and the DVLA liaison activity; vehicle registrar Mike Brears for keeping records of our beloved vehicles, commenting that everyone should keep him updated with their latest Morris vehicle acquisitions; Ben Gadsby for an excellent National Rally, noting numbers were down slightly this year, perhaps due to the change in date.

He also offered special thanks to north east members Brian Firth & Dennis Fisher for their refurbishment of the club lorry and to Trevor Wilsden & colleagues for looking after the club van which is now moving to the North West region.

He offered a big thank-you to all for the work you have done in promoting the club throughout the year, stating this has made a difference to the increasing membership again this year.

Finally, he asked that we remember fellow members no longer with us, noting from across the regions, Jack Ellesmore, David Long, John Seddon, Paul Ollis, Alun Emlyn-Jones OBE, Frank Dowdy and Phyliss Newman. He was sure there were others that he may have missed and for which he apologised.

The meeting paused for a minute's silence.

**10 Date and Place of next Annual General Meeting:**

Saturday 5th October 2019, Blundon House Hotel, Blunsdon, Swindon.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for attending, and closed the meeting at 11.25.