



MORRIS REGISTER

The Club for Morris vehicles designed before 1940

The Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 4th October 2014 at the The Blunsdon House Hotel, Swindon, Wiltshire

The meeting opened at 10.31 am. The Chairman welcomed members, and asked them to stand for a minute's silence in memory of our late President, Bob Beaumont. He made reference to the many years of service Bob had given to the club, and reported on Bob's funeral which had been well attended by members.

1 Those present:

John Ford, Tom Bourne, Stephen Gant, Jane Nathan, Rob Symonds, Pat Farmer, Jim Riglar, John Powell, Tony Nathan, John Howells, Malcolm Dixon, Trevor Willsden, Pam Lee, Dave Lee, Roger Clitheroe, John Sargeant, June Sargeant, Geoff Salminen, Barbara Farmer, Tom Taylor, Neil Truslove, Christine Truslove, Tony Hale, Ian Harris, Paul James, Celia James, Ken Holden, Dean Everard.

Apologies for Absence:

Gideon Booth, Alec Elliot, Roger Needle, Geoff Whitehouse, Harry Good, Roy Pigeon, John Nagle, Ben Gadsby, Chris Lambert, Mike Brears, Dave Lawton, Anne Riglar, Val Brears, Doug Townsend, Ken Martin, Ken & Hilda Johnson, John & Jo Nagle, Caroline & Tim Harris, Julian Jankowski, Laurie Cook, Frank Ashley, Stephen Parkes.

2 Presentation of Awards

The Chairman presented the annual awards, which are given to recognise outstanding work for the Club. The Writer's Chalice was awarded to Tom Taylor for his continued contribution of regional news to Morris Monthly. The Mary Benfield trophy was awarded to Christine Truslove for her work in the North West region, particularly for organising events within the region. The President's Choice trophy was awarded to John Howells for his work in organising events for the Wales region. The Calormeter trophy will be held over until the January meeting. In making the award of the Chairman's Choice trophy (the trophy that had been presented by Harry Edwards), John announced that this was to be awarded to Tony Hale of the West region. He said that Tony has been a member for 45 years and during this time he has been actively involved in organising events and in promoting the club generally. In the 80th year of the Morris 8, and Tony's own 80th year, he had organised a special event for the region.

3 Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 5th October 2013

The minutes of the previous AGM were published in the November 2013 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 31st January 2014

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd. He pointed out that 2013 had been an expensive year, as shown by the loss on core activities of £1900 that was covered by surpluses from spares and club shop sales. It was now hoped to keep subscriptions level for

2015. MoClub Ltd is now a dormant company, and its net value has been transferred into the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd to create a "Spares Renewal Fund". There were no tax consequences to this, and the accounting costs for MoClub Ltd will be paid in future by the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd. Printing and postage remain the largest cost. Travelling expenses were high for 2013, but this will now reduce with the reduced frequency of meetings.

There being no queries, the accounts were adopted unanimously.

5 Appointment of the Accountants

The continued appointment of Plummer Parsons as the Club's accountants was approved unanimously.

6 Election of Officers

The chairman explained that under rule 5(a) six "Elected Officers" are to be elected. The following serving officers were elected by proxy votes and votes in the meeting:

		For	Against
Chairman	John Ford	100	0
Secretary	Tom Bourne	100	0
Treasurer	Steve Gant	100	0
Membership Secretary	Jane Nathan	100	0
Webmaster	Jim Riglar	100	0
Editor	Rob Symonds	99	1

7 Resolutions

Resolution 5: That Rule 3(h) of the "Rules of the Morris Register" be amended by inserting the words "and any other directors that have been appointed under rule 3(i)" after "membership secretary". Proposed by Tom Bourne, Seconded by Neil Truslove. The resolution was carried unanimously by proxy votes and votes in the meeting totalling 100 votes.

8 Specialist Officers

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

National Rally Organiser	Ben Gadsby
Federation Representative	Pat Farmer
Spares Secretary	Alec Elliot
MSA Representative	Vacant
DVLA authentication Officer	Gideon Booth
Shopkeeper	Julian Jankowski
Vehicle Registrar	Mike Brears Roger Needle John Nagle
Archivist	John Powell
Overseas Secretary	Tom Taylor
Spares Officers	David & Lindsay Smith

9 Chairman's Report

The Chairman started his report by reviewing the contribution that Bob Beaumont had made to the club over many years. The past year had been another successful year, starting with the spectacular show at the NEC, which was a good finale to the centenary year. This has led to the formation of the Morris Vehicles Association, involving almost all of the Morris related clubs. This can only be good for the future of our club. This year has been the 80th year of the Morris 8, and he thanked all who have contributed by organising special events, culminating in the National Rally at Thoresby. Although the Sunday was marred by rain, the event was a success and he thanked those who had

braved the weather, and congratulated the prizewinners. A photo shoot and road test had been undertaken by Practical Classics magazine, comparing popular family cars of the years leading up to the war. This article will be in the December issue of Practical Classics, on sale from mid November. He then went on to thank each officer in turn for his or her continued good work in support of the club in what has been a successful year, with membership on the increase.

10 Date and Place of next Annual General Meeting:

Saturday 3rd October 2015 at Coventry Motor Museum.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for attending, and closed the meeting at 11.20.