



MORRIS REGISTER

The Club for Morris vehicles designed before 1940

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Saturday 8th April 2017 at the MMOC Offices, Derby

The meeting opened at 10.30.

Session 1 - Business

1. Those Present & Apologies for Absence:

Committee members Present: John Ford, Jim Riglar, Stephen Gant, Jane Nathan, Rob Symonds, Pat Farmer, Dave Lawton, Ben Gadsby, John Powell, Tom Taylor, Barbara Farmer, Roy Pidgeon, Anne Riglar, Tony Nathan, Neil Truslove, Roger Clitheroe.

Apologies for absence: Malcolm Dixon, Mike Brears, Val Brears, Christine Truslove, Jeremy Matthews, Julian Jankowski.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the National Committee of 10 October 2016.

The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Matters Arising and Actions.

It was proposed and agreed that Matters Arising and Actions would taken with the appropriate agenda items.

- *Spares Service Stocklist (Item 11 Spares Report)*
- *Display materials for regions (Item 6 Finance)*
- *Seek volunteers for Webmaster, MSA Officer and Info Centre roles (Item 14 Officer vacancies)*
- *Seek candidate for Vice President (Item 14 Officer vacancies)*

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
4	<u>GOVERNANCE</u>	
	The Rules of the Club, were last amended in OCT 15. These were reviewed by the National Committee and no changes were considered necessary.	
5	<u>PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM</u>	
	<p>The secretary presented the proceedings of the Management Team from October 2016 to March 2017.</p> <p>The National Committee reviewed and noted these.</p> <p>It was proposed that an updated member/vehicle directory in hard copy form should be produced. The last such copy had been produced circa 2012.</p> <p>The National Committee endorsed the proposal.</p> <p>Rob Symonds agreed to produce a draft in the Autumn/Winter, but with an issue date to be decided. Action Rob Symonds</p>	RS (New)

6	<p><u>HONORARY MEMBERS</u></p>	
	<p>The Morris Register has occasionally bestowed honorary (life) membership. The management team considers that about 10 honorary members is an appropriate number has approached 9 members: Hilda Johnson, Corrine Beaumont, Gloria Harris, Frank Ashley, Gideon Booth, Ken Martin, Ray Frampton, Ivan Rooke and Arthur Peeling (Ray & Arthur already hold life membership).</p> <p>A committee discussed a number of other potential candidates. The Secretary advised that selection of future Honorary members would be by the National Committee and that he would develop a set of defined criteria which would be presented at the next National Committee meeting. Action Secretary</p> <p>The National Committee reviewed and noted the 10 awards and may consider other candidates at the October 17 meeting.</p>	<p>JR (New)</p>
7	<p><u>FINANCE REPORT & FUNDING REVIEW</u></p>	
	<p>Steve Gant, presented the financial report on the draft 2016-17 accounts. These indicate a pre-tax profit of £22.3K and reflect the higher than anticipated levels of membership. Regional funding was also covered, it being noted that there was no financial return from the South East Region.</p> <p>The National Committee noted the financial report</p>	
8	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>Jane Nathan provided a brief presentation which highlighted the annual membership losses at renewal. There were 2093 members at 31st March, dropping to 1853 on 1st April. As of today (8th April), there are 1890 members as late renewals are made.</p> <p>The National Committee noted the report.</p>	
9	<p><u>WEBSITE/MEMBERSHIP DATABASE DEVELOPMENT</u></p>	
	<p>Jim Riglar advised that the management Team placed an invitation to tender to three web design companies. Two responded, both within the £12K budget set by the committee. A preferred bidder has been selected and a fixed price contract is being developed.</p> <p>The National Committee noted the report.</p>	
10	<p><u>MAGAZINE PRINTING</u></p>	
	<p>Magazine printing by Lavenham's has now been in operation for about 18 months. There have been a number of issues, all of which have been resolved. The printing arrangements are normally retendered on a 3 yearly cycle, but the management team may wish to undertake this sooner should</p>	

	<p>further problems occur with Lavenham's.</p> <p>The National Committee noted that printing arrangements with Lavenham's have stabilised.</p>	
11	<p><u>SPARES REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>Dave Lawton provided a slide presentation of n update on Spares Service. Gross sales for the year were £19,750, with 99% of the order payments made by PayPal.</p> <p>He also outlined spares plans which included improvements to the stock replenishment process and refining stock holdings. Investment of spares funds was required for new manufacture of: Rear Spring brackets (forged & machined), Carburettor gaskets, Head gaskets for 10's & Minors, Axle U bolts and various studs.</p> <p>He advised that the spares website can, by using web search engines, be accessed by non-members and a few non-members may have been able to purchase stock.</p> <p>Development of a Stock List of items continues (ongoing action).</p> <p>Spares Product disclaimer - Legal advice has been obtained from Ladders Solicitors who have advised that a disclaimer would be of no legal merit. This will therefore not be pursued. Action complete</p> <p>The National Committee noted that a product disclaimer would not be issued.</p>	<p>DL (Ongoing)</p> <p>JR/JF (complete)</p>
12	<p><u>NATIONAL RALLY/MVA RALLY</u></p>	
	<p>Ben Gadsby advised that arrangements for the National/MVA Rally on Sat 5th & Sun 6th Aug 2017 we well advanced. He highlighted that a "Lands End-John O'Groats" charity run, raising funds for Pancreatic Cancer would visit Thoresby during the rally. The bar will be provided from a converted bus. A 50 mile road run, featuring a visit to a private car collection, has been arranged for Saturday. The Thoresby Colliery band will provide a concert on Sunday afternoon. John Ford advised that Lancaster Insurance would be providing some sponsorship.</p> <p>The National Committee noted the arrangements.</p>	
13	<p><u>OFFICER VACANCIES</u></p>	
	<p>Webmaster, MSA Officer and Assistant Treasurer posts are vacant. Tom Taylor offered to take up the MSA Officer post. It was suggested that the Webmaster post should be advertised. Pat Farmer reminded that he was standing down from the FBHVC role in October but that Stuart King has expressed an interest in taking on the role. It was agreed to create a new role of MVA Officer to cover MVA liaison. Ben Gadsby offered to undertake this as aligns with the Rally Organiser role. It was considered that there is no</p>	

	<p>requirement for the Vice-President (honorary) role.</p> <p>It was considered that the level national officer vacancies was in large part a reflection and result of the low levels of Regional Committee officers, with many regions struggling to maintain viable committees.</p> <p>The National Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • co-opted Tom Taylor as MSA Officer • endorsed the creation of a MVA Officer • co-opted Ben Gadsby as MVA Officer • noted that the Vice-President role would lapse • efforts to recruit a Webmaster and an Assistant Treasurer would continue. 	JR (ongoing)
14	CLUB VEHICLES	
	<p>The club van is due to move to the North West Region in mid-September. The club lorry is currently held in the Midlands, but the NE Region would like to use it for the 2017 season and the NW Region in the future.</p> <p>The National Committee endorsed rotation of the club lorry through the regions (NE for 2017 and subsequently NW)</p>	

Session 2 - Discussion

15. Items raised by Regions/Regional Reports

It was noted that the East Anglia Region committee was standing down en-bloc in March 2018. Whether this will prompt other members to come forward or result in the national management of the East Anglia Region remains to be seen. At the other extreme, Anne Riglar advised that the West Region remained vibrant, with four very active noggins and few less active. Up to 30-45 people attend some noggins and the regional AGM. The West Region Committee currently has 10 members and supports Drive-it-Day and 4-5 other road runs/year, cross-noggin meetings and a Spring break (46 members booked for Hereford in May 17) as well as attendance at a number of events.

The National Committee noted the lack of volunteers for Regional (*and National*) Committees and that the Regional Structure would need to be kept under review

16. Officer Reports

Secretary – Jim Riglar reported that all Regions appear to have sufficient display materials and no further action is proposed.

DVLA Officer – Tom Bourne provided a comprehensive report on registration cases, 26 completed cases have been archived. 19 new cases have been raised this year. During this year, 11 cases have been completed, 16 are in progress, 6 are enquiries and 9 are dormant. He advised DVLA policy changes regarding replacement bodies, and which would allow him to progress some of the stalled cases.

PWMN - Jim Riglar covered a written report provided by Chris Lambert. (see Appendix 1)

Shopkeeper - Barbara Farmer would be assuming the full shopkeeper role and assuming responsibility for web shop aspects previously handled by Julian

Jankowski. Barbara reported that there are issues with web-shop parcel weight/postage rates which will need to be addressed.

Archivist – John Powell stated that over 11000 entries had now been processed.

Vehicle Registrar - Jim Riglar covered a written report provided by Mike Brears. (see Appendix 1)

Overseas Secretary – Tom Taylor advised that copies of magazines from overseas registers are available. The arrangements for those registers to access our magazines need to be reviewed.

17. Any Other Business

MSA Certificates of Exemption – Jim Riglar reminded the committee that MSA CoE applications can provide a degree of insurance coverage for non-members participating in Morris Register organised events.

18. Date of Next Meeting

John Ford advised that the Nat Cttee meeting will be held following the AGM on Saturday 14th October 2017 at the Ullesthorpe Court Hotel & Golf Club, Frolesworth Rd, Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth LE17 5BZ.

PWMN

In future the PWMN website will only offer free access to it's Member's area to Morris Register Members. Non-members will be charged a fee of £10. This area includes a host of technical data and image galleries of factory photos etc. The purpose behind this move being to encourage non-MR members to sign-up.

I'm aware that a number of Minor owners have recently joined the Register as a direct result of the Network's affiliation and I continue to promote the MR via our PWMN forum. Last October we held a very successful combined PWMN/MR Autumn pub meet at The Manor House in Wortham with 15 cars and crews turning up with a second such meet due to take place Sunday 02 APR 17 at the same venue. This is another area of the relationship between PWMN and MR that I would like to see developed.

The PWMN Rally in June 2017 currently has 22 entries, very close to our self imposed maximum of 25.

Chris Lambert
30 MAR 2017

Vehicle Registrar

While there are no problems, there is a noticeable lack of response from members to requests to provide vehicle details. I refer to my request in the January magazine for those new members who joined at the NEC in November to provide full details of their vehicles. To date I cannot recall one response!

In the past I have spent a considerable amount of time chasing members for their vehicle details, without a great deal of success, in future I'm not going to bother.

While I will continue to prepare the vehicle register for the website based on the main membership database I require clarification on what is shown. Currently all vehicles on the database appear on the website register, where the vehicle is owned by a Club member their basic details are also included. The problem I now find is that when a member does not renew the permissions to publish details are automatically removed.

This, if taken to it's logical conclusion would have the effect of removing approximately 37% of the vehicle data on the website register.

What I need from the committee is a clear directive in respect of the inclusion or otherwise of vehicle details where membership has lapsed or where we do not know the current owner.

Remember I am talking about a VEHICLE register which anybody could compile and publish if they spent enough time on it.

Mike Brears
31 MAR 2017