



MORRIS REGISTER

The Club for Morris vehicles designed before 1940

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Saturday 16th April 2016 at the Coventry Transport Museum

The meeting opened at 10.30.

1. Those Present & Apologies for Absence:

President: Malcolm Dixon

Committee members Present: Stephen Gant, Jane Nathan, Rob Symonds, Jim Riglar, Pat Farmer, Ben Gadsby, John Powell, Barbara Farmer, Tony Nathan, Anne Riglar, Roger Clitheroe, Neil Truslove, Dave Lawton, Tom Bourne, Tom Taylor, Martin McClarence, Ken Gosden.

Apologies for absence: John Ford, Pam Lee, Dave Lee, Mike Rose, Julian Jankowski, Jenny Smithson, Roger Needle, Mike Brears, Chris Lambert, Jeremy Matthews, Roy Pidgeon

Session 1 - Business - chaired by Malcolm Dixon (in absence of John Ford)

2. Approval of the Minutes of the National Committee of 3 October 2015.

Proposed by John Powell & Seconded by Tom Taylor, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Matters Arising and Actions.

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

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
4	<u>KINGSWINFORD NOGGIN (MIDLAND REGION)</u>	
	<p>The National Committee stance, adopted out-of-committee on 26 Nov 15, to allow re-instatement of the noggin on a trial/monitored for 12 months basis.</p> <p>a. Barbara Farmer reported that there had been a lengthy debate at the Midland Region AGM on the issue of trial re-instatement of the Kingswinford Noggin. The region has decided to hold this in abeyance, but will however keep the issue under review.</p> <p>b. The National Committee ratified its 26 Nov 15 out-of-committee stance to allow re-instatement of the noggin on a trial/monitored for 12 months basis.</p>	Nat Cmttee (complete)
5	<u>PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM</u>	

	The secretary presented the proceedings of the Management Team from October 2015 to April 2016. These were noted.	
6	<u>FINANCE REPORT</u>	
	<p>The treasurer presented the 2015-16 accounts and these were noted by the committee. The variations in regional funding levels and balances were discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Regional Funding guidelines would be amended to allow for mileage claims from members getting cars to National Shows where the show is outside the member's own region.</p> <p>Display materials for Regional use (outstanding action). It was agreed that national funds would be used to provide for purchase of display materials by the regions, negating the need for regions to collect and return centrally held national display material.</p> <p>Action Secretary to establish with regions what display items they require, investigate suppliers, and arrange purchase contract(s).</p> <p>Storage of Register materials Storage of materials has usually been provided by members on a goodwill basis. The potential for the Register having dedicated storage was discussed. Dave Lawton was able to provide illustrative costs based on container storage he uses, comprising container purchase costs and storage site rental. Dave Lawton and Steve Gant would investigate this as a potential future option to meet register needs.</p>	<p>JR (new)</p> <p>DL/SG (new)</p>
7	<u>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>	
	<p>Jane Nathan provided details of the current membership, reflecting non renewals at the start of the 2016-17 year and providing comparisons of membership strengths over the past 3 years. This indicted a slow but steady increase in membership numbers, but also an increase in the annual churn of members with 250 losses at renewal. Jane summarised the gains & losses position as "two-way traffic"</p> <p>Lavenham's have been tasked to mail joining packs to new members.</p>	JF (complete)
8	<u>MAGAZINE PRINTING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS</u>	
	<p>The Lavenham's printing contract has been in place for about 7 months. A few overseas members have reported very late arrival of magazines through the courier network used by the contract. The National Committee noted that the contract will be modified so that some overseas distribution will be by the more efficient postal system used on previous contracts rather than the current courier service network. Action Chairman</p>	JF
9	<u>INFORMATION CENTRE</u>	
	The National Committee noted Information Centre developments and expressed their thanks to John & Jo Nagle for the sterling work they have done for the club over the past 10 years.	

10	<u>SPARES SERVICE</u>	
	<p>Dave Lawton provided an update on Spares Service developments. A Stock List of items is being developed (ongoing action).</p> <p>Issues about provenance of old and new stock were discussed.</p> <p>The National Committee agreed : that legal advice should be sought for a product disclaimer that future spares purchase should be of items for which provenance is available</p> <p>The option, in collaboration with the MMOC, to purchase of M8 Spares from Australia was discussed</p> <p>The National Committee agreed : not to proceed with the potential purchase of M8 spares from Australia</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>JR/JF</p>
11	<u>NATIONAL RALLY</u>	
	<p>Ben Gadsby reported progress for the 2016 National Rally at Thoresby. An invitation has been extended to MVA Clubs to join us for the weekend. For the Saturday, driving games will be re-introduced as part of the events. A volunteer to organise the games is needed! A visit to a micro-brewery is proposed for the road run. Responses from auto-jumblers are slow, with only two having responded so far. A 1950's-60's theme night is being considered for the Saturday evening entertainment. Entry forms will be issued with May's Morris Monthly. Where possible rally packs will be issued by e-mail rather than posted.</p> <p>Malcolm Dixon advised that he still had one standard room available for the weekend in Warner's Thoresby Hall.</p> <p>Tony Nathan raised the issue of Thoresby charging, which still remains an issue with some members in his region. Following discussion, the National Committee position remained unchanged, and charging will continue.</p> <p>Rally futures Working Group – It was noted that this had not met. JR advised he would discuss Rally Future issues with the management Team</p>	<p>JR (ongoing)</p>
12	<u>CO-OPTION OF SPECIALIST OFFICERS</u>	
	<p>Webmaster – The National Committee noted that Mike Rose has agreed to undertake the role confirmed his co-option as Webmaster.</p> <p>Information Centre – The National Committee noted the post vacancy and that volunteers will be sought for the Information Centre role.</p>	<p>JR (new)</p>
13	<u>RESOLUTIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR AGM</u>	
	The National Committee noted the vacant Vice-President position.	

No potential candidates for vacancies or to facilitate succession planning for National Officer positions were identified. Steve Gant raised the issue of a need for an Assistant Treasurer.	
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Session 2 - Discussion - chaired by Malcolm Dixon

14. Items raised by Regions

No additional issues were raised.

15. Officer Reports

Chairman In the Chairman's absence (illness), the Secretary advised that items the Chairman had wished to cover were scoped elsewhere in the agenda.

Secretary Jim Riglar reported that most actions required with Companies House, to reflect that change of Secretary, Registered Office address and an update of Director's details had been completed. One action related to Director's details remained outstanding and would be completed within the next few days. **Action JR**

Editor Rob Symonds covered magazine issues relating an MVA insert, Practical Classics club information.

Webmaster The Secretary reported that the new Webmaster, Mike Rose, was now in post and was familiar with most required actions.

FBHVC Representative Pat Farmer reported disturbing developments with the Insurance Code of practice on Insurance salvage/write offs and the impact of modified DVLA write-off categories.

MSA Officer (no report). Tom Taylor advised that he was aware that the MSA were reconsidering the criteria or need for some Certificates of Exemption.

Spares Dave Lawton reported the spares website has now moved within the Morris Register domains. Most on-line shop items are now shown with pictures. The volume of spares sales has been increasing month by month during 2016. A sale of some older stock and slow moving items is being held during April.

Other issues under consideration are direct procurement of items from manufacturers rather than third party suppliers, the addition of new products to the range of items sold and where possible, reducing prices. He highlighted that some help is needed with spares procurement! Dave raised the idea of a pool of club tools for loan issue. This was subject to discussion but some committee members were aware something similar had been tried previously with little success.

DVLA / Historian Tom Bourne provided a report detailing some of the complexities of the 36 cases he had since taking on the DVLA role. 16 cases are now complete, 10 in progress and 10 at initial enquiry/pending stage. He confirmed from gained experience that the DVLA Authentication charge fees of £30 per member / £70 for non-member were suitable to cover costs. The National Committee ratified these charges. **Action complete**

PWMN In the absence of Chris Lambert, the Secretary reported that Chris wished to explore the next stage of affiliation.

Shopkeeper (see written report at Appendix 1)

Barbara Farmer advised that she was providing club shop cover for shows. Despite a low attendance £212 of goods were sold the recent Restoration Show. New line being introduced include an umbrella and possibly for 2016, Christmas Cards.

Archivist John Powell reported he now had another two boxes of file to progress, probably in 12 months time. In excess of 11,000 images had been captured digitally so far!

Vehicle Registrar A written report was provided.

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Overseas Secretary Tom Taylor advised that magazine exchange was now in place with the Morris Register of South Australia. He was aware of two couples visiting the UK from Australia and had passed details to regional secretaries

16. Date of Next Meeting

The AGM & Nat Cttee meetings 1 October 2016 at Coventry Transport Museum

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

Club Shop

As far as the web sales are going – it is usually slow this time of year but quite a few technical books have been sent to Australia as well as the Presnell book which we should now remove from the web site as there are only a small number remaining for Barbara to take to the shows.

Thanks to Tom Bourne for purchasing in the first place at such a good price and for his sterling work going to the Post Office when orders came in.

A few car and button badges have been sold and we are now at a point where cloth badges could be ordered as stocks are low but not urgent.

Since the cub web site has been up and running the turn over of regalia has seen a steady growth.

Regards
Julian

J Jankowski

15 April 2016

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30 March 2016