



The Pre 1940

MORRIS REGISTER

Limited

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Saturday 28 April 2012 at the Coventry Transport Museum

The meeting opened at 1.15

1. Presentation of President's Award for 2011 to Martin Redmond

The President reported that he was pleased to make the presentation of the President's Award for 2011 to Martin Redmond. This was in recognition of the outstanding achievement in Martin's round-the-world trip in his Morris 25, as is currently being reported in Morris Monthly. Martin responded by saying that in buying the Morris 25 for the trip, he had wanted a modest car that could be left behind if it broke down. As it turned out though, leaving the car behind was out of the question! He was pleased to report that "Stanley" had recently passed his MoT.

2. Those Present & Apologies for Absence:

Committee members Present: Bob Beaumont, Ken Johnson, John Ford, Tom Bourne, Phil Butland, Steve Gant, Mark Smith, Rob Symonds, Tom Taylor, Gideon Booth, Jim Riglar, John Powell, Neil Truslove,

Other members Attending: Anne Riglar, Hilda Johnson, Christine Truslove, Roger Needle, John Nagle, Jo Nagle, Roger Clitheroe, Yvonne Booth

Apologies for absence received from: Mike Brears, Malcolm Dixon, Russell Moore, Harry Good, Norma Cook, Caroline Harris, Ann Moore, John Howells, Margaret Molyneux, Tim Harris, Laurie Cook, Pam Lee, Dave Lee, Tony Nathan, Ken Martin, Chris Lambert, Dave Lawton

3. Approval of the Minutes of the National Committee of 28 January 2012

4. Matters Arising - none

5. Chairman's Report

The chairman reported that Dave Harris had recently informed him of his intention to resign as Deputy Chairman and as a director of the Company. A retirement gift has been arranged, which will be sent on to Dave by the President. John went on to thank Dave for all his effort to move the Club forward over the past years, and wished him well for a speedy recovery of his health. He continued by saying that the Club is going well, with contributions to the Magazine increasing, and more volunteers coming forward. He then dwelt briefly on his concerns over the issue of communication, particularly the use of emails for airing grievances. There followed a discussion on this issue.

He then reported on discussions that had taken place between Board members concerning the posts of Deputy Chairman and Assistant Secretary that had been created at the October 2010 President's Conference. The discussion that followed concluded that it would be best to discontinue these posts, and revert to the previous arrangements.

The Secretary then briefly summarised work that he thought was needed to improve the governance of the club and the company in order to bring more clarity to roles and responsibilities. A working group comprising John Ford, Tom Bourne, Neil Truslove and Jim Riglar volunteered to progress this and report back to the next meeting.

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
6	Finance	
	<p>a. The Treasurer gave an update of the financial position for the year. This is on target for a surplus. The 2011/12 accounts for both MoClub Ltd and the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd will be presented to the next meeting. The question of VAT registration has been looked at, and we are currently too near the threshold to consider de-registration.</p> <p>b. The Assistant Treasurer reported 4 responses had been received from the regions concerning the review of regional funding. A detailed report will be brought to the next meeting. Not all regions submit accounts to the Treasurer, should this be linked to the provision of funds?</p> <p>c. The Chairman reported on the results of market testing the printing of Morris Monthly. The best offer was by OMP Group, and would give a saving of about £3,000 per year. There was a long discussion during which some members said they thought we should stay with Pagefast. With a vote of 10 for, 1 against, and 2 abstentions the committee endorsed the proposal to let the contract for printing the magazine to OMP Group with effect from the June issue.</p> <p>d. Insurance of Club Trailer. There was a long discussion around the condition of the trailer, and the materials that are stored inside it. It is currently uninsured, awaiting details. It was agreed that the club trailer should not be taken out of storage until insurance cover for loss or damage to the trailer and its contents is in place, and that a method of "signing out", or "authorised users" should be devised to ensure that members towing the trailer meet legal and insurance requirements.</p> <p>e. The committee noted that the insurance of the club lorry and van will be transferred to the name of the secretary, and that registered owner on the registration documents will be transferred to the current registered address.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>JF/TB</p> <p>JF/MD</p> <p>TB</p>
7	Spares Service	
	<p>a. A stocktake has recently been completed. Ownership of the stock of spares has been transferred from MoClub Ltd to the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd at an estimated value of £6,000.</p> <p>b. The review of the future of the spares function has been commenced, and 5 options have been identified so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Morris Register Trading • 2. Morris Register Trading, but with a new company • 3. Sub-contracted Spares Service • 4. Knowledge exchange • Shared spares trading (with an administrator) <p>This work will continue, and a report brought to the next meeting</p>	<p>TT/GN</p>
8	Events	
	<p>a. 2012. Arrangements for Thoresby are on target. Details of Pre-War Prescott to be published in Minor Matters. Chilterns region may be able to take on the MGLive arrangements.</p> <p>b. 2013. A steering group will comprise John Ford, Roger Needle and Jim Riglar. The West region is working with MMOC on a joint event at Beaulieu Spring 2013. BMW are planning an event for March 2013. Rob Symonds proposed an events calendar for the magazine, with invited events, and those endorsed by the club</p>	<p>RS Chilterns</p> <p>JF/RN/JR</p> <p>RS</p>

9	Historian Issues	
	<p>a. Progress of the Archives Working Group was summarised, and the recommendations presented. The committee agreed to the findings of the subgroup, as shown in the “what happens next?” column of the register, and agreed to discussions proceeding with the MG Car Club regarding possible shared use of their archive storage facility.</p> <p>b. Minor Manual. John Nagle commented that he has started this work from scratch, and it is largely his own work, not just copying old material. It was agreed that if this is to be published by the Club, it must carefully avoid any element of recommendation that could lead to legal claims, and it must also respect the copyright of all materials used. Members of the committee will be provided with access to a copy and asked to comment in time for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Working Group</p> <p>JF</p> <p>JN/All</p>
10	Web & IT issues	
	<p>a. Jim Riglar reported that the Forum has been moved to the public area of the website, and conforms with the recommendations of the 8mvs working group. He has also cleared out lapsed members.</p> <p>b. Jim outlined the proposals by Dave Lawton for the sharing of the membership database. The concerns over security can be met by excluding all direct debit information. He will report to the next meeting.</p>	JR
11	Nuffield Place	
	<p>a. Bob Beaumont reported that Nuffield Place has now been taken over by the National Trust.</p> <p>b. John Powel reported that he has been asked by the BNMC to act as the contact point with the Morris Register in respect of possible events at Nuffield Place</p>	BB/JP
12	Officer Reports	
	<p>a. Gideon Booth reported that the DVLA work is going well</p> <p>b. Mark Smith reported that membership has dropped by 220 on the first month post-renewal, and stands at 1,730. There have been 40 new members since the last meeting. He questioned whether we should change the publication date to later in the month, but the consensus was that we should stay with the 1st of the month.</p>	
13	Any Other Business	
	The Chairman read out the letter he had received from Dave Harris announcing his resignation as deputy chairman and director. Those present joined in thanking Dave for all he had done to move the Club forward, and wished to send him best wishes and a speedy recovery.	
14	Date and Venue of Next Meeting	
	The date will be July 28 th , venue to be fixed. Those present thought that the Museum was a good venue.	