



The Pre 1940

MORRIS REGISTER

Limited

MINUTES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Saturday 28 July 2012 at the Coventry Transport Museum

The meeting opened at 12.00

1. Those Present & Apologies for Absence:

Committee members Present: Bob Beaumont, John Ford, Tom Bourne, Mike Brears, Phil Butland, Mark Smith, Malcolm Dixon, Russel Moore, Jim Riglar, John Powell, Geoff Whitehouse, Tony Nathan, Ann Moore,

Other members Attending: Trevor Willsden, Val Brears, Pam Lee, Dave Lee, Roger Needle, John Nagle, Jo Nagle, Roger Clitheroe

Apologies for absence received from: Ken Johnson, Steve Gant, Rob Symonds, Tom Taylor, Gideon Booth, Michelle Smith, Harry Good, Caroline Harris, Neil Truslove, John Howells, Margaret Molyneux,

- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the National Committee of 28 April 2012.** Correction by Mark Smith regarding date of mailing of magazines. Clarification by Mike Brears regarding penultimate paragraph of page 1 – these discussions were held informally by email, not part of a directors' formal meeting. With these corrections and clarifications noted, the minutes were approved.

- 3. Matters Arising - none**

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
4	Governance	
	a. The secretary gave a summary of the report of the subgroup. The directors have discussed this and feel that there may be other options that merit closer examination by the subgroup. The committee agreed that the work of the subgroup should continue, and a report brought to the next meeting.	TB
	b. The committee considered the need for some additions to the rules, to cover the qualifications for directors, and their length of service, and agreed that a resolution amending the Rules, covering the qualification and service of directors, should be put to the AGM.	TB
5	Finance Issues	
	a. The Treasurer presented the accounts for both MoClub Ltd and the Pre 1940 Morris Register Ltd, and outlined the complications involved in the transition between the two companies. There was an overall loss for the year, although the current year is at present predicting a surplus. The Committee agreed that the accounts should go to the AGM with a resolution for adoption.	PB/TB
	b. Options for the future of MoClub Ltd were briefly discussed, and it was agreed that this should remain dormant for the time being.	
	c. There was a question from the NW region concerning the payment of the Regional Levy for 2011/12. JF will send a reply.	JF
	d. TB reported that the review of regional funding was still under way, and	

	<p>some returns still awaited. It was agreed that this should be a topic for the president's conference in October.</p> <p>e. There was a discussion concerning the funding of Thoresby, and the Committee agreed that funding for 2012 should be increased to cover extra costs, and that a budget for the 2013 event should be brought to the October meeting.</p> <p>f. There was a discussion concerning the club trailer. Our insurers are processing the request for insurance. Alternatives to the trailer were discussed, such as the purchase of a shed to hold the exhibition materials, and the hire of a pick-up when needed. Some equipment has become lost or damaged. Should the regions buy and maintain their own equipment, and we keep that currently in the trailer nearer to Thoresby for its sole use? Mark Smith and Geoff Whitehouse agreed to look into options and report to the next meeting.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>PB</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MS/GW</p>
6	Matters for the AGM	
	<p>a. The proposed resolutions for the AGM relating to finance were reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>b. Officers currently in post agreed to be put forward for re-election. Proposers and seconders for the posts of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were received.</p>	
7	Spares Service	
	<p>a. The written report by Tom Taylor was summarized. Tom and Graham are willing to stay on in the short term whilst alternative arrangements can be put in place. In terms of the review of the Spares Service, they expressed their preference for option 1, continuation of the status quo. Bob Beaumont thanked Tom and Graham for their offer, and said we need to bite the bullet and select and develop our favoured option. There was a brief discussion of options.</p> <p>b. The meeting thanked Tom and Graham and gladly accepted their offer to keep going. Gifts as a token of appreciation to be sent.</p> <p>c. Also agreed that we should continue to try to recruit replacements.</p> <p>d. Treasurer and Asst Treasurer should be closely involved in the review and development of options.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>TB/JF</p> <p>JF</p> <p>PB/SG</p>
8	Events	
	<p>a. Thoresby – MD reported a high level of response for this year. For 2013 there has been a full take-up of rooms booked in the hotel. MMOC and BNMC are interested in attending</p> <p>b. NEC 16/18th Nov 12 – JF reported that a large island stand has been allocated. Theme is “the story of the car”. Organizers are interested in making a feature of Martin Redmond’s “round the world” Morris 25. JF outlined proposals to publish a small book by Martin, 76-80 pages A5. 2 offers of sponsorship have been received. Prices for different quantities will be sought, and the sale price set in the light of this. Possibly about £5. The committee agreed to the proposal to publish this book, with the net proceeds from the sales of the book to go to The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association.</p> <p>c. 2013 – a meeting of the Morris clubs has been arranged for October 14th, when arrangements for joint events will be progressed.</p> <p>d. Events secretary – the committee agreed to the creation of the post of Events Secretary, and agreed to the cooption of Roger Needle to this post. Roger agreed to perform this role for 2013.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF/RN</p>

9	Historian Issues	
	<p>a. Archives – JF reported that the MG Car Club has agreed to let us have space in their archive facility at their headquarters in Abingdon. The committee agreed to the creation of the post of archivist, and agreed to the cooption of John Powell to this post. The role will include completing the detailed cataloguing and transfer to storage, and managing subsequent access. The possibility of scanning should be investigated.</p> <p>b. Minor Manual – following agreement on final amendments, the committee agreed that the Minor Manual prepared by John Nagle should be published as a Morris Register publication. Initially 50 copies will be printed, sale price will be £15 incl UK postage for members, and £15 + postage for others.</p> <p>c. “Yellow Pages” – the committee agreed to John Nagle’s proposal to develop a “yellow pages of service providers” on the website. A disclaimer should be included.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>JN</p> <p>JN</p>
10	Web and IT Issues	
	<p>a. Membership database – JR outlined that the membership database could be carried in a secure area of the Club’s website. He will work with MS to develop and test this, reporting back to the next meeting.</p> <p>b. Forum/8mvs – JR reported recent changes he has made to the forum. He has also batched and archived emails from the 8mvs. TB reported discussions with Alun Spilman. The committee agreed that a move from the 8mvs should be encouraged, but needs to be handled sensitively. That a sub group should be formed to propose a way ahead, and that this should be put to the next Presidents’ Conference for discussion.</p> <p>c. Pre War Minor Network – TB reported recent discussions with Chris Lambert. JR reported that work is in progress, and it should be quite easy to host the PWMN on the Club website. Chris Lambert has agreed to attend the October President’s Conference to take part in further discussions. TB to inform CL.</p>	<p>JR/MS</p> <p>TB</p> <p>JR</p> <p>TB</p>
11	Nuffield Place – Roger Needle reported that discussions have taken place on events for 2013	
12	<p>Officer Reports</p> <p>JF reported a show to be held in the north, 22/23 June, 100 cars needed, more detail to follow.</p> <p>TB reported work in progress on a Complaints Procedure.</p> <p>Mark Smith reported membership stands at 1,817.</p> <p>Gideon Booth reported a high success rate with DVLA, only 2 refusals</p> <p>Jim Riglar reported on the Bristol Classic Car Show for 2013, a car is needed for the Restoration Show</p>	
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Tom Taylor has reported that Morrisises and the Club may be mentioned on the “One Show”.</p> <p>TB reported that he had been offered a collection of Morris Owner magazines as a job lot for the club. It was agreed he should negotiate for these, with a budget of max £50.</p>	
14	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Saturday 6th October at the Blunsdon House Hotel, starting with the AGM, followed by a President’s Conference. Possible guest speaker to be investigated by Bob Beaumont.</p>	BB