

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN



SOUTH EAST SECTION

The Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting of the South East Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain held at The Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, Reigate, Surrey on Sunday 25th November 2012

Chairman: Ron Clark
Treasurer: Henry Smith
Secretary: Ann Wait

Committee Members

Amy Coke, Paul Noon, Dan Lehmann, Jan van de Pol DL, Denis Bass, Christopher Loder.

65 Members and their guests attended the Meeting

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 11:30am. He asked members to stand in memory of Peter Phillips.

Eileen Lawson, a close friend of Peter, paid a moving tribute to him.

“I would like to say a few words about Peter Phillips, who passed away recently: a friend of some 30 years.

A fun, rascal of a man but also someone who showed dedication and serious involvement to the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain. He and Rosemary attended **all** major rallies and Annual General Meetings around Britain during his period as Chairman. They also travelled to several events whilst he served as President but, due to a serious illness, their visits were reduced.

Peter was still enjoying the preparation of his cars, driving around Britain and France to participate in events and, of course, meeting friends and old and new acquaintances.

It was amazing to see so many members and friends showing their admiration for knowing such a great character! People travelled from far and wide to attend the service to celebrate his life on Friday 9th November, 2012. Our thoughts are with his family. He will be sadly missed.”

The Chairman then welcomed the Chairman of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, Past Presidents, previous members of the Committee, South East Section Members and their guests.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from 34 members: Sir Freddie and Lady Sowery, Nigel Parrott, Tim and Sue Watson, Robert Haynes Brown, John Hickman, Alan and Barbara Maddows, Nicholas Beaumont, Paul Curtis, Roger and Pam Bishop, Tim Wilson, Henry Smith, Brian Kingsley, Richard Ashby, Robert Mansfield, Gillie and Austin Parkinson, , Rob Aylott, Graham and Elizabeth Bennett, Michael Banfield, Ivan Odds, Tim Pipkin, Cathy Cobbold, Anthony Lewis, Arthur Freakes, Peter and Monica Bartley, Frank and Margaret Walton, Amy Coke.

2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting held at the Hickstead Hotel, Hickstead, on Sunday 27th November 2011

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated at this meeting, by email newsletter and on the section website. It was proposed by Mr. John Lawson and seconded by Nicholas Bacon that these constituted a true record of the meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

3 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4 **Treasurer's Report**

Henry Smith has looked after the accounts and is retiring from the position due to business pressures. He was in Malaysia at present and had sent his apologies to the meeting. David Budgeon, our auditor, had agreed to present the report.

He explained that this is the first year that the accounts will be presented in this way and that they will be presented in this format in future. We have separated the events, which incur some risk, from the social aspects of our activities. The events accounts will now appear under the Veteran Car Company Ltd account and the social events under the Veteran Car Club South East Section account. Although there was more income into this account this year, expenses were higher. We had to take into account depreciation of the value of the Eezi-ups otherwise there would have been a small surplus.

The Section has now set up a Club account with the NatWest Bank that allows us to pay in all the cheques immediately.

There is a loan showing from the Veteran Car Company Ltd account that had been needed because of the restriction on the number of cheques that could be paid into the old Nationwide account.

There were no questions on the accounts.

5 **Adoption of Audited Accounts**

On the proposal of Mr Richard Eastmead, seconded by Mr Derek Grossmark, it was agreed unanimously that these accounts be adopted.

6 **Election of Members to the Committee of the South East Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain**

The Committee proposed Amy Coke for re-election. This was seconded by Nicholas Bacon and passed unanimously. The Committee proposed that Mike Mutters be elected to the Committee. It was seconded by Richard Eastmead. No further nominations had been received so he was automatically elected.

7 **Election of Section Officers**

The Committee proposed that the following officers should be elected:

Chairman: Christopher Loder

Treasurer: Position vacant

Secretary: Ann Wait

These were seconded by Michael Kent and passed unanimously.

Ron Clark explained that the section is also without a Scribe and there would be no notes in future Gazettes until someone was willing to take on the role. He asked for a member from the floor to volunteer to take on this position.

8 **Section Representative on Executive Committee.**

Ron Clark explained that he would continue to chair this meeting and hand over to the new chairman for the Veteran Car Company Ltd. AGM that would follow this meeting.

He reported that the position of Section Representative is now vacant. There is no-one on the Committee who is able to go to Ashwell six times a year for the meetings. The Office Manager of the club (Stephen Curry) has agreed to send us the minutes of the meetings and the agendas for discussion at Section Committee meetings.

Derek Grossmark said it is very important that we should be represented at Ashwell. Please would somebody offer to undertake this role.

John Lawson said that he attended the meetings and would report to the Committee but it is imperative that a member of the section should go to the meetings at Ashwell, otherwise the Section has no vote and no influence on the decisions taken there.

9 **Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

The Committee proposed David Budgeon. It was seconded by Mr Michael Doughty and passed unanimously. Ron Clark thanked him for his work for the section.

10 **Any Other Business**

- 10.1 John Morris asked how many members had sent in a voluntary contribution to the Section funds. Ann Wait replied that only half a dozen contributions had been received amounting to just over £100.
- 10.2 Would it be possible for Direct payments to the Section account to be made? Ann Wait said we hoped to set up this facility now that we have the NatWest account up and running.
- 10.3 Why do we not have a section subscription? Ann Wait replied that this once operated but Headquarters had told us we could not ask for additional subscriptions as members had paid a subscription to the Club already.
- 10.4 Ron Clark thanked Dan Lehmann, Jan van de Pol, Amy Coke and Henry Smith for their work for the section over the years.
- 10.5 Beaulieu. About 24 years ago Ron Clark and Richard Eastmead had suggested to Ashwell that the Club should have a presence at Beaulieu. This had been agreed and it is now well established and running well. Ron Clark had now stood down from organising it, but the South East Section is still involved. Martin Waller and John Blackford, whose business is the organisation of events, are now planning the weekend and organising the marquee. Mike Mutters works with them. Many people pass through the marquee to partake of bacon butties and the bar. The event is run to thank members but we would like more people to come in and have a taste of the club. It is an enjoyable weekend.
- 10.6 Ron Clark reported that the Club stand had been out at events about 10 times this year. It is about 16 metres long and 2 metres high and covered in photographs. It is an attraction wherever it goes and has brought in a number of new members.

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was closed at 11:58am.