

THE VETERAN CAR CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN



SOUTH EAST SECTION

The **68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** **South East Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain**

Held at the Hickstead Hotel
Jobs Lane, Hickstead, West Sussex

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2017 at 11.00am

In accordance with the Notice of the Meeting already circulated.

There were 83 members present

The AGM was opened at 11am. Chairman Denis Bass opened the meeting by wishing all present 'Good morning and welcome to the 68th Annual General Meeting of the South East Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain'.

Denis explained that the Meeting will be followed immediately by the 15th Annual General Meeting of the South East Section of Veteran Car Company Ltd, and the agenda for this is printed in blue for ease of use. He welcomed to the meeting, a past President, Richard Eastmead, VCC Chairman Adrian Goding, South East members and guests.

Denis asked if everyone to please stand to remember the following members who had passed away since our last AGM;

Graham Bennett, Alan Hancock, Chris Cooper and in addition we would like to remember David Corry, who sadly passed away following the 2017 London to Brighton VCR.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Peter and Monica Bartley, Roger and Pam Bishop, Cathy Cobbold, John Dennis, Graham and Sandy Dutch, Alistair and Mai Hacking, John Hickman, Phil Johnson, Lorraine Morris, John Newens, Allan and Adele Perry, Michael and Susan Thompson, Mark and Susie Tidy, Mike Timms, Allan White, John Wilkins and Tim and Sarah Wilson.

2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 67th AGM held on Sunday 27th November 2016**

Denis requested a proposer to confirm the Minutes of the 67th AGM held on Sunday 27th November 2016.

Proposer: Richard Eastmead. Seconder Tam Large.. All present were in favour.

3. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere** – The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising. No matters arising.

4. **Treasurer's Report** (Report available on the website and on the day at the AGM)

David Gibbins began by checking that all present had a copy of the accounts. He went on to say that they were presented in the same format as last year. There had been a number of events all returning a small profit. There had also been somewhat of a windfall in that one event cost a lot less than anticipated. Under miscellaneous expenses which includes treating the cost for the AGM as an expense to the section, there is a slight increase. (The AGM was not treated as an event previously) David added that there was a small management fee and explained that this is the cost of moving functions from Company to Club. David concluded that the club finances were in a positive position.

There were no questions from the floor. Denis thanked David for all his hard work. Treasurers' report attached as a PDF attachment

5. **Adoption of audited Section Accounts** – Request from Denis to adopt the accounts for the SE Section. Proposer Tam Large. Seconder Michael Doughty. All present were in favour.

6. Election of Members to the Committee of the South East Section

Denis Bass, having served an additional year as Chairman was to duly retire, but however he offered himself for re-election as Chairman. The Secretary Ann Wait had submitted her resignation as Secretary due to ill health but will remain as a committee member. Barbara Greaves has offered her services as Secretary and Peter Boulding his services as Events Coordinator, both having recently been elected as Section committee members. The Secretary had received no further nominations for election to the committee and therefore the election of the committee members was to proceed, which took the meeting to item 7, the Election of Section Officers.

7. Election of Section Officers:

Denis asked Club Chairman Adrian Goding to take this item.

The Committee proposed the following positions on the SE Section committee:

Chairman	Denis Bass
Vice Chairman	Vacant position
Treasurer	David Gibbins
Events Coordinator	Peter Boulding
Secretary	Barbara Greaves
Committee members –	Ann Wait, Mike Mutters, Mark Eichner, Cressida de-Little, David Ralph, Chris Loder.

Secunder to the committee proposal: Ann Gibbins. All present voted in favour.

Denis asked Adrian if a vote for the new committee member Michael Edwards could take place. Proposer: Ron Clark. Secunder: John Morris. All present were in favour.

Section Representative on the Executive Committee, Mike Mutters. The committee nominated Mike Mutters as the Section representative on the Executive committee at HQ: Secunder: Adrian Goding. All present voted in favour.

8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

The Committee proposed that David Budgeon continues his role as the honorary Auditor for the SE Section. Secunder: Bridget Doughty. All present voted in favour.

The 68th AGM for the SE Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain concluded at 11.12 am.

Denis then moved on to the 15th AGM of the SE Section for the Veteran Car Company.

VETERAN CAR COMPANY LTD



SOUTH EAST SECTION

The minutes of the 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the South East Section of the Veteran Car Company Ltd.
held at the Hickstead Hotel

Jobs Lane, Hickstead, West Sussex
on SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2017

Immediately following the 68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
South East Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain
in accordance with the Notice of the Meeting already circulated.

The Meeting to be followed by Lunch at 1.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – These are exactly the same as those from the Club meeting
2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2016**
The Chairman Denis Bass asked if all those present were happy with the minutes of the 14th AGM held on 27th Nov. 2016.
Proposer: Richard Eastmead. Seconder: David Smart. All present voted in favour.

3. **Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere**
No matters arising.

4. **Chairman's Report upon the past year**

'My report will summarise the events we held during the past year.

Our Noggins and Natters, or quite simply an excuse for a beer and a chat at the pub is held on the first Tuesday of every month, alternating between the Bolney Stage on the old A23 and the new location which is the Roebuck Hotel at Wych Cross on the A22 south of Forest Row. The committee welcomes any ideas for any other locations for these events.

Please watch our website and Facebook pages for the dates and do come along for a chat.

Our first organised event took place here at Hickstead on 5th February, it was our Winter Warmer when many of us met for lunch and a film show, thanks to Austin Parkinson for helping us to relive many happy memories, captured on film archive.

This year we returned to The Hague for our Holland Minibus trip, this time we took three vehicles and 22 people where we visited again the magnificent Louwman motor museum and on another day a canal boat trip around the Hague, a great time was had by all despite the heavy traffic around Antwerp on our journey to the Hague.

Our first car event this year was our Spring Opener which was held at the Victory Inn at Staplefield, organised by Cressida and it included a short drive around the lovely country lanes off the busy A23.

In May this year we held our Main Event, in France, where we returned to Montreuil and enjoyed good routes, good food and good company. This was a rather special occasion as we celebrated not one, but

three 80th birthdays. Congratulations to Eileen Lawson, Richard Eastmead and Graham Pilmore-Bedford, who between them have clocked up 182 years membership of the VCC, in a word, magnificent.

The next event in our calendar was a one day event organised by Mike Mutters and Tim Pipkin, aptly called "A Grand Day Out", on this occasion an eclectic range of some 20 veteran cars met at the Hollycombe Steam museum and a super sunny day gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy the quiet lanes of West Sussex and Hampshire, a welcome stop at "The pub with no name" a visit to a Bentley dealer to drool over his stock and a gentle drive back to Hollycombe with free access to the steam museum so thanks to Mike, Tim and his team for a Grand day out.

Then we had the Teddy Bears picnic held this year at two locations, we started from Copthorne, had a picnic lunch at Standen House near East Grinstead and returned to Copthorne where David and Celia Smart had laid on tea and cakes and a bouncy castle for the young ones, an excellent day, with special thanks to David and Celia.

And next in our calendar was the ever popular Best of West Kent. This event, held toward the end of July each year is always a popular day out. Thanks especially to John Kemsley, Michael Thompson and Graham Pilmore Bedford for making it happen, long may it continue.

As you can see we have enjoyed a busy year with many different events and so this concludes the summary of the SE Section events, and to finish the year, here we are again at our AGM, time flies when you're enjoying yourself and now we are eagerly looking forward to an exciting 2018'.

5. **Events Co-ordinator's Report on the year to come.** Denis called upon Peter Boulding in his new role as Events Co-ordinator to take this item.

'I am pleased to report that we have 8 events planned so far for 2018.

A brief resume, but all are recorded in the Christmas card you will receive soon.

Our monthly Noggins & Natters, held in two different locations, always held on the first Tuesday of each month an opportunity for a chat, a bar meal and a pint for a couple of hours. We meet from 7pm, one month at The Bolney Stage and the other at the Roebuck Hotel, Wych Cross, not a perfect location for all, we are always looking for alternatives.

The first event for 2018 will be held here at The Hickstead Hotel on Sunday 25th February it is our Winter Warmer, a time to meet after the long winter months and enjoy a simple lunch and film show, David Smart is providing the film footage this time and our friend David Ralph is the organiser for this event.

Then we move on a few weeks to Saturday April 21st when Cressida and myself are organising the Spring Opener, this year to be held at The Royal Oak at Wineham where we can meet with our veterans or anything else you have in your toy box to celebrate "Drive it Day" a national event where all cars are encouraged take to the road. We will enjoy a chat meet old friends and new and at the same time have lunch at the pub.

Our Main Event this year is a combined South East and South West Event, organised by Mike Mutters for us and John Hankin for the South West. The event is based at The Norton Park Hotel, north of Winchester and it will be held over 4 days Friday 18th May to Monday 21st May. An opportunity to explore the delights Hampshire and West Sussex,

Then we have another event organised by Mike Mutters, it is his regular one day event, "Another Grand Day Out", this year we start from Cowdrey Park and travel some 50 miles in the Sussex countryside, visit a vineyard and enjoy the delightful countryside so please join us on Thursday 31st May.

Next a visit to Davonia Farm, Ripley when Diane and Emile Snapper host another Teddy Bears Picnic, designed especially to attract our younger members. It will be held on Sunday 8th July, please join in, bring your grandchildren and enjoy a "Pirate" themed day out. Your contact for this event is me.

Then we have the annual outing to Kent when we can enjoy the delights of West Kent a one day event, "The Best of West Kent" organised by John Kemsley and Michael Thompson, starting as always at Chartwell and driving delightful country lanes to Chiddingstone and Hever Castle.

Next, I am pleased to see the return of the Ashdown Amble, organised jointly by Mark Eichner and Peter Boulding, an opportunity to explore the delights of East Sussex all around the Ashdown Forest, The event is held on Wednesday 22nd August.

Finally we have our annual AGM which will be held on Sunday 25th November, the venue to be confirmed'.

6. Treasurer's Report Treasurer David Gibbins was asked to present the Treasurers report. Accounts are available on the website and on the day at the AGM.

Regarding the Car company's accounts, the non-driving account is held with the club. Events accounts are with the Company. Management costs have been moved to the Company. There is a £329.00 surplus in line with last year. This is due to an unpaid bill, despite requesting to settle this bill, no invoice has been sent, having held it for a year. Regarding the loan to VCC SE Section, this belongs the Company. Denis asked if anyone had any questions for the Treasurer. No questions came forward. Denis said 'well done and thank you David'.

7. Adoption of audited Section Accounts

The Chairman proposed to approve the Treasurer's report.

Proposer: Graham Pilmore Bedford. Secunder: Michael Kent. All present voted in favour.

8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

The Committee proposed David Budgeon as our Honorary Auditor. Secunder: Michael Sapsford. A vote of confidence was requested. All present voted in favour.

9. S E Section Representative on the Board of VCC Ltd. Mike Mutters.

The Committee nominated Mike Mutters to be the Section Representative on the Events Committee and on the Board of Veteran Car Company Ltd.

Secunder: John Morris. All present voted in favour.

10. VCC Chairman's report – Adrian Goding.

Adrian began by acknowledging the great sadness of VCC member David Corry passing away from an accident on the London to Brighton run this year. He went on to stress just how seriously the RAC and Goose take this and that there will be a full enquiry into the events on Reigate Hill. He had asked last year for opinions on driving standards and the Steering Group. Adrian went on to say that after speaking to Denis Bass it was acknowledged that we all need to learn. We have given everyone the opportunity to comment on the run this year and on the future of the run. He had received a huge amount of feedback which is exactly what he wanted.

Adrian went on to say that were two elements to this:

(1)Driving standards: Adrian referred to the poor examples from drivers who should know better and that we need to get this issue back under control. He urged those who had not already done so to send feedback to the RAC and Goose.

(2)Routing: More research is needed regarding the Banstead and Reigate routes as they clearly did not work. It could have been changed and should have been changed. Safety has to be the main priority. Adrian warned members to be careful when wording comments to the RAC and Press as the veteran

cars should be prepared to be able to cope with modern traffic. He stressed that the run needs to improve in order to keep its longevity.

Adrian continued to discuss Beaulieu, and stated that the Club has a presence there as a service to members. This should carry on and John has made this happen. It will cost money and therefore thoughts and feedback are requested. He stressed that everything is not always about cost and how the RAC have stood with us to help keep costs neutral. Adrian gave the example of hosting the film Genevieve this year in London and how it is good to host innovative events.

Regarding Dating, Adrian explained that they were down to 45 cars and that the previous Sunday they had approved 9 new cases. He urged members to get in touch with Heidi who is at HQ three days per week if they were still waiting.

Adrian went on to discuss the Shop. This has been restocked and that they were trying to do things differently. He asked members for suggestions on what clothing they would like to see on sale. He explained that there is not much profit in this but that this is not the main priority.

Adrian concluded that the basis for the new handbook had been put together and requested that members kept them up to date with information.

Following this, Denis asked if there were any questions from the floor.

Tom Cook said that there was the issue of foreigners keeping their cars in England all year. Adrian responded that they are being encouraged to enter the Creepy Crawley rally and to become members of the VCC. Tom Cook replied that they would incur shipping expenses as a consequence of this.

Sue Clark stated that as a spectator at a distance, she had had no idea of what was happening in Madeira Drive and asked that the tannoy system could be improved.

Eileen Lawson commented that she was there from 8.30 am to 4.30pm handing out pennants having done this for 30 years. She had got a lot of information from drivers such as the traffic on A217 and cars overheating. Eileen went on to say that Goose were being difficult as they had trouble getting through the marquee with their badges. She explained that the RAC volunteers handing out the medals were the only people taking down the names of people coming through. Spectators were asking who had gone through but no records were available. Adrian responded that they should look at the VCR website eg 317 cars and extensions of time. Denis said that he would appreciate comments and she mentioned that she had a phone conversation with Martin Wood at The RAC.

Carol Cordrey stated that as a spectator she observed that an accident could have happened at the pub The Fox on the Hill as people were taking photos in the road and cars were having to swerve.

Mike Mansfield added that there were no suitable refreshments for children and there were quite a few on the run this year.

Denis thanked Adrian and added that there were quite a few items for sale at the back of the room. Any profit would go toward SE funds.

11. Any Other Business

Denis asked Barbara if there had been any AOB items sent. There had not been.

Denis had one item. Each year since 2009 The AA have sponsored the AA Commemorative Run from Sevenoaks to Hastings, which first took place in 1909 and again in 1955, then it was London to Hastings. In the past we have had a few veterans on this event but he would like to see more. To encourage this, he had managed to get the date moved from March to April, and this coming year the event was to be held on Sunday 22 April, if anyone is interested in joining this event to please let him know and he will pass their details onto the organiser.

Denis added that this was not a VCC event but is supported by us and is all for the charity Combat Stress.

From the floor Mike Mansfield proposed a thank you to Ann Wait which was supported by all.

Ann Gibbins asked if the SE section could consider the Alzheimer's Society as their nominated charity this year. Denis said that currently we supported Age Concern in Hassocks but was happy to put forwards Ann's proposal and asked for a show of hands. This was unanimously in favour and The Alzheimer's Society will become our nominated charity for 2018.

John Morris proposed a thank you on behalf of members to the Chairman and the committee.

12. Award of Section Trophies by the Chairman and presented by Sharon Bass as per attached list

13. Presentation of flowers to Sharon Bass and Ann Wait by Ann Gibbins

Denis said a few words 'It is my pleasure and delight to present this award to Ann; the citation is "For outstanding and meritorious service to the SE Section" this citation captures the true essence of Ann's dedication and commitment to the role of Section Secretary that she has held for the past 15 years. She has seen many Chairmen come and go but still she carried on. It is with sadness that she has had to give up that role, but she is neither gone nor forgotten, she remains on the committee and we welcome her continued involvement we look forward to her wise words in the future in all our deliberations and so to Ann, best wishes and take time to look after yourself, we will look after the section and your legacy remains with us'.

Ann responded by saying that it is many years since the club met at Stoke d' Abinon for the AGM. She paid tribute to Gilly and Elizabeth who held the office of Secretary before her. Ann added that she had enjoyed the fun and the frustration and had made many friends. She thanked everyone for the flowers.

Denis concluded by saying that this ends the business part of these two AGM's and asked attendees to please vacate their seats to allow the hotel staff to rearrange the room for lunch, after lunch to remain seated and our guest speaker, Sean Crofton would be giving us a humorous look at the automobile world.

The 15th AGM of the SE Section of the Veteran Car Company ended at 12.20 pm.