



**Annual General Meeting
18 July 2009 at Holiday Inn, Rotherham-Sheffield (S60 4NA)**

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

Rob Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) welcomed everyone to the AGM and the Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence

Mervyn Larnar (Club Secretary) reported that Richard Taylor presented his apologies

3. Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising

No minutes of the 2008 AGM were available and the Secretary reported that he had been unsuccessful in his attempts to track down a copy. If any member has a copy at home could they please pass them on.

4. Committee Reports for 2008~09

Chairman's Report: 2008 had been a difficult year following the resignations at the last AGM. The Club now had a stable Committee in place with the exception of a Treasurer, but a member had offered his services and a Committee meeting would take place after the AGM to co-opt a Treasurer. With a full Committee in place the Club will be able to move forward and develop better events and services for members. Nick thanked those Committee members and others who had supported the Club during the year.

Editor's Report: John Handford reported that he had maintained the quarterly magazine despite the resignation of the previous designer, but a new designer is now in place. The magazine will be restyled as from absolute 20, which is due out in September/October. He would still like more copy to be submitted by members, so please send in items ASAP. Technical articles are particularly welcome. He was also especially grateful for the proof readers who check each issue before publication.

Membership Secretary's Report: Andrew Abrahams reported that current membership was 442, a recent return to previous numbers. He apologised that there had been a problem with printing new and renewing members' cards, but the card printer has now been repaired and delays should no longer be a problem.

Rep Secretary's Report: Paul France said that during his short time in post two new Regional Reps had volunteered, Aberdeen & Northants. He was trying to find Reps for the areas not yet covered and to offer them more information and support. He was considering holding a Reps meeting, but distance would always be a problem.

Event Secretary's Report: Steve Law briefly explained the reasons for the style of even 7709. He also said that the Club had booked Duxford for even 7710 on 18 July 2010. The next national Club event will be Audi Driver International at Castle Combe on 10 October. He was also investigating a track day at Curborough. Priorities for the coming year would be to raise some event sponsorship, use the events sections on the Club website and TT Forum and support local events.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Goodall explained that the changes with the post of Treasurer meant that producing the 2008~09 accounts had been difficult. Year End and Annual Summaries were distributed and Nick thanked Károly Juhász (former Treasurer) for producing them. Nick explained that last year's Rockingham event had lost approximately £11,000 and been a severe drain on the Club's finances, virtually bankrupting the Club. The magazine is now the main expense, as we no longer have a free designer. The current cost is approximately £2000 per issue. Nick explained that a Club member was willing to volunteer as Treasurer and the new Committee would meet immediately after the AGM to discuss the vacancy. The Club has an issue with some long-standing bad debts. One of the companies was successfully taken to the Small Claims Court, but another debt was still in dispute. A new invoicing system was now in place to avoid future risks. The main priority during the year has been to limit expenditure so that the Club can regain some financial stability.

Secretary's Report: Mervyn Larnar explained that since he had joined the Committee he

had investigated the issue of Public Liability Insurance and urged the meeting to vote for the proposed changes to Club Rules so as to align them with MSA requirements. MSA Membership would gain the Club and its members considerable benefits including a significant degree of PLI. He also reported that the Club's Data Protection status had been updated.

Webmaster's Report: David McLean reported that the Club's site and shop had been re-designed. Since the update there had been 24/7 availability with no outages. The new site was also able to provide better front page news and financial reports.

Merchandise Secretary's Report: Cameron Collins explained that the Club's financial position during the year had caused major difficulties in buying new stock lines etc. A new system has been investigated by Mervyn and is being trialled for clothing etc. Audi UK had agreed to provide Club Members a 10% discount on the Audi Collection. Andy Abrahams was also providing new members a faster membership pack service.

Marketing Secretary's Report: Andy Stevenson explained that he had only recently become Marketing Secretary. He would be concentrating on increasing advertising for the magazine and website. He would also try to gain sponsorship for our events.

5. Proposals

The Secretary reported that he had received 18 voting forms by email.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Amendments to Club Rules & Constitution	43	0	0

The Chairman pronounced the proposal carried and would be implemented immediately.

6. Elections for Committee Posts

The Secretary reported that he had received 18 voting forms by email and asked John Handford to act as teller.

	Nomination	Proposed by	Yes	No	Abstain
Chairman	Nick Goodall	Mervyn Larnar	43	0	0
Vice-Chairman	Rob Sharpe	Penny Hodge	43	0	0
Club Secretary	Mervyn Larnar	Richard Taylor	43	0	0
Treasurer	Vacancy				1*
Membership Secretary	Andy Abrahams	Heather Hope	42	0	1
absoluTTe Editor	John Handford	Paul Rooke	43	0	0
absoluTTe Sub-Editor	Dani Unwin	Paul Rooke	43	0	0
Events Secretary	Steve Law	Mark Jordan	43	0	0
Reps Secretary	Paul France	Mark Jordan	40	0	3
Marketing Secretary	Andy Stevenson	John Handford	43	0	0
Merchandise Secretary	Cameron Collins	Nick Goodall	42	0	1
Webmaster	Dave McLean	Trevor Jones	43	0	0

* an email vote!

Each Committee member was elected for 2009-10.

7. Appointment of Auditors

The Chairman suggested this matter be held over until we had a new Club Treasurer.

The Vice-Chairman said that former Club Treasurer and accountant Graham Hutley has offered to audit the 2008-09 accounts.

8. Open Forum & Questions

- Steve Law and Cameron Collins both publically thanked Nick Goodall and others for their incredible support, both financial and in time, they had given the Club in the past year. The Club must reimburse them as soon as possible.
- Q. What is the distribution of Club membership?
A. Membership is mainly UK with some overseas. We are trying to build links with overseas TT Clubs.
- Q. Is there a Rep for Cornwall?
A. No, but Paul France said he was trying to recruit one. Any volunteers?
- Q. What are our links with, and what support do we get from Audi UK?
A. Our links are better than ever but Audi UK is suffering with the "credit crunch" and the £/Euro exchange rate.
- Q. Could we "piggy back" our Club Regalia on the back of Audi UK's suppliers?
A. Audi UK sources many of its items from Audi AG and would not be able to disclose the suppliers.

- Q. Members probably have Audi related items they no longer want. Would they be willing to donate items for the Club to auction or sell on eBay to swell Club funds?
A. Yes please! Donations are always welcome.
- Q. Please can Club accounts be made available before the AGM, so that members unable to attend could make a proxy/written submission?
A. It would be our normal intention to publish accounts to members along with the agenda for the AGM. This was not possible this year because of the reasons give earlier in the Chairman & Treasurer's reports.
- Q. Please can TT Forum names be used on the voting form for the AGM as most members are familiar with Forum names, but not always real names?
A. Both names will be used on the agenda for next year's AGM.
- Q. There are plenty of TTs in the south-west, but do members or other reps have any ideas for regional events to attract attendance?
A. Any ideas to Stuart (South Western) or Paul France.
- Q. Could the Club use advertising to increase membership?
A. We have in the past tried an advert alongside a magazine article about TTs. The advert cost £200 and had no noticeable benefit.

Meeting closed at 12:05am.

Then followed an auction of Audi related items that raised £405 for Club funds.

Mervyn Larner
Club Secretary