

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Triumph Sports Six Club

13th April 2014 at 2:30 pm

Sunderland Court, Main Street Lubenham

1. Welcome and introductions

Vivien Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting then explained that she would chair the meeting.

The Council of Management (CoM) members then introduced themselves.

Vivien explained that 18 proxy votes had been received and during voting if the member who had proxy votes to cast wished them to be counted they should raise the forms so they were clearly visible, they would then be added to the count of hands shown.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th April 2013

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were reviewed. No amendments were asked for. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Chris Gunby, seconded by Doug Balderson and accepted 43 for, 0 against and 4 abstentions.

It was suggested that it would be useful if the minutes of the previous year's AGM and a proxy voting form could be included with the AGM pamphlet that is circulated with the magazine.

3. Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of Club Staff and Council or Management

Victor Thompson began by giving a summary of the roles and responsibilities of Club staff and Council of Management members.

4. Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts

Ben Broadbent then gave a review of the Club's accounts for 2013. The figures presented were from the audited accounts and were slightly different to those in the AGM pamphlet. Ben explained that this was because the audited accounts were not available until after the print deadline for the pamphlet. The accounts showed a slightly smaller loss (£14,859) than the un-audited figures. He explained that the figure was much reduced from the previous year and that the Club would have at least broken even if we had not invested in the Club's IT infrastructure, but that the CoM had felt the investment was necessary to enable the Club to grow e.g. the new point of sale software for the shop made processing sales much quicker so freeing up Garth's time for him to look for new income streams.

Ben explained that CoM was now being provided with regular updates on the Club's Acid Test Ratio which is a measure of the Club's liquidity and viability. Ten years ago this was 9:1 and had gradually declined but was now improving and at the end of 2013 was 5.04:1.

Dave Rumens proposed the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Kevin Rochford and agreed with 1 abstention and no votes against.

5. Presentations by Directors

a. Website Infrastructure Investment

Ben also explained the process which had been followed to secure a new web site provider. A small sub group (Ben Broadbent, Peter Lewis and Garth Jupp) looked at the requirements for the site and obtained submissions from three companies. There was very little difference between the three as regards support, response times etc so an heuristic evaluation was carried out. This meant looking at web sites the companies had already built and using objective tools to assess their usability. This showed Linxdesign to be far ahead of the other two. They made the recommendation to CoM that the contract be awarded to Linxdesign and it was approved. Neither Simon Morgan, David Embery nor Bill Bate had any part in this decision to make sure it was not biased in any way.

b. IT infrastructure

Simon then gave a review of the IT infrastructure changes at HQ. These included purchase of the new RBA shop point of sales software and membership database, which were both now on a new server at HQ secured by a firewall. The staff had been moved to a different part of the building to make better use of the space and enable them to work better together. This had meant moving computer and phone lines cabling and new computers and a new phone system has been installed to bring the equipment into the twenty first century and enable the staff to work more efficiently.

c. New Website

Simon then gave a presentation of the new web site which at the time of the meeting was 95% complete. He apologised that had not been aware that RBA had subcontracted out part of the work for the shop, which had caused considerable delays. The site has a bright fresh look and will be more user friendly than the previous site.

Simon asked that we do not forget all the work that has been done in the past by volunteers who had given a great deal of time to develop a new site, and thanked them on behalf of the CoM for their efforts which for reasons beyond their control had never come to fruition.

d. Club Areas registrations and Organisation

Pip Flegel and Frank Spencer thanked Area Organisers for their hard work during 2013 and for most registering their areas promptly for 2014, although there are a few still not registered (the ones which appear greyed out in the area directory). Pip also explained that they select the area which is named Area of the Year and this is given to an area which in their view goes above and beyond both in what the Area does locally for their members but also to promote the Club in general in their local area.

e. Club Services for Members

Del Holman briefly spoke about the service by Club offers to members in helping to verify cars for registration with CVLA and inspections following modifications.

f. Overseas Events

Jane Rowley briefly mentioned the two overseas events this year (Spa and Le Mans Classique) which are excellent events and she mentioned that supporting them is helping the Club particularly CLM as there is a financial risk to the Club with this event, although in the past this event has always been very successful.

g. Business Planning Success

David Embery gave a review of the business planning success of 2013 which included giving the HQ staff the tools they need to take the Club forward and building up the insurance panel. David thanked Bernard for building up an excellent relationships with the panel and thanked the panel members as our business partners and sponsors.

David reminded us of our member benefits which include an excellent magazine, Triumphfest UK, access to agreed value insurance and cheaper premiums, support with verification of vehicles and what promises to be an excellent web site. He then outlined the priorities for 2014 which are to grow our membership, develop the website, further develop the shop, develop a members' affinity scheme, attract more young members and make better use of HQ. In order to achieve the last we will continue to sell selected cars that are owned by the Club (as discussed at last year's AGM) and free up space that can be used for other activities. David stressed that members will always be given the first opportunity to buy any of the Club's cars that are sold.

h. Young Members Forum

Bill Bate talked about how at the FBHVC AGM there had been a presentation by some young owners of classic cars and following this he has been in discussion with our two young members co-ordinators to see how we can encourage more young people to join the Club. At Triumphfest UK there is to be a dedicated young persons area and it will be open to young people with any classic car to attend this event. Dan Chudleigh is to co-ordinate this via social media.

i. Members Questions

Questions were then invited from the members present. Quite a few questions (Q) and some comments (C) were received:

- Q Are there any plans to provide the Courier on the web site rather than in print to reduce costs?
- A. We have to provide a printed magazine so the cost saving would not be great.
- Q. Will the search facility on the technical Q&A on the new web site allow a search to identify recent questions that are common to all models or will the search be model specific?
- A As this has not yet been developed we are open to suggestions as to how it will work.
- Q. Will the on-line shop show both members and none members prices to none members as an incentive for them to join the club or could it include a pop which says something like 'join now and save'?
- A. We can discuss this with RBA who have built the shop.
- Q. Can Register Secretaries be sent an automated email when a question has been posted on their section of the technical Q&A as many of us do not have time to keep checking for questions?
- A. Again this can be built into the system which has yet to be designed.
- C. If Register Secretaries will be expected to moderate the technical Q&A they should not be subject to abuse if they remove questionable answers to questions.
- R. Agreed this would be unacceptable.
- Q. Have other clubs been invited to Triumphfest UK?
- A. Yes they have been invited.
- C. We have been told not to promote Classic Silverstone as it clashes with Triumphfest UK.
- R. We need to promote the Club as a whole and all its activities. Also the two events are geographically fairly close so it is possible for members to attend one day at each event. The alternative weekend that was offered clashed with CLM, but hopefully next year there will be no clash of dates.

6. Re-election of Haines Watts Chartered Accountants

Pete Lewis proposed that Haines Watts are re-elected as the Club's auditors. This was seconded by Alan Gower and carried by a majority with 1 votes against and 0 abstentions.

7. Re-election and election of the Council of Management

Vivien asked if anyone had any objection to Pip Flegel, Frank Spencer and Victor Thompson being considered together for re-election. As there was only one vote against this and no abstentions it was carried by a majority to have a single vote. Vicky Dredge proposed and Julie Hazel seconded that all three be re-elected to the Council of Management. This was carried by a major for with 1 abstention and 3 votes against.

Vivien asked if anyone had any objection to Simon Morgan, Ben Broadbent and Chris Gunby being considered together for election. As there was only one vote against this and no abstentions it was carried by a majority to have a single vote. Micky Hazel proposed that all three are elected to the Council of Management. This was seconded by Nigel Hill and carried with no votes against and 1 abstention.

8. Ratification of Area Organizers

Pip Flegel read out an alphabetical list of Registered areas. Julie Hazel proposed they be ratified. This was seconded by Victor Thompson and carried unanimously.

Chris Gunby asked why Cambridge and Suffolk areas were not registered.
Kevin Rochford replied he did intend to register Cambridge Area.

9. Proposed change to the Memorandum and Articles of Association

a. Colin Wake proposed that an additional clause 9a be added to the Articles of Association of the Triumph Sports Six Club to read:

“A member may whenever they think fit demand an EGM if 200 or 5% of the membership, whichever is the least agrees to the EGM being called.”

This was seconded by Mark Hammon and was defeated by 21 votes for, 30 against and 10 abstentions.

b. Kevin Rochford proposed the following:

“The motion is proposed that the website shall be updated to provide private member to member communication functionality, and a fully featured message board functionality to allow TSSC members to discuss a range of topics, both concerning the running, maintenance and modification of their vehicles, attendance at and reviews of Club events and car related events not necessarily run by the Club, the Club in general, and general interest topics that are not necessarily directly related to cars or the Club. The majority of the message board shall be open for anyone with internet access to read, but there shall be provision to restrict reading access of certain areas to Club members only, so that more frank discussions about the Club can take place without being readable by non-members.”

This was seconded by Aaron Brown and carried with 52 votes for, 1 against and 13 abstentions.

10. Further questions and comments

There were a number of questions/comments:

Sue Franklin asked if Kevin Rochford could be asked to work with the web design team. Kevin replied that dialogue was already taking place.

Peter Lewis asked if a timescale could be given for the launch of the web site and Simon replied that it should be the next few days.

Suzie Singleton said 'thank you for a brilliant AGM'

Bill Sunderland commented that he thought a superb job is being done to move the Club forward.

11. Presentation of Awards:

Area of the Year: Coventry area had been selected as Area of the Year.

Outstanding Achievement: Bernard Robinson had been selected to receive this award.

Special Thank You: This award was presented to Garth Jupp.

Member of the Year: Mark Blease has been selected as Member of the Year.

This brought the meeting to a close and Vivien thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and wished everyone a safe journey home.