

MG CAR CLUB : MGB REGISTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : SUNDAY 30th MARCH. 2008 @ 11.00 a.m.

KIMBER HOUSE : ABINGDON

MINUTES

PRESENT :

Bernard Rengger (chair) , Roger Cooper , Danny Waters , John Watson , Roger Boys, Neil Hyett ,David Askew, Don Hayter , David Dunlop, George Wilder

1.0 APOLOGIES .

The chairman opened the meeting at 11.00 a.m. apologies had been received from Janine Pratt and Steve and Marie Linsey ,Henry Cole and David Cato.

2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The acceptance of these as circulated was made by John Watson , seconded by Roger Cooper and passed unanimously. It was agreed that minutes of this AGM and all future AGM's would be available on our web site.

3. CHAIRMAN REPORT

I will start this report by reviewing events in 2007 , we started with our now traditional Cotswold Spring Run , again well supported and successful ,this was closely followed by the Register weekend which was held in Holland and I did not attend from feed back I had received was enjoyed by all who went. Silverstone 2007 was the first for the MGCC with the new GM and therefore the MGB Register decided to reverse an earlier decision and again to volunteer to assist with the set up and to be involved in the non racing side of events. The weather played a significant part in the preparations and resulted in changes to layout being forced upon us and this together with constraints related to F1 practice resulted in set up not being completed until mid day on the Friday. Due to holidays and involvement in the overall operation the manning of the Register desk stretched the register committee and this will have to be addressed for 2008. The Register again supported the Midget Registers Autumn run and MGB's once again made up the majority of the entrants. The season closed with our Focus day which moved to the Motor Sports College in Bicester , some local problems were overcome and the outcome was another very enjoyable day.

Turning to other aspects of the Register , we have always supported the main club and the MGB Register were the first to pledge funds (£1000) to support the proposed extension /refurbishment of Kimber House , due to start shortly. During the year it became clear that regalia sales , partially clothing were dropping and we were not meeting either members needs or realistic returns on our investment , we have therefore transferred all clothing sales to Performance Clothing ordered via the main MGCC web site, this has resulted in small transfer of profit from the Register to the MGCC. Finally we are transferring our photo library of over 3500 pictures to digital storage and when this is completed we will look into how we can make these available to members via our web site and then expand the library further.

Looking to the future we aim to run our traditional events in 2008 and to take part in two new events , namely a Summer Picnic at Duxford and a track day run in conjunction with MG's on Track. For 2008 the register will not be volunteering to take responsibility for layout , signs and Register parking at Silverstone as we believe we need to focus more on our Register desk and that other large Registers should be more actively involved in the Silverstone event.

I would like to close this report by thanking the MGB Register committee for their activities on

behalf of the Register as without their efforts it would be impossible to run events or provide any service to members.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

Roger Cooper reported that the figures for the years trading showed a healthy surplus which easily offsets the small loss we made in the previous year (2006). Most of the revenue came from events such as the Cotswold Run and Focus Day , regalia sales although driven hard by Colin and Doreen Lanning show a reasonable turnover but profitability in an increasingly difficult market has been less , though in fairness it should be pointed out that we have used regalia items as give aways on occasions during the year which creates a cost with nil return. There is a new item of revenue which has resulted in pure profit and that is advertising on the web site , there is a cost to running the web site but this has always been shown as an admin expense and no attempt has been made to offset one against the other.

During December 2007 Kimber House held a series of seminars for treasurers at which the latest Microsoft Excel spreadsheets were presented these provide a linked system which considerably ease the task of preparing quarter - end VAT returns and year - end accounts. Headquarters requirements were discussed in some detail and problems encountered by some CRB's examined and to some extent , though I have to say not completely , resolved. The MGB Register is already using documentation which conforms closely to the new layout so change-over was not difficult , however it was apparent that the job of some CRB Treasurers is significantly more complex than that of the MGB Register.

During the discussions the question of central banking with Kimber House was discussed in place of each CRB running their own local account , I regret I have received no overwhelmingly convincing arguments from Kimber House to persuade me to make the change at present.

Our financial situation for 2008 looks secure , Regalia stock is considerably reduced from the previous year as all clothing items have been written off prior to the disposal currently under way. Our cash position remains strong and given reasonable income from events we can expect to maintain this into 2009. Roger then went on to go through the accounts in more detail, the acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Neil Hyett , seconded by David Askew and passed unanimously

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Benard Rengger reported that during the year we held 3 meetings plus our AGM , all were well attended, we also used our full allocation of space in *Safety fast* thanks for this are due to Janine Pratt and Roger Boys we also maintained our web site which continues to play an important role in contact with members.

6. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

David Askew reported that the number of cars on the register had grown to 15359 an increase of 91 on the 2006 figure , during the year he had been contacted by 16 owners trying to trace history of a car . Once the project to get our photo library into digital format is completed there may have to be some changes to the basic Register system to enable us to progress further.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Members of the committee standing down by rotation were , Roger Cooper, Henry Cole and David Askew in addition Colin and Doreen Lanning had decided not to stand for re-election(due to a planned move to France) and the committee thanked them for their past support, Roger , Henry and David had indicated their willingness to stand for re election and they were unanimously re-appointed to the committee . Five vacancies on the committee therefore exist and nomination forms duly proposed and seconded had been received from Marie and Steve Linsey and David Dunlop all were unanimously appointed to the committee in addition it was agreed that Julia Gibbs who had

previously volunteered to serve on the committee but who due to health issues had not taken up her position would continue as a co-opted member for the time being. Bernard Rengger stood down as Chairman and but indicated he was prepared to continue for another year he was proposed for re-election by Roger Boys seconded by John Watson and carried unanimously , as this will be Bernard's eighth year as Chairman this will need to be confirmed by the main board of the MGCC. Roger Cooper stood down as treasurer but indicated he was prepared to continue he was proposed for re-election by Bernard Rengger seconded by Neil Hyett and carried unanimously . It was also agreed that Neil Hyett would take over from John Watson as vice Chairman but John would continue as Council Representative The post of LE/Jubilee co-ordinator has been vacant for several years , Colin Hames-Goodey who owns several Jubilee's and run a web site dedicated to these models has offered to fill this role and it was agreed to appoint him forthwith.

8. A.O.B Nothing of specific relevance to the AGB

9. Bernard thanked all present for there attendance and looked forward to a successful and enjoyable 2008.

Secretary

Chairman

c.c All committee members
Richard Jones