

## MG CAR CLUB : MGB REGISTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : SUNDAY 29th MARCH. 2009 @ 11.35 a.m.

KIMBER HOUSE : ABINGDON

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT :

Bernard Rengger ( chair ) , Roger Cooper , Henry Cole , Janine Pratt , Danny Waters , John Watson , David Dunlop , Roger Boys, Neil Hyett , Steve & Marie Linsey , Don Hayter, David Askew , Bob Marshall , Nigel Pratt, George Wilder, David Cato , Barry Allen

#### 1.0 APOLOGIES .

The chairman opened the meeting at 11.00 a.m. There were no apologies

#### 2. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

These had been sent to all of last years attendees and had been posted on our web site they were accepted unanimously as circulated .

#### 3. CHAIRMAN REPORT

Looking back to our 2008 events programme I am reminded that we started with a very snow effected Spring Run which resulted in many non starters but for those who did make it a magical trip though a snow covered Cotswolds . We then all went to the seaside at Barnstable for another successful Register Weekend with some great drives through Dartmoor and Exmoor . Our objective at MG Silverstone was to sell all our stock of Register clothing and this we achieved , following this we announced that in future all MGB Register clothing can be ordered via the main club web site giving a much improved range and eliminating the write down costs/storage problems that have hitherto existed , this change has resulted in a small transfer of profit from the Register to the MGCC but overall is of a benefit to the Register and it's members. Our Summer picnic took place at a very windy Duxford and was attended by 40 plus MGB's . Finally our Focus day held again at the Bicester Performance Engineering Centre saw Danny Waters strip and rebuild MGB doors , attendees also had the opportunity to try out different forms of welding under the guidance of one of the centres instructors.

On the systems front we managed to convert our photo library of over 3000 photo's of MGB's to digital format in readiness to combine this with our Register once this has been updated to meet our current needs , this activity should be completed in the next few months.

During the year the Register have also been able to support the main MGCC by John Watson's efforts re the star car and we were also able to make a contribution of £1000 toward the cost of the new shop at Kimber House.

Looking forward for 2009 we will be following broadly the same format with a Spring run on the 5<sup>th</sup> April , a presence at MG Live , a summer picnic in July with our Register weekend moved to September , this year in County Durham and finally another Focus Day in November. The Register has also started to think about 2012 , the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGB and has already secured MGB50 as a web site address.

Finally as I will be standing down as Chairman , after eight years , I would like to thank all members of the committee past and present for their support which has made these eight years fly by.

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Roger Cooper reported that the year end figures showed a 38% increase in our account bank balance but only a minimal increase in the deposit account ,. The transfer of deposit account funds from the Alliance & Leicester to Lloyds TSB initially gave us a better return but international financial problems have gone against us since . Thee seems little point in doing anything further with deposit funds in the current economic climate.

Our events calendar made a profit of £1511 compared with £1489 the previous year.

There is an item of raffle income on the income and expenditure account which shows as profit but in fact this is offset by the item of donations under admin expenditure.

Regalia is showing a reasonable return largely due to sale of existing clothing stock which was not replenished , it is not expected that this will be the case in future following our decision to discontinue clothing sales.

Whilst we are well placed to continue operating during 2009/10 it must be remembered that our main source of income will from now on be the events we run for the benefit of members and it may well be that the financial circumstances affecting us all will to some extent discourage participation. The lower entry for the 2009 Spring Run would appear to be evidence of this and points to possibly break even or perhaps a small loss situation showing in 12 months time.

Note ; this report was written before the decision to publish an MGB tips book which it is hoped will significantly boost Register funds.

Roger circulated copies of the accounts and took questions , the acceptance of the accounts as circulated was made by Bob Marshall and seconded by Steve Linsey , this was approved by a unanimous vote.

#### 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Register held 3 committee meetings during the year plus the AGM these were well attended with over 90% of members attending on average . The Register attended all Council Meetings and the AGM . There were few letters / e- mails from members during the year but those that did come in were all acknowledged and answered quickly . Bernard Rengger as Secretary also drew attention to the fact that thanks to Janine Pratt and Roger Boys we had filled all our allocated space in Safety fast and thanks to John Watson our Register web site had been kept up to date as had our section of the MGCC web site.

#### 6. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

David Askew reported that the number of cars on the register had grown to 15426 an increase of 74 during the year and we were notified of 14 changes of ownership. During the year there has been a steady increase in the number of enquires by e mail and he had been able to reunite one or two "lost loves" and resolve some queries related to the age of some MGB's ,date of change from Chrome to Rubber Bumper etc. He has also been involved in some attempts to gain historic vehicle status and he has either been able to resolve these or refer the owner to the Heritage Motor Centre ( It should be noted that the MGCC has now adopted a formal procedure for dealing with this type of

query/application ) There have been the usual problems with chassis numbers and these have usually been resolved by e mail ,a typical example was a query regarding a RHD MGB that had been imported two years after it had been exported new to Europe the owner thought it may have been sold to a member of the British Forces serving in Europe but further research showed that the car had been delivered to NATO Cars Belgium , part of the NAAFI.

Worthy of note is that has been a steady increase in the proportion of early GHN3 cars.

Recently Henry Cole and David A had spent some time researching alternative ways of developing our Register Data base, this involved looking at three possibilities and they will be making a recommendation to the committee shortly .

Note; Following the AGM it was agreed t pursue a development of the MGCC membership system which offers significant benefits to both the Register and the MGCC.

## 7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Members of the committee standing down by rotation were ,John Watson ,Danny Waters and Janine Pratt, all had indicated a willingness to stand again and were duly elected en bloc, proposed by David Dunlop and seconded by Roger Cooper. Two vacancies on the committee therefore exist and a nomination form duly proposed and seconded had been received from Bob Marshall proposed by Mike Hawke seconded by John Watson , this application was accepted unanimously . It was also agreed that Simon Radford and Barry Allen would join the committee as seconded members . Bernard Rengger was standing down as Chairman and proposed John Watson as Chairman this was seconded by Bob Marshall , there being no other candidates this was put to the vote and John was appointed unanimously . John Watson proposed that Roger Cooper be re appointed as Treasurer , this was seconded by David Askew and supported by all present. Bernard then handed over the Chair to John Watson

## 8. A.O.B.

John Watson thanked Bernard for his 8 years as Chairman and said that the committee would like to show their appreciation by way of a parting gift, he then presented Bernard with a signed Limited Edition Print and a Jacket and Shirt from the Regalia range embroidered with a picture of Bernard's MGB GT . Bernard in response thanked everybody for the gifts and re affirmed how much he had enjoyed his time as Chairman.

## 9. Chairman's closing remarks

John Watson then thanked everybody for attending and welcomed the new members to the committee and closed the AGM at 12.15 p.m.

Bernard Rengger

Chairman & Secretary

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