



## **Minutes of the AGM of the Thames Valley Centre of the Austin Healey Club held at Flackwell Heath Golf Club on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **PRESENT:**

Ian Foster (Chairman, Director and Treasurer)

Richard Kidson (Membership and Liaison Officer)

Robert Fenton (Webmaster)

James Bennett (Committee Member)

Peter Freeman (Committee Member)

Barry Marsh (Committee Member)

Brian White (Committee Member)

Ian Barlow

Ken & Therese Edkins

Hugh Ferris

Mary Freeman

Anita Foster

Peter Harrison

Elaine Hearsey (Guest of Barry Marsh)

Val Karruck

John Keener (National Chairman)

Robert & Juliet Slack

**Total attendance 19**

## **APOLOGIES.**

Neal Roberts (Committee Member) & Nikki Roberts

Steve Driver (Secretary)

Mick & Sue Brown

Mick Dwyer

Stuart Freebody

Jeremy & Sarah Goggins

Stephen & Ruth Huntingdon

Paul & Monica Gerhold

## **1.00 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The minutes of the previous AGM held by Video Conferencing on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were signed by Ian Foster in his capacity of Chairman as a true record of the proceedings.

## **2.00 OFFICERS' REPORTS.**

Reports from each officer were circulated in advance of the meeting to all Members of the Club via email on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Each Officer briefed the meeting on their respective reports.

## **3.00 CHAIRMANS' WELCOME AND REPORT.**

The Chairman welcomed and thanked all who were present at the AGM and congratulated the Committee on the programme of events held throughout the summer of 2021 which has been a difficult time due to the ongoing Covid epidemic. He apologised for the cancellation of some day events which it had proved too difficult to arrange.

Looking forward it has been proposed to relieve the Chairman of some of his duties that an Events Manager be appointed who would be responsible for coordinating in conjunction with the organiser all of our future events. (Refer to election of officers below.)

## **3.00 DIRECTORS REPORT**

As Director representing the Thames Valley Centre on the NEC Committee he reported that there had been a number of new appointments during the year, namely Steve Everest as Editor, Graham Skyme as Treasurer and John Keener as Chairman (John's re-election being due to Tony Curran's illness). During the year a new printing company for the Revcounter who were also responsible for the distribution has been appointed.

#### 4.00 TREASURERS REPORT

The Year End has resulted with a significant increase to our year cash balance showing a year-on-year increase of £1019.98. This was due to a reduction in Administration Expenses which was partly offset by the reduced Xmas Card Sales.

#### 5.00 MEMBERSHIP LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

It was reported membership was up to a current total of 162 members. 21 new members having joined since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 which is very encouraging given the Covid situation. Noggin & Natter meetings remained fairly well attended but had obviously been affected by Covid.

#### 6.00 SECRETARY'S REPORT

There had been a number of events throughout the year but despite the current virus we still managed to hold 6 events.

Substitute Drive it Day 25<sup>th</sup> April

Drive it Day 27<sup>th</sup> June

Railway and drive experience 15<sup>th</sup> August

Thames Traditional Boat Festival August Bank Holiday W/E

Brecon Beacons 10<sup>th</sup> September

Kop Hill Climb 25/26 September

#### 7.00 WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Rob reported worldwide interest was maintained and that the Website was in its 7<sup>th</sup> year with over 35,000 log-ons during this period. He requested that if members had photos they had taken at Club events that they forward to him as he was constantly looking for new material for the Website.

Sales of the Austin Healey Christmas Cards were going well so far this year (over 1,200 sold to date).

An additional design was proposed for 2022.

The Chairman thanked Rob and Sylvie for their hard work in continuing to manage the card sales.

## 8.00 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Neil Roberts has requested to stand down from the Committee due to family commitments.

Otherwise the Chairman proposed the meeting elect the Committee en-bloc to serve another year. This was agreed by all attending.

However, since the meeting Steve Driver has advised the Chairman that he is no longer available to continue as Secretary or a member of the Committee. The position of Secretary is therefore vacant.

It was proposed Val Karruck be elected to the Committee. This was proposed by Ian Foster and seconded by Richard Kidson– motion carried.

It was also proposed that James Bennett's roll on the Committee be increased to fulfil a new position as Events Manager. This was agreed.

## 9.00 AOB

It was agreed that the Committee would look into the following item raised by members:-

Holding events to attract members from all parts of the Centre rather than just starting from the central area.

The Membership officer will prepare a study of the ages of new members joining the Club.

Consideration to be given to alternating the venues for the monthly Noggin & Natters.

Consideration to be given to sending email etc communications to both parties when member held joint membership.

Consideration to be given to merging the four What's App Groups.

A Committee Meeting is being scheduled in December to discuss the programme of possible events for 2022 along with the other matters arising from the AGM. The Programme of Events for 2022 thus far is:

March – Technical Day at Bill Rawles Classic Cars on a Sunday morning.

April – Drive-it Day

July –Possible Classic Car gathering at RAF Benson Family Day with a flying display

September - Kop Hill.

October – Castle Coombe and Prescott

It was reported that the Northern Centre had paid to have a Survey Monkey Report prepared which they had shares with our Committee. This had shown a preference to Day Events.

Other possible events being considered are:

Visit to the coast of North West Wales centring around the Harlech area.

No offshore events are being considered at this time for the coming year because of the ongoing Pandemic.

2023 is the National Club's International meet in Norway.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Richard Kidson -Acting Secretary for the meeting

Ian Foster – Chairman