

Minutes of the Triple-M Register Annual General Meeting held by Zoom conference at 8pm UK time on 12th September 2021.

Committee members present:- Jeremy Hawke (Chairman), Dick Morbey (Secretary), John Summers (Treasurer), Digby Gibbs, Mike Linward, Richard Stott, Elizabeth Taylor, Cathelijne Spoelstra and Barny Creaser.

There were 12 others present:- Ted Hack (D and J1 registrar), Nick Feakes (webmaster), Peter Parry, Christopher Hobbs (K registrar), Tony Richards, Terry Hartley, Colin Withers (MGCC Director), George & Mrs Marguerite Morgan (Australia), John Reid, George Eagle and Mrs Jo Ward. Some members had signed and sent to the Secretary their voting and attendance forms by the 9th September deadline.

Jeremy Hawke opened the meeting at 8.05pm. Whilst welcoming all present to the meeting he reminded them that only members of the MGCC could vote.

Meeting and reports papers.

The paperwork for the meeting had been made available to the M G Car Club members' area of the Register website.

1. **Apologies for absence:-** Duncan Potter, Tim Luffingham, Mike Allison (Register President), Koen Struijk, Reinout Vogt, Roland Mueller (MGCC Switzerland) and George Ward.
2. **Minutes of the 2020 AGM** were agreed as a true record. 24 voted for, with no dissent or abstentions.
3. **Matters arising.**
 - a. George Eagle had raised the question of whether there were any plans to create a link between the Register's Forum and Facebook. Dick Morbey advised this matter was under consideration.
 - b. Terry Hartley raised the question "With regard to the website forum would it be possible to include a mandatory field within the Member's profile that shows either MGCC membership number or at least a yes/no to being a current member". This matter was discussed later in the meeting.
 - c. Tom Wilson (USA) had raised the question of digitisation of the Register archives.
4. **Chairman's Report.** The report was read by Jeremy Hawke as it had not been possible to circulate it prior to the meeting.

He summarised the challenge that had been created by the Covid pandemic but with major steps forward with the Summer Gathering followed by Pre-War Prescott, both events being enjoyed. The Committee meetings have all been held on-line which has its advantages but it will be good to hold face to face meeting once in a while.

It was noted that because of C-19 and other factors Tim Luffingham had faced an uphill battle in the newly created role of Events and Tours Coordinator. His ideas and thoughts will be taken forward and developed but the role will no longer be a permanent Committee position.

It was also reported that Barny Creaser had decided not to seek re-election as Registrar Coordinator and as such the Committee will look at ways of how all aspects of the role can be incorporated into the existing structure.

Thanks were due to both Tim and Barny for their efforts in the last year and also to the other members of the Committee.

Whilst the accounts show the Register is in a strong position, John Summers has ideas on how the Register can evolve to become more up-to-date. Lastly thanks to Dick, without whose tireless efficiency in completing all things Secretarial (and much more besides) the Register would not be where it is today.

There were no questions raised.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** The report had been circulated before the meeting. In his report John Summers highlighted the summary of income for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Despite the exceptional times the net profit for 2020 was £1,966 - up from £871 in 2019. Costs were down to £16,000 from £29,000 in the previous year. Given the unusual set of circumstances these results are encouraging.

The main sources of income continue to be Bulletin subscriptions and sales of the Yearbooks and other Library items. The margins have been better. Thanks are due to Digby Gibbs, Rich Stott and Paul White who handle these activities. Mention was also made of the £127.60 financial donation to Register funds from the sale of printed materials by the family of the late John Joynes.

The Register operates a family of events and over the years has built a strong position with reserves thanks to the efforts of those who have gone before. The Committee will be open to all activities, and at their discretion can use the reserves in various ways including subsidising events and thus make them keenly priced. John also mentioned he will be drawing up a survey with the objective of engaging with members and stressing the Committee will be open to ideas submitted by members.

6. **Consideration of the 2020 financial statements.** There were no question and the accounts were accepted 17 votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.
7. **Secretary's Report.** Dick Morbey's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He noted that 2020 had been a year like no other and the Committee had had to adapt to changed circumstances. Despite the C-19 challenges the usual quarterly meetings were held plus other special meetings to deal with major MGCC matters and other issues. Dick noted he had been exceptionally pressed – a situation he wishes to avoid in the future. The report mentioned the mark left by social media, the Secretary's "job" in ensuring the Register operates in accordance with its guidelines and at times dealing with anomalies about particular vehicles. It remains the case the Register does not authenticate cars.

The Secretary's report had been circulated to MGCC members, yet many members in the wider community of owners had yet to be persuaded to join the Club despite enjoying the facilities put in place by the Register.

Dick also mentioned he is hopeful of handing over the task of Registrar for the PAs to another person in the near future. He also thanked the Registrars who continue to work tirelessly to build on all the record keeping laid down by the late Bob Clare who died in September 2020.

Peter Green's death in April 2020 had left a big void for many and serves as a reminder of his notable achievements for the Register as well as his generosity in helping others. The Summer Gathering was his creation and we should all be grateful to Elizabeth and Andrew Taylor who were able to continue this year.

Dick stressed the Register should not forget the contributions made by many to keep the hobby alive – Committee members and many other supporters and owners alike. In conclusion he mentioned his wish to serve one last term and suggested that the Register needs to look to refresh the team.

8. **Reports from other Committee members.**
- a) **Barny Creaser, outgoing Register Coordinator.** Of the 11,582 Triple-M cars of all types that were built the Register has records for 4,983 cars, an increase of 111 since last year. Of these 3,852 are recorded as "active" – an increase of 10 in the last year. Due to the continuing efforts of the registrars there are now 17,178 images covering 3,377 cars, these represent 29% of all cars produced. The MGCC continues to offer a service to owner to facilitate registration of cars with the DVLA. The

process has recovered since problems in 2020/2021. During the year there have been problems over identification of some cars, one in particular taking a lot of time for the Chairman and Secretary.

Vacancies exist for a PA Registrar (currently Dick Morbey) and PBs (currently George Eagle who took over the files from the late Graham Arrondelle.) Barny has indicated his wish to stand down as Registrar Coordinator.

b) **Mike Linward, Competition Secretary.** The report gave a summary of the competition year 2020.

1st Slade trophy David Rushton, M type, 2nd Bill Bennett J2-PAs – only 3 trials were recorded in the year.

1st Speed Championship Frank Ashley, M type, 2nd James Burmester PA/s ss, 3rd Tim Sharp PB/s. Frank Ashley's winning position owes more to the number of events he was able to enter.

Racing Challenge –Betty Haig cup. 1st Charles Goddard PA-PB/s, 2nd Andrew Moreland PA/s, 3rd Chris Edmondson D/s. The normal requirement of five races being the minimum to feature in the Betty Haig challenge had to be altered to only two race meetings in 2020.

Mary Harris Trophy winner Teifion Salisbury K3/s.

Kimber trophy Charles Goddard PA-PB/s.

Don Moore trophy not awarded.

Robin Gordon Trophy 2020. 1st Duncan and Emma Potter C0287, 2nd Chris Cadman C0263, 3rd Duncan Potter C0278.

COTY 2020. 1st Frank Ashley M, 2nd Charles Goddard PA-PB/2, 3rd Andrew Moreland PA/s.

Congratulations to all who had to contend with a most difficult year. The MSUK released restrictions on competitive events by 31st March 2021.

The 2021 racing challenge is led by Harry Painter whilst Mike Painter leads the COTY jointly with James Painter in the Kayne special.

9 Matters raised by Register members.

a) **The Register Committee.** Both George Eagle and Ted Hack raised comments on the Committee structure. Their view is that the workload on the Secretary needs to be looked at, there is a need to delegate and the Committee is too large. Ted Hack had produced a chart suggesting a possible structure consisting of an executive Committee of say 5/6 people with two sub-committees. Jeremy agreed the workload on the Secretary had become huge and he acknowledged there is a need to take on board comments made. J Summers noted the nature of car clubs has changed – e.g. with Facebook – and posed the question should the Committee push back some tasks to the Club and just deal with core business? Mention was also made of empowering individuals to make decisions.

b) **The Register of cars and owners.** George Eagle questioned the need for a Registrar Coordinator. The task of obtaining reports for committee meetings/organising meeting etc could be rotated between the Registrars who should also issue welcome packs to new members. It was agreed that as Barny is standing down the role and purpose of Registrars should be looked at – to ensure continuing consistency of process. Areas to be considered :

- i. DVLA process,
- ii. inspection of vehicles and
- iii. a Zoom meeting of Registrars to be arranged.

c) **Personal data.** Terry Hartley also raised the need to safeguard MGCC members' personal data against 'misuse' by non-members. It was agreed that any personal data held by the Register is secure in that only Registrars can access the documentation areas of the data and that the Register does not pass on any

personal information to third parties without the current owner's consent. The instance of an ex-MGCC Member using personal data thus acquired for other purposes was regrettable.

d) **Liaison with Owners.** George Eagle raised the matter of widening contact with current owners. In the era covered by previous Registrar B Clare the records show he received more response from owners that currently experienced by the current Registrars. This matter was largely covered under Minute Number 5 where John Summers will be developing a possible survey.

e) **Liaison with overseas Registrars.** G Eagle noted that currently there is little contact between the Registrars and the overseas Registrars such as Reinold Vogt in the USA and Marguerite Morgan in Australia. Copies of the printed Register should be distributed i.e. as is the current practice of the NAMMM Register in the USA who provide copies of their Membership List. J Hawke agreed this was a good idea which should be implemented. Mrs M Morgan advised she had issued a questionnaire to Australian owners and had received only a 25% response. That information is being consolidated into a printed Register a copy of which will be sent to the UK Register. G Morgan saw closer cooperation as a positive move and J Hawke noted the Register would have more control over information on cars that are moved between countries.

f) **The Bulletin.** C Hobbs suggested the Register should widen the circulation of the excellent Bulletin. There should be more effort in marketing, for example send a copy to every new member. J Summers mentioned there are 350/400 copies of each issue printed so there is a 10% surplus for such purposes – some of these should be included in any welcome pack sent out. It was agreed the ideas be taken forward and the topic should also be included in the planned survey.

g) **Working of the web site Forum.** Christopher Hobbs mentioned that if the Committee wishes to enforce membership of the parent MGCC then blocking key parts of the Forum like spares, cars for sale etc will be needed. It was agreed this matter should be taken forward to a future Committee meeting. T Hack is of the opinion that there is too much information on the Forum and maybe an emailed newsletter might be better? N Feakes suggested one solution might be to have an updated "News" section where members who posted an interest would receive an email each time a new posting was made. D Morbey also mentioned that members can simply click on the active topics button to view the latest postings.

h) **Events etc.** G Eagle noted that the "core" of longstanding owners who support such events as the Summer Gathering is diminishing with the passage of time. J Hawke noted the same problem has arisen over attempts to resuscitate the Kimber Trial. This matter was largely covered by the discussion on the need for a survey – how to attract "new" owners, ask owners what events they would support, how do they consider the Register needs to adapt etc. There followed a brief discussion concerning MSUK licences. Tony Richards believed no license was required for the Stilton and Pork Pie tour and Elizabeth confirmed the MSUK, who were most helpful, had advised her no licence was required for the Summer Gathering.

i) **Digitising the Triple-M works service files and other material held at Kimber House.** G Eagle enquired what the costs might be to digitise the records and should the Register pay for this process? C Withers, Director, stated this was an ongoing process which had suffered delays due to Covid with Archivist P Neal, who works part time, only recently returning to the office. To-date the Vintage Register project has cost £4500. No quote has been given for digitisation of the Triple-M files but T Wilson had reportedly made a donation when recently

visiting the Club office.

j) C Hobbs suggested the MGCC **allow both members of a joint Membership** to have full access to the Club's web site.

k) **AGM voting form.** Dick accepted Jo Ward's suggestion that the voting form should be revised and sent out in a revised format to make it easier to complete.

10 Election of Officers. At this point the Chairmanship of the meeting was handed to Mike Linward who noted Jeremy Hawke, John Summers and Dick Morbey had all agreed to stand for re-election as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Voting:-

Jeremy Hawke: 16 for, none against and 1 abstention

John Summers: 16 for, none against and 1 abstention

Dick Morbey: 16 for, none against and 1 abstention.

M Linward declared the Officers had all been duly re-elected and handed the Chairmanship of the meeting back to Jeremy Hawke.

In resuming the Chair Jeremy expressed his thanks to Nick Feakes who has so ably managed the website and Forum in his role of Webmaster since its inception in 2003.

11. Election of Committee. Mike Linward and Duncan Potter retired by rotation and both had agreed to stand for re-election whilst Barny Creaser had decided to stand down.

Voting:

Mike Linward: 16 for, none against and one abstention.

Duncan Potter: 16 for, none against and one abstention.

J Hawke confirmed both members had been re-elected to the Committee.

12 AOB. There were no matters raised.

Jeremy thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.57pm.

Following the formal closure, attendees engaged in informal discussions in a 'natter'.

G Eagle/Dick Morbey
20th September 2021.