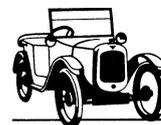


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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD VIRTUALLY

AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020

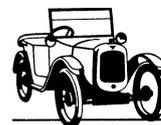
Present The AGM papers were sent to all Members by e-mail or by post

Apologies None

	Action
<p>Welcome</p> <p>1. The 2020 Annual General Meeting was held virtually by e-mail/post. The reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were sent with a questionnaire to every member; those reports are included in these Minutes. Members were asked to return these questionnaires before 15th December 2021. Disappointingly, only seven did so.</p>	
<p>Minutes of last Meeting</p> <p>2. The Minutes of the last AGM held on 24th September 2019, having been previously distributed after the AGM, were agreed by all respondents to be a true record of proceedings and were duly signed.</p>	Chairman/ Secretary
<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3. The following points were raised in the questionnaire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new member suggested that photographs of committee members could appear in the Newsletter. This had been tried but the new Editor was looking for work...• One member reported that he had not seen last year's AGM Minutes. The Secretary understood that this failure had been sorted out.• One member sought an explanation of the Accounts. The Treasurer was tasked with sorting this out.• Another member noted that MA7C was no longer a Limited Company and yet was organising the Centenary Rally. Correct that MA7C was no longer a Limited Company but incorrect that MA7C was organising the Centenary: A7CA was responsible and would bear responsibility.	Editor Secretary Treasurer
<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>4. The Chairman wondered what he could say in the circumstances. He had taken over the role as Chairman after the AGM in 2019 and, since then, he had done his best to guide the Committee towards looking at how to bring more interesting and different</p>	



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events for members to attend and also try to get younger people involved in the A7 movement.

5. In November 2019, members had a really interesting talk from the RNLI followed in December by the Christmas Meal which was well attended. The New Year saw the usual Alternative Bring and Buy and this was followed in February by another fascinating Talk about Shelsley Walsh by Max Hunt: interesting because it went right back in History about the village and not just about the Hill Climb.

6. And there it stopped. All events including the Cotswold run were cancelled due to Covid although the Club managed a single, brief meeting at Beoley - the Fish & Chips evening with social distancing. And that was the highlight of the year. It had The Committee had planned to hold the AGM under social distancing rules but even that was cancelled when stricter restrictions had been imposed. Hence the present situation. His report was part of the "Virtual" AGM devised for members to have their say.

7. He continued that it was with great sadness that he noted the sudden death of Arthur Davies in October. Arthur would be greatly missed by all in the Austin 7 world. 30 mourners attended his funeral enjoying a lovely service but a number of others turned up with their Austins to show respect. The Club had since advertised for someone to take over the role of Spares person and David Bowlas had been good enough to take on the job. Lesley had resigned as Editor and Dave Trickett had been good enough to take on the role in the absence of other volunteers. Dave's wife, Pam, had agreed to take on the membership Secretary role. He did not need to remind members that Sheila Turner had been struggling with her health over many years and had had to relinquish the job as Regalia Salesperson; Jenny Bremner-Smith and Jill Philps had agreed to share the role. He thanked the outgoing committee members and welcomed the new additions.

8. The Chairman concluded by hoping that, next year, we would all be able to get out and enjoy our cars to the full. The committee was meeting on a regular basis through the facilities offered by Zoom. He encouraged all to stay well and to look forward to proper meetings in the New Year.

Secretary's Report

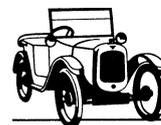
9. The Secretary reminded members that the composition of the committee had changed considerably in the past couple of months and pointed out that these changes could take effect only when the members had given their approval at the AGM. He said that, to that end, members had received a questionnaire with the Reports in lieu of a physical show of hands at the AGM. He asked members to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Secretary by e-mail or by post before 15th December 2020, giving him time to collate the results and confirm or otherwise the committee composition before the New Year.

10. The Secretary reminded members that the current draft committee composition was shown at the beginning of the November Newsletter. Dave Trickett, Membership Secretary and Webmaster, had briefed the committee that, in September, the club had

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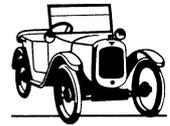
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<p>112 members; in October, the club had 80 members and, in November, 93. The Secretary put out a plea to members who had not re-joined to do so so that the club could continue to flourish. He reminded members that each had received the club membership list at the end of the 2020 membership year. It was hoped to issue this list every year or so. Also, the Webmaster had updated the website including the removal of the Limited status.</p>	All
<p>11. The sudden death of Arthur Davies had caused sadness throughout the Austin Seven movement. He made friends everywhere with his cheerfulness, his willingness to help anyone and his supreme knowledge of our little baby. He would be missed by so many. Andy Lowe had volunteered to sort out the neat piles of spares in Arthur's garage and had contacted all whose spares he could identify. He had separated the club spares and would hand these over to David Bowlas. Sheila, having looked after the club regalia for many years, had decided that she could not continue without further detriment to her health. The Club saluted her and thanked her for her determined management and sales of Club regalia, making much money for club funds in the process. The Club welcomed Jenny Bremner-Smith and Jill Philps to the post. Lesley Mariner, after wearing her fingers to the bone typing the Newsletter for many editions, had decided that someone else should be responsible for entertaining and informing members each month and had sat back in her comfortable chair for a well-earned rest. The Secretary thanked Lesley for doing so well what was a thankless task. In her place, the Club welcomed Dave Trickett to the keyboard. Dave had persuaded his wife, Pam, to become Membership Secretary. What a busy household that promised to be.</p>	
<p>12. The Secretary drew Members' attention to the proposed week in July 2022 to commemorate the Centenary of the Austin Seven. He noted, however, that a proverbial spanner had been thrown into the works with the Fire Service Centre (FSC) increasing the advertised prices for accommodation. Discussions were being held between the Centenary Committee of A7CA and the management of FSC and it was hoped that all would be well [<u>Secretary's Note</u>. An agreement has now been reached and a contract is awaited]. MA7C was still committed to organising 8 Road Runs. The MA7C Committee hoped that as many MA7C members as possible would attend this prestigious event.</p>	All
<p>13. The Secretary concluded by wishing all members and their families a Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year in which we could, once again, fill the roads with our historic and brilliant cars before the internal combustion engine was banned.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	
<p>14. The Treasurer reminded members that these strange times did not preclude the necessity of an AGM or his production of a statement of accounts for members. He had published the accounts earlier in the year but attached below the Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2020.</p>	All
<p>Income: Income was down from last year by 30%; this could have been caused by natural wastage because members had not renewed their membership and because new members had not joined. Income from other areas had dropped:</p>	



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regalia sales, not helped by Sheila's illness, had been minimal and sales of spares had been very poor, perhaps a sign of the times with members using the internet more.

Expenditure: When the subscription went up, it was to offset the rise in postage, printing and the cost of the Grey Mag; this was now manifesting itself in our costs: the Treasurer promised to monitor expenses and income. Since changing the club meetings to Beoley, costs have become more manageable with the raffle usually covering the hire of the hall. All other costs had kept level with previous years and the Treasurer said that he was keeping an eye on all expenses.

15. The Treasurer said that the Club's profits had halved compared to last year but, provided that this trend did not continue for the present year, the Club could sustain its services.

16. Finally, he reminded members that, at last year's AGM, he had presented a case for ceasing to be a limited company. This had been agreed by members and the Club had now been released to be a stand-alone club with some saving in costs.

Other Reports

17. No reports were submitted by the DVLA Secretary, the Editor, the membership Secretary, the Regalia Secretary, the Spares Secretary or by the Webmaster.

Awards

18. No awards were made.

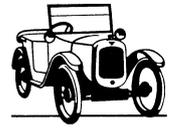
Election of Officers

19. The Chairman told members that the entire Committee had stood down in accordance with the Constitution and that volunteers were sought to replace them. They were conspicuous by their absence. Fortunately, the old committee had expressed an unanimous willingness to be re-elected. The Committee as shown below was elected by those members who submitted the questionnaire:

- Chairman: Rick Bishop
- Auctioneer: John Roberts
- DVLA Secretary: Ron Rudge
- Editor: Dave Trickett
- Events Organiser: Andy Lowe
- Membership Secretary: Pam Trickett
- Newsletter Distribution: John and Jill Philps
- Regalia Secretaries: Jenny Bremner-Smith and Jill Philps
- Road Events Organiser: Brem Bremner-Smith
- Spares Secretary: David Bowlas



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- Treasurer: Ian Devey
- Webmaster: Dave Trickett
- Secretary: Bob Prophet

Any Other Business

20. There was no Other Business.

Forthcoming Events

21. No Diary of Events was produced.

Date of next Annual General Meeting

22. The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Beoley Village Hall at 8 pm on Tuesday 28th September 2021.

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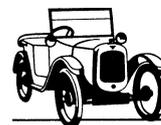
Chairman:

September 2021

Secretary:



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BALANCE SHEET

31st JANUARY 2020

	2020	
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets		416
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	2,992	
Cash at Bank and in hand	<u>5,195</u>	
	8,603	
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>—</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>—</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>8,603</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Opening Balance		13,730
Profit/Loss		650
Loss on disposal of regalia (over several years)		<u>(5,777)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>8,603</u>

