

Midlands Austin 7 Club

Honorary President and Founder Member: John Ward

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BEOLEY VILLAGE HALL

AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present

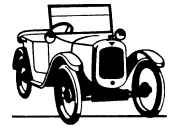
Rick Bishop	Chairman
John Ward	President
Brem Bremner-Smith	Road Runs Secretary
Jenny Bremner-Smith	Regalia Secretary
Ian Devey	Treasurer
Andy Lowe	Events Secretary
John Roberts	Auctioneer
Anthony Belcher	
Ben Boulton	
David Bowlas	
Robin Boyce	
Keith Brown	
Ian Brough	
Matt Brough	
Stephen Burt	
Hank Chatterton	
Richard Chorley	
Roger Eborall	
Kevin Fletcher	
Colin Ford	
Rikk Harrison	
Gwilym Jones	
Alfie Pike	
Jim Pike	
Charlie Plain-Jones	
Jeanine Plain-Jones	
William Waddilove	
Gary White	
Simon Woodhouse	
Bob Prophet	Secretary

Apologies

Ron Rudge	DVLA Secretary
Dave Trickett	Editor and Webmaster
Pam Trickett	Membership Secretary
Nigel Bishop	
Vivian Bishop	
Elaine Devey	
Mary Walsh	
Peter Walsh	
Ray Warrington	
Bob Wimmer	



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Welcome

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at Beoley.

Minutes of last Meeting

2. The Minutes of the last AGM held on 28th September 2021, having been previously distributed after the AGM, were agreed to be a true record of proceedings and were duly signed.

Matters Arising

3. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

4. The Chairman noted what a year it had been with the Club's 50th Anniversary and the Austin Seven Centenary and all the associated celebrations and events. He noted, also, the recent death of Her Majesty the Queen and the Accession of King Charles III. He gave a big thank you to all of the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year. Last year's AGM had been the first since lockdown and had been reasonably well supported. He continued that the Committee had been working hard for the members by organising the Club's 50th Anniversary event at Charlecote House, helping the Centenary committee with road runs for the event and also helping Charlie and Jeanine Plain-Jones with the excellent event at Prescott. Committee meetings had been held satisfactorily by Zoom at a great saving in costs and effort.

5. The Chairman gave particular thanks to Pam Trickett, Membership Secretary, for her hard work in bringing 21 new members into the fold: just what the club needed. He paid tribute, also, to Pam and Dave for producing excellent newsletters throughout the year and for their sterling work on the Programme for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations - something to treasure. The Club had booked a stand at the Classic Car Show in November and he reminded members that he had bought from the Centenary event a TV and stand to use at such events for playing videos of past club events to drum up interest in the club.

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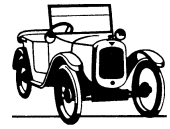
6. The Chairman announced that the Committee had had to make a few small changes to the Club Constitution in order to clarify one or two points; he hoped that all members had seen the copy in last month's newsletter. He asked all members to read and inwardly digest this document.

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7. The Chairman said that the Committee as a whole were willing to stand for re-election with the exception of David Bowlas who was stepping down as Spares Secretary; he thanked him for his hard work and zeal. Also, Ron Rudge had let it be



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known that 2022/3 would be his last year as DVLA representative and that he would be looking for someone to train ready to take on the role in the future. The Committee had decided to run down the Regalia and Spares stock as these seemed superfluous in the modern age of next day spares and parts delivery but he promised that the Club would keep one or two specific MA7C items such as badges etc.

Ron Rudge

8. Finally, the Chairman thanked all members for their support of the Club and looked forward to a good year ahead enjoying driving our cars.

Secretary's Report

9. The Secretary observed how good it was to be back at Beoley to enjoy the monthly meetings even though the Chinese germ continued to affect some members and as the world watched in awe as Vladimir Putin's armies were decimated and thrown into disarray.

10. He noted that, financially, the Club was healthy, membership was creeping up, club spares had been reduced to a negligible quantity and regalia was also down to next to nothing – thanks, partly, to Austin Seveners at the Centenary being conned (nay charmed) into buying the Club's old stock. It seemed that the Club was on a good footing.

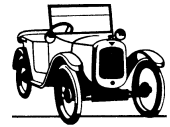
11. The Centenary had been a huge success for the Austin 7 movement despite the initial doubts and misgivings of many although, understandably, some members had been very disappointed at the inability to buy a ticket and join in; those who had been on the Centenary committee did try with great vigour to tell the powers-that-be that that situation was not good enough. Indeed, alternative venues whose management would not have restricted numbers nor prevented the admission of Joe Public had been proposed but to no avail. In contrast to the restrictions of the Fire Service College, the day at Prescott organised by Charlie and Jeanine Plain-Jones and ably assisted by a number of MA7C stalwarts had been a humungous success and nobody had been fazed by an hour or so of rain. Some magnificent and rapid Austin 7s were on parade and he opined that that Wednesday would go down in history as probably the best Austin Seven day in recent times. Brem (assisted by Bob Kneale from Cornwall) had been chuffed that a number of owners took advantage of the Suggested Routes which he – our resident Road Runner – had organised. MA7C's reputation had been enhanced further by the excellent music of the Jazz Band (paid for by the Club) and including the Club's very own Andy Lowe on a single drum and triangle!).

12. The Secretary hoped that life was returning to normal: we had a new Monarch and, shortly, members would be able to vote for a new committee... He noted that he continued to make up the Minutes of each monthly committee meeting held on Zoom: this saved an enormous amount of expense and mileage and was an effective way of communicating. He observed that, another aspect of his job was to receive and administer car valuation requests: he reminded members that insurance companies sometimes required such valuations which allowed the owner to specify the pay-out in the event of an accident. He observed, also, that it has been noted by a few members

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that certain companies had increased their insurance premiums dramatically in the past few months: others were reputed to be 50% cheaper for the same cover and he suggested that it was well worth shopping around.

All

13. The 50th Anniversary celebrations at Charlecote had been just right, thanks to a number of members, particularly the hard-working Tricketts (who regretted their absence as they were engaged in sampling the different ports - the drink, not where ships go - in Portugal).

Treasurer's Report

14. The Treasurer explained the accounts [copy attached to these Minutes] noting that the Club had no liabilities as all spares and regalia had been written off, although remaining stock would continue to be available for purchase until exhausted. He said that £500 had been donated to the Centenary fund at Moreton in Marsh and that a further £500 had been paid into the Prescott account to pay for the Jazz Band. He said that the Committee had discussed the membership fee but had decided to leave it unchanged although it would be reviewed periodically.

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Editor's Report

15. The Editor (in absentia) regretted his absence and noted that it had been a particularly busy year for the Editorial Team who had produced 11 Newsletters and the Club 50th Anniversary booklet. He noted that it continued to be a challenge to fill 20 pages with interesting and relevant material each month and that it would be impossible with the frequent contributions from Andy Lowe, Bob Smith, William Waddilove, Rikk Harrison, specific articles from other members and, of course, his wife, Pam. He thanked all contributors. He noted from the recent survey that members wanted to see more technical articles and tips; he intended to introduce such regular items if he could find suitable material and encouraged contributions from members. The Club continued to use the same Printer (Think Design and Print) to print some 35 black and white copies each month for posting and he praised their production of the 50th Anniversary booklet. Finally, he thanked John and Jill Philips for undertaking so cheerfully the thankless task of collating and posting the monthly newsletter.

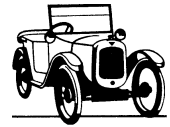
Election of Officers

16. The Chairman told the meeting that the entire Committee was about to stand down in accordance with the Constitution and that volunteers were sought to replace them. After a pause, he expressed surprise that he had not been inundated with offers... The Committee then stood aside and the President reminded the AGM that, fortunately, the old committee had expressed an almost unanimous willingness to be re-elected to the remaining posts. The President added his praise to that already recorded for the Club's 50th Anniversary day at Charlecote and the Centenary Celebrations at Moreton (although he echoed the pity about the restriction of numbers) and magnificent Prescott. He then proposed and Ian Brough seconded the

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proposal that the outgoing committee be prevented from leaving and be re-elected en masse; the President asked for a show of hands in favour: an uncounted majority agreed.

17. The Chairman thanked members for re-electing the Committee and promised to continue to do the best for members; he looked forward to a good year with plenty of reasons to drive Austin Sevens.

Any Other Business

18. The following Other Business was raised and discussed:

- Spares. The Chairman raised the question of Club spares and suggested that many members held a supply of spares which they would be prepared to sell to other members. Much discussion ensued with some members suggesting that it would be a good idea for members to advertise their spares in the newsletter whilst others suggested that those who sought a particular spare could advertise similarly. It was appreciated that such a way of advertising would be of benefit only to those who were, perhaps, restoring a car rather than to those wanting to carry out a rapid repair to keep a car on the road. Andy Lowe suggested that members could advertise spares wanted and offered on the noticeboard at monthly meetings. It was suggested, also, that a Whatsapp Group be formed for spares buying and selling. In conclusion, it was agreed that the Committee would work out the best way to sort the problem to everyone's advantage. To start the ball rolling, Rikk Harrison said that he was looking for a centre plate for a Borg and Beck clutch.
- Club Survey. The Chairman highlighted a few results of the Club Survey and said that the full results would be published in due course.
- Servicing, Repairs and MoTs. The Chairman said that, as fewer members were able to work on their cars, the Committee had decided to produce a list of garages around the Midlands which understood and were prepared to work on historic vehicles; this list would include MoT testing stations which demonstrated the same sympathy and he asked members to notify the Editor of the details of any such places. It was noted that a recent member, Simon Woodhouse, in Alcester was prepared to take on repairs and servicing for members.

Date of next Annual General Meeting

19. The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Beoley Village Hall at 8 pm on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

20. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.58 pm.

Committee

Editor

All members

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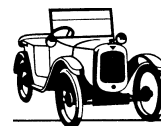
Chairman:

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Secretary:



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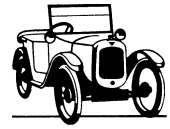
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BALANCE SHEET 31st JANUARY 2022

	2022	
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets		-
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>6,906</u>	
	6,906	
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,906</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Opening Balance		7,614
Disposal of Regalia and Spares		(1,505)
Profit/(Loss)		<u>797</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>6,906</u>



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TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2022

	Year Ended	31:10:22	
		£	£
Income			4,111
Expenditure			
A7CA Magazine and Newsletter		1,804	
Donation		500	
Room Hire		270	
Subscriptions		60	
Accountancy		200	
Sundry Expenses		195	
Events (Rallies)		<u>285</u>	
			3,314
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)			<u>797</u>

