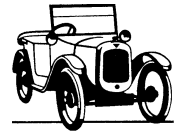


Midlands Austin 7 Club



Honorary President and Founder Member: John Ward

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BEOLEY VILLAGE HALL

AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2024

Present

Rick Bishop
John Ward
Brem Bremner-Smith
Jenny Bremner-Smith
Ian Devey
John Roberts
Dave Trickett
Pam Trickett
John Philps
Anthony Belcher
Robin Boyce
Ian Brough
Matt Brough
Keith Brown
Stephen Burt
Richard Chorley
Roger Eborall
Kevin Fletcher
Rikk Harrison
Clive Lindsey
David Offer
Alfie Pike
Liz Prophet
David Robins
Michael Shufflebottom
Allison Smith
Mary Walsh
Peter Walsh
Simon Woodhouse
Nigel Woodward-Sheath
Bob Prophet

Chairman
President
Road Runs Secretary
Regalia Secretary
Treasurer
Auctioneer
Editor and Webmaster
Membership Secretary
Newsletter Distribution

Secretary

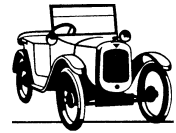
Apologies

Andy Lowe
Jill Philps
Ron Rudge
Elaine Devey
Jim Pike
Kevin Pomfret

Events Secretary
Regalia Secretary
DVLA Secretary



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Action

Welcome

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

Minutes of last Meeting

2. The Minutes of the last AGM held on 26th September 2023, having been previously circulated, 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 thanked all of the committee for their sterling work throughout the year saying that, without their dedication, the club wouldn't be in its current strong position. Also, he thanked all the members for their support throughout the year, attending the many Club events and for flying the flag for the Club at other events. The Club had had a stand at the NEC in March and was organising a stand for the Practical Classics Show in November 2024 – both good events for promoting the Club. He lamented that the Club's main event at Snows Hill Manor had not been as well attended as the Charlecote House event in 2023 because the Club had been somewhat out of public view as they didn't have to walk past members' cars. This failing would be taken into account in the quest for a venue for 2025. Many venues including Hanbury Hall were being considered. Club nights had generally gone down well but new ideas were still needed especially for the benefit of the ladies.

5. Club membership was holding steady at around 130 thanks again to the hard work of Pam, who was having to start again for the new membership year. The website had continued to evolve thanks to the skill of David Trickett, who was looking at having a 'members only' section sometime in the future; he reiterated that he would like to see more members' cars on the website and asked members to take a photograph, add a few words about the car(s) and send the result by e-mail to the Editor. The Facebook site was still growing and some of the 1300+ followers had become full Club members. The Cotswold and the Autumn Leaves Runs were well supported and enjoyable as ever thanks to the organisational skills of Brem and Jenny; he thanked, also, the Attridges for their continuing support with welcome hospitality at many a start or finish.

6. He was pleased that the committee as a whole was prepared to stand for re-election which was just as well as no offers had been received to replace them. The committee had decided that it would be a good idea to resurrect the post of Social events co-ordinator/keeper of club Trophies; this wouldn't be a committee role

Chairman
Secretary

Events Sec

Membership
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Webmaster

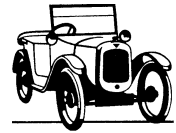
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Road Runs

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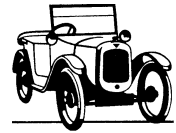


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<p>which would minimise the necessary commitment but could be an interesting and fulfilling task for someone.</p> <p>7. The Chairman ended by thanking again all members for their support; he hoped for a good year ahead in which to get out and enjoy the cars.</p> <p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>8. The Secretary said that, since Covid, the committee had held its monthly meetings on Zoom (thus saving personal expense and travelling time late at night) and that the most regular of his tasks was to take (or, rather, make up) the Minutes (not an easy job with this lot), type them up and keep them on file. He helped to persuade committee members and their long-suffering spouses to organise the raffles at Club evenings. The committee had hoped for a slack handful of non-committee volunteers to take on this simple task occasionally but with little success. Financially, the Club was healthy, membership was creeping up slowly, club spares had been reduced to zero because the likes of Seven Workshop could supply most items very rapidly; regalia was also down to next to nothing. It seemed that the Club was on a good footing.</p> <p>9. The Secretary's main task was to be the point of contact for the Club but, not being a user of social media, that lightened the load. He filtered e-mails, phone calls and letters etc and sent them, hopefully, to the right committee member. Also, he co-ordinated requests for car valuation, sending out the committee's decision by letter. He reminded members that insurance companies sometimes require such valuations which allowed the owner, to specify the agreed pay-out in the event of an accident. He noted that certain companies had increased premiums dramatically recently whereas others are reputed to be up to 50% cheaper for the same cover; he recommended shopping around.</p> <p>10. The Secretary went on to say that another task was to bring various notices and warnings to members' attention. Last year, he mentioned DVLA's apparent reluctance to send out paper reminders that car tax was due; since then, he had received them on paper with monotonous regularity. He told members that the Club's DVLA Secretary, Ron Rudge, had not been well of late although he was on the mend: this was fortunate as his knowledge of re-gaining original VRNs was second to none. He wasn't invited to give a report to the AGM (just as well because it would take all night to list his many activities) but the Secretary offered to cover a couple of points on his behalf. Ron had forewarned the committee recently that the friendly anti-motoring lobby had developed a camera which could spot whether or not the occupants of a vehicle were wearing a seat belt. Unfortunately, the system could not differentiate between modern and classic cars. He assumed that offenders would receive a letter and a fine which members would have to contest every time: very boring but, perhaps, the committee could develop a standard letter once more information had appeared. It was rumoured, also, through the apparently unreliable pages of The Birmingham Post, that DVLA was planning to compel all drivers to carry in the car driving licence, proof of insurance, proof of registration and,</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Committee</p>
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possibly, proof of MoT. He noted that UK was somewhat behind Europe as this had been compulsory the other side of the channel for 60 or more years (as had the carrying of a warning triangle, a First Aid kit and a five litre can of fuel).

11. He noted that the outgoing committee had agreed to stand for re-election if necessary but he encouraged all members to consider offering their services as fresh ideas were always welcome. In particular, the committee wished to appoint someone to take on responsibility for accounting for Club trophies and for organising Club social events.

All

12. Finally, he noted that Autumn Leaves and the Christmas meal were not far away and that Santa Brem, who was organising both, was keen that members should book in whilst he still had vacancies. He wished all members and families a Happy Christmas and an Austin Seven New Year in which members could, once again, crowd the lanes with our historic and brilliant cars before the anti-motoring lobby gained the upper hand.

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Treasurer's Report

13. The Treasurer explained the accounts [copy attached to these Minutes] noting that the Club had made a loss of £330, greater than last year's loss (which would have been a profit but for the Club's contributions to the Centenary and the Club's 50th Anniversary). However, despite this year's loss, the committee had decided not to alter the subscription although it would be reviewed periodically. He noted that the end of the fiscal year was 31st January whilst the end of the membership year was 30th September: sometimes, this led to confusion.

Editor's Report

14. The Editor said that the editorial team, consisting of himself and his wife, Pam, had produced 10 newsletters in the year; these included fifty one original contributions from sixteen different members. He suggested that this sounded quite impressive until one realised that fifteen were from a single contributor, Pam... He expressed his thanks to those who had written for the newsletter, in particular Ian and Matt Brough, Rikk Harrison, William Waddilove, Andy Lowe, Robin Boyce and David Offer who had all contributed multiple articles. He had found that, as the year progressed, it had become harder to fill 20 pages with varied and (he hoped) interesting content, although a recent appeal for contributions had created a pile large enough for October's edition.

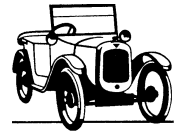
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15. He emphasised that the newsletter was important for those members unable to get to club nights and events and that it would be a shame to see it reduced to a list of events and advertisements. Technology now enabled him to scan documents and convert them easily to text (thanks to Google and Apple), so that printed, photocopied or hand-written items of interest could be accepted for inclusion (subject to Copyright...) and he encouraged members to dig into their personal archives for items of interest. He expressed a wish to include more articles with

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technical content but, either members were not working on their cars or they did not wish to write about it. He found that a few photographs taken whilst working on the car could provide an outline for an article as well as a help when putting it back together again.

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Election of Officers

16. The Chairman handed over the meeting to the President who reminded members that the entire Committee was obliged to stand down in accordance with the Constitution and that volunteers were sought to replace them. The President then recounted how, in 1965, he had opened in the name of the 750 Motor Club, Midlands Centre, a bank account at his bank in Coventry thereafter having a dispute with the 750 MC Treasurer about a conflict of interest over the running of the account. Eventually, Midlands Austin Seven Club became independent. He was delighted that MA7C was looking much healthier than heretofore. The Committee then stood aside and the President sought volunteers to fill the various posts. None appeared and the President reminded the AGM that, fortunately, the old committee had expressed a willingness to be re-elected to their posts. The President added his thanks to the committee for their hard work. Rikk Harrison proposed and Ian Brough seconded Rick Bishop as Chairman: a show of members' hands displayed no dissenters. The President then proposed and Matt Brough seconded the outgoing committee members to fill the committee posts en bloc; a show of hands showed full agreement for the nominations.

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

Committee

Awards

18. The Chairman then made the following awards:

- **Chairman's award** to Matt Brough for his continued support for the Club and for keeping members up-to-date via the newsletter with the many events which he attended
- **Enthusiast's award** to Alfie Pike for all his hard work at the NEC; he observed that it was gratifying that a younger member of the club had so much enthusiasm and was willing to get his hands dirty
- **Editor's award** to Ian Brough for his many contributions to the newsletter.

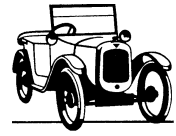
Any Other Business

19. There was no Other Business.

Date of next Annual General Meeting



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20. The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Beoley Village Hall at 8 pm on Tuesday 30 th September 2025.	All
21. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.	

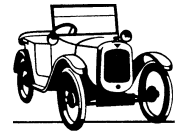
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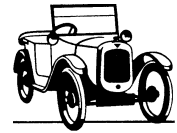
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BALANCE SHEET 31st JANUARY 2024

	2024	
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets		-
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	6,501	
	<u>6,501</u>	
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,501</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Opening Balance		6,831
Profit/(Loss)		<u>(330)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>6,501</u>



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TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2024

	Year Ended 31.01.2024	
	£	£
Income		4,943
Expenditure		
A7 Car Magazine and Newsletter	1,822	
Room Hire	476	
Subscriptions	62	
Accountancy	300	
Sundry Expenses	1067	
Events (Rallies)	394	
Spares	780	
Website costs	<u>372</u>	
	<u>5723</u>	
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		<u>(330)</u>

