



Minutes of the TR Register (trading as TR Owners Club Limited) Annual General Meeting 2018.

The Annual General Meeting for the TR Register took place on Sunday 25th November 2018 at the Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome near Wellingborough in Northamptonshire.

Allan Westbury, Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 11.10 am following a ten-minute delay to allow those filling out proxy voting forms to complete their submissions of paperwork. The meeting opened with a welcome to the attendees and to record any apologies.

Item 1. To receive apologies for absence.

Rob Jenner
Philip Ansley-Watson
Tom Purves
Mike Scott
David Hay
Nigel Jordan
Jim Johnstone
Mike Jennings
Andrew Racey
Phil Tucker
Nigel Cluley
Dave Gibson
Dave Worne
Dave Tydeman
Irene Tydeman
Tony Jeanes
Dick Tudhope
Beryl Tudhope

Item 2. To approve the minutes of the AGM of 5th November 2017. Proposed by Andy Holyoak. Seconded by Dave Burgess. Show of hands with 2 Abstentions – Carried.

Item 3. To adopt the accounts year ended 28th February 2018. Proposed by Malcolm Tatton. Seconded by Paul Hogan. Show of hands – Carried.

Item 4. To appoint Wellers as Independent Club Accountants. Proposed by Malcolm Tatton. Seconded by Helen Beresford. Show of hands with 2 abstentions – Carried

Then a video was shown, featuring of some the highlights of the last 12 months for the club:

<https://vimeo.com/302911936>

The voting procedure for the meeting was outlined and Acting Chairman Allan Westbury declared a poll on the contested director's positions and all resolutions. However, at this point five members from the meeting requested a poll on all positions, which was granted.

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Item 5. To receive reports from the Directors of the Club.

The Finance Director, Malcolm Tatton presented his report to the meeting:

TRANSCRIPT: Finance Director's Report – Malcolm Tatton

My first report as Finance Director is in respect of the year ended 28 February 2018, following my election to the board in November 2017.

Although the overall position shows a small surplus for the year of £2,686 before tax, both income and expenditure were reduced from the previous year.

Whilst subscription income was down by £1,437, there were reductions in income from shop sales, track days and advertising.

IWE income of £41,134 (py £45,390) and costs of £47,655 (py £50,630) are included in 'Events', and the overall deficit for the weekend was therefore £6,521 (py £5,240).

Administration expenses are slightly down on the previous year once adjustment is made for the SDF transfer which was reflected in the 2017 accounts.

There is an increase in Salaries and subcontract labour partly due to a full year of pension contributions under Automatic Enrolment.

Computer costs show an increase which reflects a one-off charge to amend the club's database system in order to digitise and record the information held by the registrars.

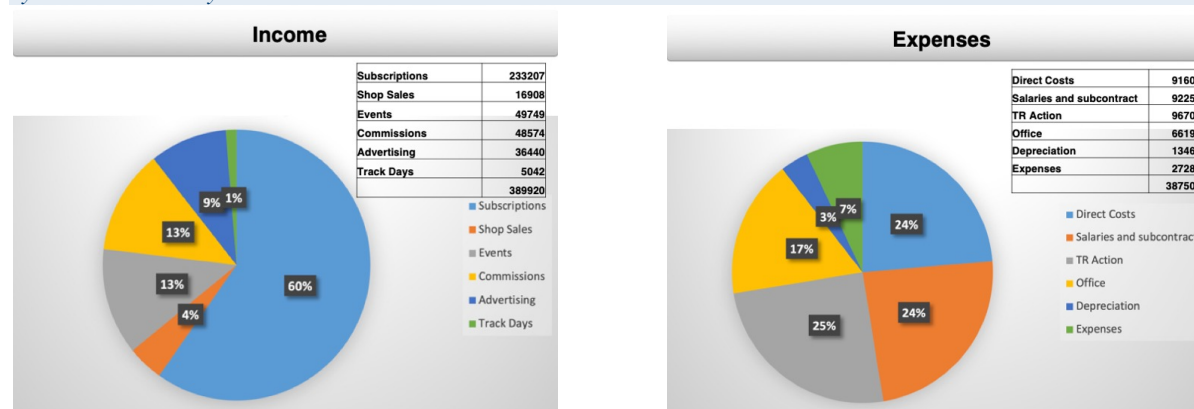
Phil Tucker, our previous Finance Director, arranged for Wellers to produce quarterly management accounts, and to prepare the formal year end accounts. They provide a valuable service to the club and their fees make up the Accountancy fees charge in the accounts.

The club no longer pays Rates on the Didcot office due to a change in relief for small businesses and there were no bad debts in the year.

TR Action cost in the year are reduced from last year as is Advertising Revenue, due to the timing and number of issues published during the year.

Directors' expenses have increased from last year by £2,783. Directors are paid a mileage rate of 40p per mile and the club pays for Bed and Breakfast accommodation when necessary. Buffet lunch is provided at Directors' meetings but the club does not (generally) pay for evening meals and drinks.

Overall the results reflect a satisfactory year, and my thanks go to Jo for her diligence in ensuring that the club's accounts system runs smoothly.



Acting Chairman Allan Westbury then gave a report on achievements and milestones during the past twelve months and directed attendees to the [AGM Booklet](#) for additional reports from Dave Burgess, Acting Vice Chairman and East Director and Paul Tunnadine, West Director.

TRANSCRIPT: Acting Chairman's Report – Allan Westbury

My report covers the period from the 5th November 2017 AGM until the present day.

The year began with the funeral of our friend and long-time member Merve Parkes. Merve passed away on the 31st October 2017 and his funeral was held on a cold & snowy December day at Stourbridge Crematorium. The chapel was packed with TR Register members a few of whom had travelled in their TR's as a mark of respect. Merve's dry sense of humour, common sense and friendship has been sorely missed.

On a lighter note the Revington TR/ TR Register Hillclimb and Sprint Championship finished one of their most successful years ever with new members taking the number of entries over to 40 drivers. Martin Paine driving a TR6 was the overall Champion.

Once again, the club had a stand at the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show and at the prestigious Classic and Sports Car awards in the evening was not only runner up in the category for Best Club Magazine, but won the award for 'Best Club Website & use of Social Media'. This is a real tribute to all the hard work & dedication that Wayne, with his developers Bate Brand, put into the website over the year.

Congratulations were also due to Dave Burgess whose TR6 won the Classic Car Weekly 'Car of the Show' award.

December is a month dedicated to Group Christmas parties and events but special mention must go to the Youth Group Leader Kat Forey for organising a Christmas Weekend complete with a barbecued whole turkey at a Derbyshire Youth Hostel the group took over for the weekend.

January saw the usual participants tackle the Exeter Trial while on the IT side the website introduced a new feature that allowed Group Leaders to upload their Social Scene reports and have them automatically emailed to all group members. February saw the club having a debut display at the London Classic Car Show. This show now in its fourth year is strictly by invitation only but has rapidly grown to having over 40,000 visitors. The Register was selected as the sole representative of the classic Triumph car clubs and the Show appeared to bring a whole new audience to our cars. Pride of place on our stand went to Glen Hewitt's Jabbeke car but there was also a very rare Triumph Italia, TR7V8 and a modified TR4A on display.

We also attended the International MG & Triumph Car Show at Stoneleigh Park.

March saw yet another visit to the NEC in Birmingham for the Practical Classics Restoration Show. Star of our stand was the works TR4 5VC still very much under restoration. It was at this event that the club scooped 'National Car Club of the Year 2018', a tremendous recognition of the hard work that our members and all of our volunteers put into making the TR Register the UK's top car club. The award was received on behalf of all of you who make things happen in the club at every level, from GLs to the invaluable and dedicated volunteers who can be seen pulling on hi-viz vests on at 6am on a Sunday morning and making local events happen up and down the country. This is everyone's award, it's your award – well done! Mike Brewer, Wheeler Dealers TV star and host of the event said:

“Clubs had to tick off a long list of achievements to be in with a chance of this award. The judges looked at initiatives to bring in new members, stunning events, web presence and club magazines. In particular our winners the TR Register, enjoyed a string of successes in those areas plus events like the return to Jabbeke with the speed record winning TR2 and putting TRs in front of millions at the British Grand Prix. “

How do you follow that?

March also saw a very successful Group Leader's Meeting at Gaydon where communication both to and from the board was mentioned as one of the key areas needing improvement. This has directly led to the proposed new Management Team with 10 local area directors each representing around 5 groups rather than up to 20 as is currently the case.

April saw the start of the competition season with events at both Croft & Gurnostown and Kev Bryant organising a TR track day at Castle Combe. The Spring Ball was once again held with members & partners attending a fun filled festive occasion at the Casa Hotel in Chesterfield.

A number of members took part in the FBHVC Drive it day with runs to a number of venues throughout the country.

May seemed to be a month for legislation with exemption of cars over 40 years old from the annual MOT test providing they were declared as Vehicles of Historic Interest. Mike Jennings should be singled out for praise here because as a result of taking up the role as VHI contact with the DVLA, he has ensured the club as the knowledge and policies in place to deal with this new requirement. May also saw the introduction of GDPR, a piece of legislation designed to protect individual's personal data. The club was able to give guidance on both these issues but for GDPR in particular it is still not clear exactly clear how strict the club's central or Group policies need to be. This is definitely an area of work still in progress.

Fortunately, in June we continued to bathe in May's beautiful summer sunshine which blessed the open day we held at Prescott organised jointly with the Jaguar owners Club. Chiltern Group's Tour of Scotland (a local group that seems to be going from strength to strength these days) and the equally active Coventry Group's trip to Ireland were just two of the many events held during the month and TR Tours organised a very successful trip for 26 cars to the Spanish pyrenes.

We also announced a new lubricants partner in Duckhams Oils who relaunched the famous brand back into the market last year. Duckhams have brought a not insignificant amount of funding to the club through their advertising in TR Action magazine and sponsorship of the Duckhams arena at the Lincoln. The free postage offer we negotiated with them has been

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added to an ever-growing suite of membership benefits that we can all take advantage of.

Sadly, June also saw the end of Alec Pringle's fight with cancer. Much has been written of Alec's tremendous contribution to the club with Paul Hogan writing a particularly poignant tribute in TR Action. A firm believer in free speech and an avid user of the Forum, Alec ruffled many a feather but always had the good of the club at heart.

The end of June/ beginning of July saw the International Weekend return to Lincoln Showground in a joint venture with a local car show – Pistons in the Park. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended but sadly, not enough people came through the gates for it to be a financial success. I think we have to recognise that we no longer need or can afford the large showgrounds like Malvern or Lincoln.

The Group Leaders meeting also highlighted a need to bring in more clubs to add interest and also to find more for people to do in the local area. As a result of this we have just announced a new 'Triumph Weekend' for 2019 as a joint event with our friends in the TSSC, at a new venue in the middle of August. We are also talking to other clubs about joining us.

July also saw us attend the Silverstone Classic weekend, but again in lower numbers than in previous years. A few of us also visited the Shelsley Walsh Nostalgia weekend to look at the event as a suitable venue for a future International Weekend. TSSC had decided to use the weekend for their Triumphfest and although the weather was diabolical there were other more basic failings with the site and we unfortunately had to write it off as a potential venue.

August was either quiet or busy depending on how you looked at it. There were no National events but this is where the local groups took over with numerous events, trips and visits to keep their members both busy & happy. On the competition front a number of TRs took part in the Oulton Park Gold Cup over the Bank holiday weekend in absolutely dreadful conditions with Groups from North Wales and Red Rose braving the weather to watch the action.

September started with a bang with the TR Register Scottish Weekend at the Bo'ness Revival Hillclimb and Revival Classic. This is the premier event north of the border with over 100 triumphs taking part in an event that attracted over 500 classic cars and 30 clubs. The TR Register sponsored the arena on the Sunday with our own Wayne Scott commentating and hosting the evening dinner where he brought together representatives of all the attending car clubs for a fun evening of bridge building and networking between marques. This gave us huge exposure to the Scottish classic car scene. The event also included both road runs and a regularity rally on the Saturday which really added to the interest of the weekend and out thanks go to Cliff McKinnon to his dedication to ensuring the TR Register is at the forefront of this nationally important event.

A number of members visited the Goodwood Revival which continues to be one of the top motoring events in the UK motoring calendar and one that we are committed to providing coverage for in TR Action thanks to the unique relationship our Editor has built up with the events media centre.

Autumn also saw a significant upgrade to the TR Register Forum software as well, rolled out relatively smoothly and now providing an updated and secure footing for the Forum into the near future.

Our friends in the TR Register Germany hosted this year's European Weekend in Pappenburg with around 20 cars from the UK attending. Once again, we enjoyed a busy weekend of fun, driving, shipyard tours and way too much food and drink! So, we approach the end of another packed club year. Plans are already afoot for a number of events for next year including the all-important 50th anniversary of the TR6. TR Tours continue to go from strength to strength with trips planned to both Belgium and Scotland and I have already mentioned the new Triumph Weekend. The Scottish Bo'ness event continues to grow and I know a number of our Groups are already organising their own special events.

Our aim must be to provide the framework for all of our Groups and members to have fun and enjoy a range of events and facilities unequalled by any other Triumph club. Every club will have things that they do particularly well, we have to strive to be as good or better than them all.

The club is on a sound financial footing and while we have a number of challenges facing us with regard to changing demographics, soaring car prices and legislation at a National level; how to best use TS2 and Didcot at our club level, I am confident that with the support and dedication of our members we will conquer them all.

Item 6. To vote Honorary membership.

There were no proposals received for Honorary Memberships at this year's meeting and so the agenda moved straight to the election of directors.

Item 7. To elect Directors of the Club

A poll was called on all positions by those present. Ballot boxes were assembled and all proxy slips were placed into the relevant boxes, numbered with each agenda item. As soon as voting had been completed, the counters began their work counting all of the votes cast on the day and adding them to all of the votes assigned to the chairman. All votes cast either via a proxy or from within the room were counted. The results were announced to those present after lunch.

The results of the Director's positions were as follows:

7.1 CHAIRMAN

Allan Westbury 60% in favour. (431 votes to Roger Hogarth's 289).

Allan Westbury named as Chairman.

7.2 VICE CHAIRMAN

Dave Burgess

7.3 FINANCE DIRECTOR

Malcolm Tatton

7.4 INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mick Forey

7.5 SCOTLAND DIRECTOR

Cliff McKinnon

7.6 NORTH EAST DIRECTOR

Dave Worne

7.7 NORTH WEST DIRECTOR

Bob Eccles

7.8 NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR WALES AND WEST

7.9 SOUTH WEST DIRECTOR

Diane Pringle

7.10 MIDLANDS DIRECTOR

Paul Tunnadine

7.11 SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECTOR

Phil Horsley (also representing Registrars at board level).

7.12 SOUTH EAST DIRECTOR

Jeff Roberts

7.13 EAST DIRECTOR

Dave Solomon 355 votes to Howard Pryor's 279 votes.

Dave Solomon named as East Director.

7.14 EAST MIDLANDS DIRECTOR

Dave Burgess

Item 8. To fix the current rates of subscription at current levels for next 12 months.

Proposed by Phil Horsley. Seconded by Dick Goodey. Show of hands: 2 Against, 2 Abstentions – Carried.

Item 9. Resolutions

Allan Westbury, Acting Chairman declared a poll on all resolutions.

Voting boxes for resolutions were collected and prepared for counting whilst the meeting broke for lunch and returned for AOB.

All votes were counted, double checked and verified by the counting team and proxy officer and were announced the following day Monday 26th November 2019 as follows:

Resolutions

The results of the voting on resolutions were as follows:

Special resolutions (requiring 75% majority).

9.1. Chairman to have a vote at Directors board meetings.

Proposed by: Board of Directors

- For: 646
- Against: 58

92% in favour – motion therefore carried.

9.2. Proposed new clauses 17(4 & 5) regarding the election & maximum term of office for the Chairman.

Proposed by: Board of Directors

- For: 564
- Against: 145

80% in favour – motion therefore carried.

9.3. A requirement for all Directors to undergo a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

Proposed by: Board of Directors

- For: 614
- Against: 93

87% in favour – motion therefore carried.

9.4. To introduce an independent review before any member can be suspended or expelled from the club.

Proposed by: Board of Directors

- For: 687
- Against: 26

96% in favour – motion therefore carried.

9.5. Limitation of Directors' tenure

Proposed by: Ian Cornish Seconded by: Ian Brown

- For: 256
- Against: 437

63% against – rejected.

9.6 Directors expenses

Proposed by: Roger Hogarth Seconded by: Andrew Racey

- For: 683
- Against: 29

96% in favour – motion therefore carried.

9.7 Board co-opting and voting

Proposed by: Ian Brown Seconded by: Roger Hogarth

- For: 285
- Against: 407

59% against – rejected.

9.8 Right to inspect the accounts and other records

Proposed by: Darren Cummings Seconded by: Ian Cornish

- For: 267
- Against: 431

62% against – rejected.

Ordinary Resolutions (requiring a simple majority).

9.9 The adoption of new Forum Rules for all users and members.

Proposed by: Adrian Lawton Seconded by: Derek Pywell

- For: 538
- Against: 169

76% in favour – motion carried.

9.10 To create a new forum within the 'TR Register Technical Forum' titled Alec's Inn.

Proposed by: Paul Hogan. Seconded by: John Morrison

- For: 225
- Against: 476

68% against – rejected.

Item 10. Any other business

The following questions were tabled under AOB.

Q: Mark Bulford, London Group – Forum article 4.12 critical of the club. In general, commented that the forum rules to be looked at more thoroughly.

A: Allan Westbury – Rules that moderators have to work by, maybe too strict, but forum rules are laid down. Proposed that 9.9 has a team to go through and look further into the application of the rules.

Q: Roger Hogarth, London Group – Queried 9.2 and 9.3 and that the 2 things together may cause issues. One needs to be removed from resolution.

A: Allan Westbury – Legally it is correct, but perhaps can be made clearer.

Q: Geoff Wooldridge, Chiltern Group / Derek Johnson, Vale of White Horse – 9.1 Failed to acknowledge that if chairman votes then has the casting vote, it would not be clear. The casting vote should be afterwards.

A: Allan Westbury – this is noted with thanks and a re-write of board policy may be needed.

Q: Derek Johnson – Working party for group leader guidelines. Liability for group leaders as directors have. Need total re-write.

A: Allan Westbury – Agreed. Didcot, TS2, Group Leaders guidelines all need to be looked at. Liability insurance, currently groups have this but need to be clear.

Q: Roger Critchley, Shropshire – Are groups covered by the insurance?

Derek Hurford - Activities are covered by insurance and club events are covered by insurance. Groups are covered, all members covered. Agreed by TR Register. Contact the office and record the TR event on the website.

Diane Pringle stated that the events need to be listed on the correct area.

David Gillespie, Cotswold Vale stated that 80% are dormant members. Discord in the air, especially the forums. He has an axe to grind regarding the forums. When raising resolutions, please be mindful of the 80% who are not political about their group.

Graham Robson, President – How many are here in the room complaining about the inappropriate use of the Forum, it is causing upset.

John Morrison, Cumbria Group – The vileness and bad language on the forums need to be correctly managed. There are benefits of the forum so should be allowed and policed correctly.

Allan Westbury – By all means have a good, strong, active forum, but be mindful. Alec's Inn will be within the members area, not a public section if the resolution is passed you, the members.

Q: Andy Moltu, Leicestershire Group – Can a chairman be elected from within the board and not elected by members?

A: **Allan Westbury** – Articles of Association state that the members are to elect.

Q: Paul Hogan, Trent Group – The Director for an area should live in that area, but he believed that Dave Worne did not.

A: **Dave Burgess** – The Director for 7.6 does live in the area.

Allan Westbury declared the meeting closed at 15:00 and reminded attendees that results of the polls on Resolutions would be published via the club website and email the next day.

The awards ceremony followed.