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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WEST REGION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HIGHWAYMAN INN, NR CIRENCESTER ON FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2008

PRESENT:

J Wells (JW)	Chairman
M Knight (MK)	Comms & Media Officer
D Morgan (DM)	Treasurer
R Manners (RM)	Membership Secretary
S Jones (SJ)	Director
M Edwards ME)	Competition Secretary
S Trimble (ST)	Webmaster (non-Committee Member)

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 19:25 hours who then welcomed attendees, commenting on such a strong turnout (some 28 members in all) – a record for SW!

1. Apologies

No apologies, all Committee members present.

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM held on 12th December 2007

Members present accepted the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3. Officers' Reports

a. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that 2007/8 had been a quiet year, but with good support for some events such as Classic Le Mans and the Cotswold Run. Auto test events had taken place at Kemble but not been well supported which cast doubt on the viability of these events. Nonetheless, it had been possible to share an element of the cost with the Cirencester Car Club.

b. Treasurer's Report.

A financial summary was provided by the Treasurer. See attached.

The Treasurer reported that the FY ends at 30 September in order that an accurate report on the region's accounts can be reported at the AGM, which would normally be held at the end of October.



The Treasurer summarised the financial situation at the end of 2008. This had been the first full year with the new centralised membership scheme in operation. In practice, these means that for each paying member the Region receives £6.50 back from the NEC, therefore £1125 for the 173 members registered at 30 Aug 2008. The Classic Le Mans event was the only event to run at a slight profit! A £250 donation had been made to the NEC in order to fund the Sprite 50th but this was universally felt to be good value as it had been such a successful weekend.

The 2 major items to report were that the John Chatham BBQ had been run at a loss (£220) and likewise the autotest series (£523). The Treasurer expressed concern about costs incurred against both events and cautioned that stricter control would be required in 2009 should both events be held again. Lastly, the Treasurer questioned the total cost of £303 for the autotest and IoW awards!

Some discussion then took place, namely surrounding the continuing viability of the autotest series. Members ought to be polled to ascertain what they wanted; the price could be raised (presently £15/car/event); a financial commitment might be sought from competitors pre-season (or else no contract placed with Kemble); and new, younger participants should be sought.

c. Membership Secretary's Report.

The Membership Secretary reported that membership had increased again (174 to 178 in November, plus another 2 recently) – indeed, one of the few Regions to see a growth in membership numbers! The direct debit scheme seemed to have settled down with far fewer problems experienced recently. With 3 years service in post, RM would not be standing again!

d. Competition Secretary's Report

Enthusiasm for autotest events was discussed and it was agreed that a census from members should be undertaken to ascertain interest in such events. Early collection of this information could then be used to drive event planning for the forthcoming year. Incentives for attendance / participation at auto test events were also discussed, including joint events with other clubs, a ladies day event, and routing touring assemblies through the autotest such that attendance (and funding!) was boosted.

e. Social Secretary's Report

The SW region does not presently have a Social Secretary.

f. Director's Report.

The Director stated that 2008 had been quite a good year, notably marked by the Sprite 50th at Goodwood, which despite being highly successful had run at a £9000 loss; that various events that had taken place had been very lucky with respect to the weather(!); that Classic Le Mans had been well supported both Nationally and through the two SW-arranged groups; the Cotswold Tour had been very successful and very popular and, importantly, that the major focus of the NEC looking forward into 2009 would be the A-H 3000 50th anniversary. Regarding this latter event, the NEC and HDI officers were due to make a proposal to the SW Committee for SW to back an event to be held at Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb.

4. **Election of Officers**

Steve Jones tendered his resignation as Director; the Membership Secretary also tendered his resignation; and the Chairman his.

Committee Members were duly elected as follows:

Steve Jones	Chairman
Rob Hudson	Director
David Morgan	Treasurer
Mark Knight	Membership Secretary
Mes Edwards	Competition Secretary
Mark Knight	Comms and Media officer
Steve Trimble	Webmaster
General Members:	
Rodney Manners, Jeremy Wells, Tony Alden	

5. **Forthcoming Events**

Events for 2009 would be planned at the first Committee meeting to be held shortly on Wed 3 December.

6. **Any Other Business**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:15 hours and members adjourned to the end of season dinner.

Approved *[Original Signed]*.....
(S Jones – Chairman)

Date24th October 2009.....