



# Austin Healey Club Limited

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## AHC SW Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting No.7 – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010

### 1. Attendees

Those present – Mark Knight, David Morgan, Steve Trimble, Tony Alden & Rob Hudson  
Apologies received from Jeremy Wells, Rodney Manners, Mes Edwards and Steve Jones.

### 2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No.6 (1<sup>st</sup> August 2010) were read and approved.

### 3. Previous Actions

A current version of the actions matrix was reviewed and an updated version is attached at the end of these minutes. Specific debate was had whilst reviewing the following actions...

- Action 2010-2-9. Steve Trimble's feedback on feather banner prices was discussed and it was agreed that just under £500 for two banners was simply too expensive, and the decision was taken to put the proposed spend to the membership at the forthcoming AGM before proceeding any further.
- Action 2010-5-3. Rob Hudson advised the Committee that feedback from the NEC suggested that the SW MSA fee was to cover the auto-test series specifically along with the associated entry in the "Blue Book". NEC guidance was that this fee should continue to be paid by the SW Centre in support of the auto-test series.

4 Finances. David advised the Committee that the end of the financial year would be 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, and as such he had prepared an "end of year" statement which he distributed to the meeting. A number of points were discussed and some alterations will now be made as a result. Mark queried the membership levy received on 172 members, whereas we currently have 185 members on our records. Mark agreed to take this point up with Peter Holland.

**Action 2010-7-1 MK Mark to contact Peter Holland regarding the discrepancy between 172 levies received vs. the 185 members on our records.**

Taking account of the minor changes identified, the deficit for the 2009/2010 FY will be around £430, leaving us with just over £8K in the bank to start 2010/2011.

David advised that Rodney had submitted his expenses for the recent Le Mans trip and that this claim had been paid. Following discussion, it was agreed that these expenses were not proper to the AHC, as the trip was privately arranged. Consequently it was agreed that each participating couple would reimburse the club to the tune of £15 per car. Tony, Rob and Steve Trimble immediately settled their accounts by paying David the required £15 in cash. David agreed to make arrangements to recover the remaining sums from the other attendees. Rob agreed to start this process off with Alister Rayner and Mike Chilman.

**Action 2010-7-2 DM David to arrange payment from the remaining Le Mans participants.**

5. Feedback from NEC. Rob provided feedback from the 8<sup>th</sup> August NEC as follows.

- 2013 International Meeting – The meeting was advised that the 2013 venue had been confirmed as Scotland, and that Tony Curran had been appointed as the new project manager, following Peter Dulieu's resignation. Some concern was expressed about Scotland as an appropriate venue, however Rob explained that the decision had been taken by the International Committee following feedback from all contributing clubs.
- 2013 "Fighting Fund" – Rob advised the meeting that following NEC discussions on funding the organisation of the 2013 event, it had been decided that a fighting fund of approx £5k to £6K was needed in advance of any payments



being received from attendees. To secure these funds it had been decided by the NEC that the centre's levy payments would reduce from £6.50 to £5.00 from next year. This would realise approx. £2.5K per year in 2011/12 and 2012/13, thereby providing the required funds. Mark expressed his concern at this decision and agreed to raise the point at the national AGM open forum in December.

- 2010/11 Budget - The proposed National budget for next year (2010/11) was discussed and the Committee were advised that the forecast budget showed a net surplus for the year of just £85.
- VAT and Corporation Tax – Rob explained the current position regarding the clubs attempts to remedy the concerns about its financial practices (Centres vs. National). The decision has been made by the NEC to enter into full VAT accounting within and across all centres from the start of 2011. Additionally all centre profits or losses will be included in the AHC Ltd accounts for the purposes of corporation tax. In preparation for the VAT changes, Rob advised the Committee that each centre's Treasurer will be required to attend a VAT appreciation / training event in October. These training events are currently being pulled together by Charles Macnamara.

6. 2010 AGM. Following enquiries, it has still been impossible to secure a suitable venue for the 2010 AGM meeting. It was agreed that the only way to secure a single Saturday night's accommodation for those wishing to stay over, would be to book a larger "chain" hotel as a venue. Mark and Steve Trimble agreed to look at venues in the Bristol / Bath area that would suit. Time being of the essence, Mark also agreed to get a notice of the chosen venue into Revcounter by the next publishing cut-off.

**Action 2010-7-3 MK&ST Mark and Steve to search for a suitable AGM venue in the Bath / Bristol area.**

**Action 2010-7-4 MK Mark to send details of AGM venue to Revcounter by next cut-off date.**

7. Prescott 2011. The event was discussed although the organising sub-committee had not yet been able to meet. David provided Steve Trimble with information on the detail he had agreed with Prescott to date.

8. A.O.B.

Following the success of the joint barbeque, Mark proposed another joint event with the Glavon TR club. A skittles evening at the Railway Inn was proposed and agreed as a good idea. It was suggested that perhaps this could be extended to include other local car clubs in the future... almost a "Classic Car Tournament"! Mark agreed to put the idea to the Glavon TR Club to gauge the response.

**Action 2010-7-5 MK Mark to propose a skittles evening to the Glavon TR club.**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 12.05 pm.

13. D.O.N.M – South West AGM - Venue, TBA.

Action 2009-10-1	MK to contact the Classic Rally Association and offer himself as contact.	Ongoing.
Action 2010-2-9	SJ to proceed with ordering the feather banners to the design agreed last year.	Discharged to AGM
Action 2010-5-2	RH to acquire a cheque from Rodney during French trip.	Discharged
Action 2010-5-3	RH to investigate MSA duplicate payments with NEC	Discharged
Action 2010-5-5	RH to publicise Classic Shelsley in Healey News South Western.	Discharged
Action 2010-6-1	ST to visit proposed AGM venues, decide on the best option and publicise AGM in Rev Counter	Discharged
Action 2010-6-2	RH to advertise AGM in Healey News South Western and include election process and forms.	Discharged
Action 2010-6-3	ST to upload election process documentation and voting forms to SW web-site.	Ongoing
Action 2010-6-4	ST to contact Bredon Show vehicle owners and agree availability	Discharged
Action 2010-6-5	MK to arrange "Classics on the Green" for 30 <sup>th</sup> August (am)	Discharged
Action 2010-6-6	TA to contact Tyntesfield with proposed dates for 2011 season Opener.	Ongoing
Action 2010-6-7	SJ to visit Beckford Arms to ascertain it's suitability as a Noggin venue.	Discharged
Action 2010-7-1	MK to contact Peter Holland regarding the discrepancy between the 172 levies and the 185 members.	
Action 2010-7-2	DM to arrange outstanding payments from the remaining Le Mans participants.	
Action 2010-7-3	MK & ST to arrange AGM venue in the Bristol/Bath area.	
Action 2010-7-4	MK to place advert in Revcounter advising members of the new AGM venue.	
Action 2010-7-5	MK to propose a skittles evening with the Glavon TR Club.	