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**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTH WEST CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT
THE ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL
ON SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2011**

PRESENT:-

Rob Hudson	Director/Chairman
Tony Alden	Treasurer
Steve Trimble	Web Master / Working Officer
Mes Edwards	Competition Secretary
Mark Knight	Communications and Membership Secretary
David Morgan	Working Officer
Jeremy Wells	Working Officer
Rodney Manners	Working Officer

APOLOGIES:-

Apologies were received from Alister Rayner, Dick & Barbara Lambert.

Rob Hudson opened the meeting at 18:00 and welcomed all those present.

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted as correct and entered into the record.

DIRECTOR/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:-

Rob opened his report by commenting on the upheaval that had befallen the SW Committee during the year, primarily linked to the unexpected and sudden resignation of Steve Jones. Rob explained that following an extra-ordinary meeting of the Committee within days of this resignation it was decided unanimously that for the rest of the year the now vacant post of Chairman would be amalgamated with that of Director. The decision to continue with this arrangement would then be addressed at the next AGM, namely today, and as such an item covering this topic is included within today's agenda.

Rob then gave a quick overview of the many events arranged for the members throughout the year, with specific recognition going to the Tyntesfield season opener and the Prescott event, both of which were seen as very successful.

Rob also commented on the work done to build links to our 'sister' car clubs around the patch, with invitations to join us at our own events going out to many of them throughout the year. All agreed that this was definitely the way forward and that these early contacts made during 2010 should be developed in the year ahead.

Rob also commented on the excellent work done in support of charities this year, with special emphasis being placed on the relationship being developed with our 'chosen' charity Fly2Help. Many of our members have taken part in their 'Air Smiles' events throughout the year and Rob read out a letter of thanks from Fly2Help's Event Manager Dawn Hadlow.

Finally Rob thanked the Committee for their support through what had been a difficult and challenging year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:-

Tony opened by explaining how the start of the year had been difficult as a result of the bank failing to deal with the transfer of responsibilities from David Morgan successfully. Despite this initial setback Tony described the year as busy and quite expensive. Tony reported an overall loss of £1095 across the year, the majority of which (approx £800) came from the Prescott event. The other large cost in 2010 was the purchase of the centre's two new feather banners which have been proudly displayed at events throughout the season. These will of course continue to give service for many years to come.

Tony advised that the major accounting change this year was the introduction of centre VAT reporting resulting in SW submitting quarterly VAT returns to the National Treasurer. To enable this to happen Tony advised the meeting that the SW Centre's accounting year-end would need to move forward by one month to fall in line with the nationally agreed year-end date resulting in 2010/11 being an 11-month year for SW.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:-

Mark reported that we finished the previous membership year on 187 (Sept/Oct 2010) and this number did not dip at all after the annual renewal date, indeed Mark reported that we had increased our membership number to 189 by May of this year. The number at year end 2011 has reduced to 185 but this figure was seen as expected given the current climate and in line with the expected 'churn' experienced year after year by the SW Centre. Mark advised that we in the SW are one of the more successful Centres, with several of our fellow Centres showing significant losses.

Mark closed by saying that our combination of good communications and our varied activity plan was the key to our success and that these areas should continue to be core elements of our plans for the year ahead.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:-

Mes opened by saying that yet again the attendance at the Gymkhana events was disappointing. Several people had expressed their intention to have a go this year, but only the 'old regulars' actually turned up and paid their money.

Mes said that the September event, which was run together with the Cirencester Car Club was a success and that there were possibilities to combine with them again next year. The Committee agreed that if at all possible the series should continue to be run, but that ways to make it more cost effective had to be sought. In line with this thinking Mark suggested that we use our new-found links with our sister clubs to seek their involvement.

MERGER OF DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN POSTS

As mentioned earlier, a motion to amalgamate these two posts was put before the meeting by Mark Knight and seconded by Tony Alden. The proposal was opened to the floor for comment / discussion however none was deemed necessary. Consequently a vote was taken and the decision to amalgamate was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:-

Rob Hudson advised the meeting that all existing Officers had put themselves forward for re-election, with the exception of David Morgan, who after many years of service had decided to stand down.

There was one new nomination for the post of Working Member from Jim Hutson (SW02266J) which was gratefully accepted.

As none of the posts being voted on were being challenged, Rob asked the meeting if anyone had any objections to any of the nominations. No objections were received and the Chairman therefore asked for a vote to elect the Committee as presented. All nominees were accepted unanimously and as such the 2011/12 Committee was elected as follows...

Director/Chairman	Rob Hudson
Secretary	Rob Hudson
Treasurer	Tony Alden
Membership Secretary	Mark Knight
Web Master	Steve Trimble
Competition Secretary	Mes Edwards
Working Member	Jim Hutson
Working Member	Rodney Manners
Working Member	Jeremy Wells

MEMBER OF THE YEAR:- Following his many years of service to the SW Committee and to the members in general, David Morgan was awarded the Member of the Year Trophy and Rob Hudson presented him with the cup on the behalf of the SW Centre. David gave a speech and thanked the membership for the award.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS:-

Steve Martin asked for clarification of how the Centre received it's income and how the levy system worked. Mark explained to Steve's satisfaction.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

None.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:00.

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