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AHC SW Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting No.9 – 6th November 2011

1. Attendees

Those present – Mark Knight, Rob Hudson, Steve Trimble & Jeremy Wells.

Apologies received from Rodney Manners, Jim Hutson, Tony Alden & Mes Edwards.

2. Agreement of previous minutes

Minutes of Meeting No.8 (7th August 2011) were read and approved.

3. Action point review

A current version of the actions matrix was reviewed and an updated version is attached at the end of these minutes.

4. Events

The main content of the meeting centred on the planning of the 2012 calendar. The Committee agreed the outline of 2012's attractions as follows...

- Season Opener – Tony had provided the Committee with details of his early discussions with Chavenage House near Tetbury following feedback from the AMOC. A charge of £7 per head would be payable but this would provide attendees with a guided tour. Some concerns were raised that because the visit would be a private arrangement for the Club only that there would not be any opportunity to meet and display the cars to the public. It was agreed that Tony would continue to 'own' the event and that he would investigate alternatives to Chavenage. Dates were discussed and it was agreed that April would be favourite with preferred dates being 1st, 15th & 8th in that order.

Action 2011-9-1 TA – Tony to investigate alternative venues for the 2012 Season Opener.

- Drive it Day – This event will take place on Sunday April 22nd and several options are available. Steve Trimble advised that the MAC event converging on Shelsley Walsh (The MAC Classic) was being held again in 2012 and that booking was already possible. It was agreed that this would be publicised to the membership, however the cost of £85 per car would probably limit the number of takers. The usual trip to the FBHVC headquarters at Bishopstone (Nr Swindon) was also an alternative and that this too would be publicised. Additionally the Bristol Classic Car Show is being held on the same weekend with a deliberate link to DID being made via dedicated Classic Car parking at the show.
- Coleford Festival of Transport – Event to be held as usual on Easter Monday, the 9th April. The organisers have already been in touch and application forms for the Club stand etc. are already being processed. Rob Hudson has ownership.
- Corinium Run – Date not yet confirmed but Jeremy to confirm once announced.

Action 2011-9-2 JW – Jeremy to ascertain the date of the 2012 Corinium Run and advise.

- Healeys on Broadway – It was agreed that the SW Centre would try to form a link to this event for those not wishing to stay at the Hotel etc. Midland Centre's booking form already shows options for the Saturday Drive, Sunday Drive,



and Concours as separate bookable elements; however there is no mention of any Gala Dinner on Saturday. Rob to investigate.

Action 2011-9-3 RH – Rob to contact Mel Ward and establish if a Saturday night dinner is planned at Broadway.

- Castle Combe's 'Great Western Classic Carnival' – Following an approach from Joe Cox (Healey Sport) requesting SW Centre's support at the event it was agreed that the event would be publicised to the members. The event takes place at the circuit on 6th October. Rob Hudson has ownership

Action 2011-9-4 RH – Rob to contact Joe Cox and ascertain what arrangements need to be made.

- Prescott 2012 – The Committee took the decision to run the event again in 2012. It was agreed that an early decision on dates needed to be made, preferred options being in July or August. Mark and Steve have joint ownership.

Action 2011-9-5 ST – Steve to contact Prescott and advise of available dates.

- Bristol Classic Car Show – The stand has already been requested by Rob and allocated by the organisers. National budget has already been allocated to the 2012 event so arrangements are proceeding at a pace. The event is to be held on the weekend of April 21st & 22nd. Rob has ownership.
- South West BBQ – Jim Hutson has very kindly offered his place (Pike House) as a venue for a SW BBQ possibly preceded by a planned drive. No date has yet been set for this event however it was agreed that it would be best to understand the rest of the calendar first, so that this event could be 'slotted in' at a convenient time... equally spaced between other externally organised fixed dates. Jim Hutson has ownership.
- Gloucester Motor Show – The organisers have already contacted us with an invitation to attend the 2012 event. Event to run on 9th & 10th of June. Rob has ownership.
- BAT Events – It was agreed that the concept of 'Breakfast at Twyning' worked well this year and that next year we would organise and run several events on the same lines. (4 or 5 were suggested) Mark also advised that feedback from attendees has suggested that there may be scope for extending the event format to include a road run after breakfast, and even the possibility of turning one or two of the events into evening BBQs. ('Barbeque at Twyning!'). Mark advised that the pub was possible going to change hands and as such he would investigate the options for running BAT events next year. Mark has ownership.

Action 2011-9-6 MK – Mark to investigate options to run BAT events in 2012.

- Le Mans Classic – Mark advised that he had been contacted by the organisers with a view to submitting a booking on the behalf of the Club. It was agreed that no 'Club' tour would be organised... rather that individuals would be given the chance to order their tickets through us and make their own arrangements thereafter. Mark has ownership.

Action 2011-9-7 MK – Mark to make a booking with Le Mans and offer a ticket booking facility to members.

- 2012 Gymkhana (Autotest) Series – It was decided that we would run a competition in 2012, but in order to try and mitigate the losses experienced in 2011, the events would be PROACTIVELY publicised to the membership AND to our sister clubs. Currently dates are not yet available, pending agreements with the Cirencester Car Club and Kemble. Mes has ownership.

Action 2011-9-8 ME – Mes to agree dates of 2012 events and advise.

5. Finance report

Following the full report delivered at the recent AGM it was agreed that no report was due this meeting.

6. Membership Report

Following the full report delivered at the recent AGM it was agreed that no report was due this meeting.

7. Communications Report

Communication with our sister clubs was discussed and it was agreed that more structured communication channels needed to be established with our fellow classic car enthusiasts around the patch. Mark agreed to make contact with his fellow

Communications Officers in the sister clubs and establish distribution lists etc. by which all of our calendars could be shared / publicised to each other.

Action 2011-9-9 MK – Mark to set up structured communication channels with sister club’s Communication Officers.

8. Web Master’s Report

Web site sponsorship was discussed and Steve advised that he had recently renewed our annual subscription via his personal bank account. Steve agreed to send Mark a copy of the renewal invoice for consideration.

Action 2011-9-10 ST – Steve to forward a copy of the latest web-site renewal invoice to Mark for consideration.

9. Matters Arising

Nothing to report this month.

10. A.O.B.

None

11. D.O.N.M.

11th December @ Staverton. 10:00 start.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12:15.

Action 2011-7-4	Rob to investigate a route for 21 st August	Discharged
Action 2011-7-6	Tony to investigate invoicing to Cirencester Car Club.	Ongoing
Action 2011-8-1	Mark to compile a small questionnaire and distribute to Prescott attendees.	Ongoing
Action 2011-8-2	Tony to process Prescott weekend refunds	Discharged
Action 2011-8-3	Mark to write to John Hill and Phil Marsh and thank them for their support.	Discharged
Action 2011-8-4	Mark to speak to the Parish Council and the Pub Landlord re: BAT2	Discharged
Action 2011-8-5	Rob to investigate the local Heritage Open Days.	Discharged
Action 2011-8-6	Tony to recce the Stratton House Hotel and book for AGM if suitable.	Discharged
Action 2011-8-7	Rob to write to the landlord of the Highwayman	Discharged
Action 2011-8-8	Rob to arrange the August Noggin & Natter and advise	Discharged
Action 2011-9-1	Tony to investigate alternate venues for the Season Opener	
Action 2011-9-2	Jeremy to ascertain the date of the 2012 Corinium Run and advise.	
Action 2011-9-3	Rob to contact Mel Ward and establish if a Saturday night dinner is planned for Broadway.	
Action 2011-9-4	Rob to contact Joe Cox and ascertain what arrangements need to be made for Castle Combe in October.	
Action 2011-9-5	Steve to contact Prescott and advise of available dates.	
Action 2011-9-6	Mark to investigate options to run BAT events in 2012.	
Action 2011-9-7	Mark to make a booking with Classic Le Mans and arrange for members to request tickets.	
Action 2011-9-8	Mes to agree dates for Autotests and advise	
Action 2011-9-9	Mark to set up comms channels with sister clubs.	
Action 2011-9-10	Steve to forward a copy of the latest web-site renewal to Mark for consideration.	