

MINUTES OF THE AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB MIDLANDS & OVERSEAS CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2015
SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY MUSEUM KIDDERMINSTER

Apologies

Ian & Cindy Snelling, Marjorie Brown, Josef Eckert, David Broughton, Ruth Astle, Brian & Judy Williams, Ian Mckim-Thompson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Proposed by Charles Macnamara seconded Peter Dodson.

Chairman's Report – Mike Ward:

Another year has gone by and we are here at the AGM again. As we look back over the past year, we see another full diary.

October: At Gaydon, we invited Peter Healey to plant an Oak Tree in memory of his father Bic Healey. A thank you card had been received from Mary Healey.

November: On our stand at the NEC Classic car show we displayed 3 Liege Works cars and enjoyed the company of the Works team from the 50s & 60s. Thanks to Peter Dodson and his Team.

March: We had a very successful Midlands Centre stand at the Practical Classics Restoration Show at the NEC. Thanks to Peter Dodson and his Team.

April: We celebrated FBHVC drive it day with a pleasant drive and lunch at the Jinney Ring Craft Centre. Thanks to David Broughton.

May: Once again we had a Club display at the Donington Historic Festival. Thanks to Robin Astle.

June: The Midlands Concours was at Coventry Air Museum.

July: Charles Macnamara & his team worked with National for the Farncombe weekend.

August: The ever popular Planned Drive by Bob Kemp & Robin Astle.

Some of the sub centres have attended local events and I thank all of them for their time and organising of these.

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your solid support.

I also would like to thank all the Committee Members for all their hard work and long hours they have given to Midland Centre this year.

Treasurers Report – Peter Dodson

This year's Centre accounts have been drawn up as required by National, as the Centre's accounts are now being combined with Nationals. The Centres account shows a headline surplus of £502. Last year the figure was a surplus of £2380.

The membership levy was paid in November last year. The membership numbers have remained fairly constant over the previous year.

Regalia sales were from a small number of items that were retained by the Centre following the centralisation of regalia, and amounted to £15. There were no regalia purchases.

Show expenditure, reimbursed by AHC Ltd, for the NEC Classic Motor Show costs, were slightly lower than last years. This reduction was the result of a smaller cost in the stand. Additional entry tickets were also purchased to cover the entry of the Ex-BMC Competitions

Department Staff for the Friday of the Show. We did not enter either the Sandwell or Himley Hall Shows again this year.

Bank interest was very small.

The Centre Event Charges this year show the costs of supporting a number of events which included the 'Planned Drive', and 'Drive it Day'. The Centre also purchased 2 new flags.

The Miscellaneous costs include the cost of the visit to Sudley Castle, refunded by National, the tree that was planted at Gaydon in memory of Bic Healey, the costs of fliers in Revcounter and the VAT payments and receipts.

The balance sheet for the Centre is very healthy.

Mike Ward thanked Peter Dodson for his hard work

Membership Report – Mell Ward

Membership of the Midlands & Overseas Centre is now 310 (293 last year) with 42 of these being from Overseas. Our overseas members are: Australia 5, Belgium 2, Denmark 2, France 2, Germany 10, Greece 2, Italy 1, Luxembourg 1, Norway 4, Spain 2, Sweden 1, Switzerland 8, USA 1, China 1 and Slovakia 1.

Jim Palmer has now taken over from Peter Holland as National Membership Secretary.

Regalia Report – Viv Dodson

Regalia is now in the hands of Club Accessories and the Club gets 10% for all sales.

This year so far just £1500.00 had been taken of which over £1000.00 had been taken at the Farncombe event. The regalia range is limited whilst we still await confirmation of our licence to use the Healey logo.

NEC Report – Charles Macnamara

Due to unforeseen illness and business trips outside the UK I was unable to attend all of the NEC Meetings. In my absence Mell Ward (National & Midland Secretary) filled in for me and I would like to thank her for her invaluable support throughout the year.

The NEC have finalised the Disclosure of Directors and Officers interest disclosures during the year and authorised the revival of the "International Healey Weekend" for club members after many dormant years.

In order to "kick start" the same, Mell and I agreed to form the organising committee, with representatives from each Centre (not all centres sent a representative).

A successful event was thus held at the Farncombe Fish Hotel in July and approximately 80 members and cars attended the 3 day event which made a slight profit (despite unforeseen and unbudgeted additional costs) of circa £400. National Concours took place on the Sunday.

The NEC has continued to support the Classic Car Show at the NEC Exhibition Centre in November which is predominantly organised by the Midland Centre, and a very successful event was organised by Peter Dobson – ably supported by the Midland Team.

In 2016 Midland & Overseas will assist Josef Eckert with the organisation of the Black Forest Event in 2016, and as such any "National Weekend" will next take place in 2017.

Due to my difficulties in attendance at the NEC, although I remain National Company Secretary, another member of Midland will be proposed as NEC Director on behalf of Midland for 2016.

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There were no questions from matters of the AGM.

Nomination Of New Committee For 2015/2016

All Committee Members stood down from their positions and Charles Macnamara took the meeting whilst a new Chairperson was elected. Control then reverted to the Chair.

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairperson	Mike Ward	Josef Eckert	Mike Garton
Secretary	Mell Ward	Josef Eckert	Peter Dodson
NEC Director	David Broughton	Josef Eckert	Charles Macnamara
Membership	Mell Ward	Bob Kemp	Peter Dodson
Treasurer	Peter Dodson	Charles Macnamara	Robin Astle
Regalia Liaison	Viv Dodson	Charles Macnamara	Robin Astle
Webmaster	Robin Astle	Josef Eckert	Mike Ward
Technical Advisors:			
Big Healey	Robin Astle	Peter Dodson	Charles Macnamara
Sprite	Bob Kemp	Charles Macnamara	Vladan Gabrhel
General Committee, By Block Vote:			
	Vladan Gabrhel		
	Charles Macnamara	Bob Kemp	Mike Garton
	Linda Kemp		

Open Forum.

Ideas for events:

Ian Snelling & Keith Williams are looking for a venue in the Solihull area for a noggin and natter.

Mike Ward suggested starting a monthly luncheon, possibly on Wednesdays, going round different areas.

As a late Christmas lunch, Charles Macnamara to look at a possible visit to Whightwick Manor and Gardens followed by lunch on Sat 20th February. Robin Astle to email the membership to gauge interest.

Insurance:

It was noted that if an event is not advertised in RevCounter or on the Club web site it is deemed not to be an Austin Healey Club event and will not be covered by the Club's liability insurance.

RevCounter:

Bob Kemp asked the new members for their view on RevCounter. Morris Lashford said he thought the Magazine held up well against other magazines from other clubs.

It was felt that the magazine lacked technical information and that the American Magazine did this very well. It would be nice if new Members names were in RevCounter.

It was felt that the RevCounter should have an editorial team i.e. racing/technical/social etc.

Facebook:

Charles Macnamara to look at creating a Midlands Centre Facebook Page.

Mike Ward thanked all members for giving up their Sunday Morning to attend the AGM.

The meeting closed at 11:45am.