

**MINUTES OF THE AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB, MIDLANDS & OVERSEAS CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2017
THE BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM GAYDON.**

Apologies:

Ian Thompson, Peter & Jill Seaman, M Robins, Vladin Gahbral, Ron Walker, Ruth Astle

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Proposed by Robin Astle, seconded Charles Macnamara

Chairman's Report by Mike Ward:

Another year passes and we are here again. As we look back over the past year, we see another full diary

- November NEC The Classic car show was a great success thanks to Peter Dodson and his team
- March/April A visit to the NEC for the restoration show.
- April saw FBHVC drive it day, again an excellent day organized by David Broughton
- May once again we have attended Donington Historic Festival thanks to Robin Astle
- June, Concours was at Elford Walled Garden a beautiful sunny day and lots of new entries.

The Midweek lunches which we introduced in March 2016 have taken off and its really nice to meet with everyone every two or three months.

My sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for your solid support throughout the year. Also, I 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 by Peter Dodson

The annual accounts were tabled. There was a discrepancy which was noted by Mike Garton. This was a typing error and corrected.

The Midland Centre's bank was changed to Barclay's after Natwest notified they were closing the account.

Ian Snelling question why some Income and Expenditure differed. This is because events are subsidised.

Ian Snelling commented on the large bank balance. It was explained that having money gave the centre freedom to do events. If one looked at the Membership numbers the amount of cash was not excessive.

Approval of Accounts: Proposed by Bob Kemp, seconded by Charles Macnamara.

Membership Report by Mell Ward

Membership of the Midlands & Overseas Centre is now 320. This was just 1 member less than this time last year.

NEC Report by David Broughton

A brief summary of key issues from the NEC's activities during the course of the last year: -

Regalia: In 2014 regalia was pooled centrally and Club Accessories took over this role They gave notice in August 2017 that they would resign at the end of the year. This left the Club with 3 issues: Who would handle it short term? How to deal with ongoing demand? What would happen in the future long term?

It was believed Club Accessories had given poor service over the years. Also, communication with them had been difficult.

It was agreed to sell off the clothing and looking to the future, maybe stay with the hardware.

5-year plan: This was agreed. This would be reviewed twice a year. It had been put together by Charles Macnamara and John Tewson.

Sprite Birthday Event: Due to issues with Chateau Impney this venue had been cancelled and replaced with an alternative event based at Shelsley Walsh.

Bob Kemp commented that this was a big let down after it had been highly publicised when it appeared no agreement had been signed. This was highly embarrassing and had harmed the club's credibility with the sprite community.

It was said that no one wanted an event to fail but there had been very poor communication. David Broughton was thanked for his efforts from the members

NEC Show: The NEC committee required a different look and so an expenditure increase of 50% had been agreed. Rob Hudson who was heading this years show said it had been a steep learning curve and he had great admiration for Peter Dodson who had done the shows before.

Webmaster & Membership: Jim Palmer's resignation at the end of the year was a concern. He has made an outstanding contribution to the club and it will be very difficult to replace him. It was felt the managing the website would be more demanding than the membership, but replacements had now been recruited for both positions.

Revcounter: It was felt this was better than before. This months Revcounter was disappointing due to the proof reading corrections had not been incorporated.

Membership: Overall this stays consistent, 1814 Members at present.

Company Secretary: Voting for Club Officers. Last year it was practically impossible with the system to allow votes to be received at the registered Office. An EGM had taken place at Watford Grange and the rules had been changed and now a proper procedure was now in place.

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Ian Snelling gave a vote of thanks to the committee for their work.

It was questioned if Gaydon was the best place for an AGM. Mell Ward replied that other venues would be looked at and priced.

Bob Kemp apologised for the cancellation of the planned drive but this event would be re-instated next year.

Nomination of New Committee For 2017/2018

All Committee Members stood down from their positions Mike Ward tabled the Nominations whilst the new Chairperson was elected.

Post	Nominee
Chairperson	Mike Ward
Secretary	Mell Ward
NEC Director	David Broughton
Membership Liaison	Mell Ward
Overseas Members	Josef Eckert
Treasurer	Peter Dodson
Webmaster	Robin Astle
Technical Advisors:	
Big Healey	Robin Astle
Sprite	Bob Kemp

General Committee by Block Vote:

Charles Macnamara, Vladan Gabrhel, Viv Dodson and Linda Kemp.

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It was thought that the club were not good at welcoming new members and that more should be done. It was suggested that a Strawberry tea would be served at Midland Concours.

Joining an organised European event was discussed.

Mike Ward thanked all members for giving up their Saturday to attend the AGM & hoped they enjoyed the Museum afterwards.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm.