

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 1980
AT THE CROWN. LOWER BASILDON.

PRESENT:	MR. H.W. TUCKER-PEAKE	CHAIRMAN
	MR. R.E. WARREN	HON. SECRETARY/TREASURER
	MRS. B. TUCKER PEAKE	FALCON MOTOR CLUB
	MR & MRS J. WEST	STROUD & DISTRICT M.C
	MR. M. HALLIDAY	MOTOR CYCLING CLUB
	MR. S. WOODHALL	V.W. OWNERS CLUB

13. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM:

ROSS & DISTRICT MOTOR SPORTS CLUB
LAUNCESTON & NORTH CORNWALL MOTOR CLUB

14. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE 1980 HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED WERE DULY PASSED BY THOSE PRESENT AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

15. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

OPEN DAY. THE R.A.C. AUTOTESTS & TRIALS COMMITTEE HAD ACCEPTED ALL OUR PROPOSALS IN OPEN MEETING AND LATER IN COMMITTEE. UNFORTUNATELY THE DRAFT OF THE NEW R.A.C. YEAR BOOK DOES NOT INCLUDE THESE CHANGES, SO WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE FINAL PRINT IS CORRECT.

UNIVERSAL LICENSING: AT THIS STAGE IT APPEARS TRIALS WILL BE EXEMPT BUT RALLIES MAY BE AFFECTED.

16. REPORT ON YEAR 1st JUNE 1979 TO 31 MAY 1980.

THE SECRETARY REPORTED THAT HE HAD SENT INVOICES TO THE 7 CLUBS WHO HAD PLEDGED SUPPORT AND 4 HAD PAID A SUBSCRIPTION FOR THAT PERIOD. EXPENSES IN THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1980 AMOUNTED TO £36.79 AND IN SEPTEMBER A £20.00 REGISTRATION FEE HAD BEEN PAID TO THE R.A.C. TO GAIN RECOGNITION BY THE R.A.C. THE ASSOCIATION HAD TO REGISTER AS A CLUB, THE SAME AS THE B.T.R.D.A. AND THE ASSOCIATION OF ROVER CLUBS. ETC. PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS WAS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE ASSOCIATION GOING, AT THIS STAGE THE SECRETARY WAS FINANCING THE ASSOCIATION OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET.

MR. WEST ASKED WHO WERE THE 7 CLUBS AND WHO HAD PAID. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THESE CLUBS WERE: M.C.C., FALCON MOTOR CLUB, STROUD & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB, SPORTING OWNER DRIVERS CLUB, BLACKPALFREY M.C. OF KENT, BRISTOL M.C. & L.C.C. AND ROSS & DISTRICT MOTORSPORTS CLUB, AND HE WOULD BE SENDING OUT REMINDERS TO THE OTHER 3. MR. WEST PROPOSED AND MR. HALLIDAY SECONDED THE SUBSCRIPTION BE RAISED TO £7.50. ALL AGREED.

17. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MR. HALLIDAY PROPOSED, MR. WOODHALL SECONDED THAT THE OFFICERS BE RE-ELECTED EN BLOC. ALL AGREED.

18. PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

(A) FOR DAYLIGHT P.R. WORK WE HAD WON THE DAY IN A SMALL WAY WITH THE R.A.C. AND IT WAS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT A CODE OF PRACTICE BE ESTABLISHED. THE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD UP-DATE THE CODE HE HAD SUBMITTED TO THE R.A.C. THEN COPIES COULD BE SENT TO ALL CLUBS.

(B) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS WE HAD RULED OUT GRIP TYRES ON ROAD EVENTS AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THESE TYRES SHOULD ALSO BE RULED OUT FOR ONE VENUE EVENTS. ONE ARGUMENT AGAINST, WOULD ENTRIES SUFFER, UNDOUBTABLY YES FOR A TIME, BUT THE NEWCOMER TO THIS TYPE OF EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE GRIP TYRES AND WHEN ONE CONSIDERED THE DAMAGE ASPECT AND THE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING VENUES, IT MUST BE BETTER IF GRIP TYRES WERE NOT USED.

19 PERMITS & AUTHORISATION.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED MEMBERS WHO DISCOVERED ANY EVENTS WITH AUTHORISATION TO FORWARD DETAILS TO THE SECRETARY. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED OVER WHICH PERMIT APPLICATION FORM TO USE. THE RALLY FORM HAD A LOT OF NON-RELEVANT QUESTIONS, SO TOO DID THE P.&T. FORM. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED WE SHOULD DEVISE A PERMIT APPLICATION FORM FOR CLASSIC TRIALS AND SUBMIT THIS TO THE R.A.C. OPEN DAY 1981.

20 COMPETITORS INSURANCE.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THE QUESTION DO OTHER CLUBS GET INSURANCE TERMS AS GOOD AS THE M.C.C. GET, AND WHILST SOME CLUBS DID GET FAVOURABLE TERMS IT WAS FELT THAT PERHAPS THE ASSOCIATION COULD HELP BY APPROACHING THE INSURERS TO QUOTE TERMS FOR CLASSIC TRIALS. MR HALLIDAY SAID SOME R.A.C. MOTOR CYCLE POLICIES DID COVER TRIALS AND INDIVIDUALS DID NEGOTIATE TERMS WITH THEIR OWN INSURERS, BUT WE WOULD MAKE SOME ENQUIRIES AND REPORT BACK.

21 COUNTRYSIDE BILL

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINED PASSAGES WHICH, IS PASSED WOULD STOP MOTOR SPORT IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. ONE ORGANISATION WHICH WAS ~~WXX~~ NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN THIS DOCUMENT, BUT ALSO CARRIED A LOT OF INFLUENCE IN ANY MATTERS ON THE COUNTRYSIDE IS THE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION. FROM THE MOTOR SPORT ANGLE IT WOULD APPEAR THE MOTOR CYCLE WORLD WAS BETTER INFORMED THAN THE CAR BRIGADE. MR. HALLIDAY AND MR. WEST HAD MADE REPRESENTATION TO THE R.A.C. AND THE R.A.C. WERE NOW KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE SITUATION, SO WE NOW STAND BETTER THAN BEFORE. AT THE MOMENT EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR THE NEXT MOVE FROM THE D.O.E., WHICH MAY WELL BE A WHITE PAPER. IN THE MEANTIME ALL WE AS AN ASSOCIATION CAN DO, IS KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE AND MAKE ANY CLAIM WHEN NEEDED.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FACING ORGANISERS NOW WERE:

(A) A FALL IN ENTRIES, IS THIS BECAUSE OF HIGH COST - THE CURRENT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRY WOULD OBVIOUSLY AFFECT ENTRIES. ONE ~~WXX~~ CAN ONLY HOPE THE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE.

(B) CLASS 3C, SOME 4 SEAT CARS ARRIVE AT SIGN ON AND SCRUTINEERING WITH SOME SEATS REMOVED - ORGANISERS CAN ISSUE A WARNING IN FINAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT REMOVAL OF SEATS MAKES THE CAR NON-PRODUCTION AND CAN MEAN A CHANGE OF CLASS.

(C) FRONT WHEEL DRIVE, HOW CAN ORGANISERS COPE WITH THESE CARS - HOWEVER MUCH ORGANISERS LIKE OR DISLIKE FRONT WHEEL DRIVE WITH THE MODERN TENDENCY TO MANUFACTURE MORE AND MORE MODELS WITH FRONT WHEEL DRIVE IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES OF THESE CARS WILL INCREASE AND ORGANISERS WILL HAVE TO BE MORE REALISTIC IN SITING START LINES TO SUIT THESE CARS.

NOTE RE 131 THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALREADY BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE R.A.C. AND NEW PERMIT FORMS ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE REPRINT WILL COVER THE NEEDS OF TRIALS ORGANISERS.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 HRS.

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 1980. 7.00PM FOR ~~7.00~~ 7.30PM
AT THE CROWN, LOWER BASILDON. NEAR GORING, READING.
(ON A 329, 2 MILES NORTH OF PANGBOURNE, APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES OFF
M4, JUNCTION 12)

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

AGENDA.

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COUNTRYSIDE BILL

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