

# ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

## MINUTES OF AN ACTC COUNCIL MEETING AT THE CROWN INN, MINCHINHAMPTON, 10th May, 1998

### PRESENT:-

Roger Pole	President & Holsworthy M.C.
Simon Woodall	Chairman
David Alderson	Vice Chairman
Gerald Burridge	General Secretary
Janet Mattin	Treasurer
John West	Vice President & M.C.C.
Alan Foster	Vice President
Peter Hart )	Bristol Motor Club
Mark Tooth )	
Hans Viertel )	Camel Vale M.C.
David Toms )	
Tom Goggin )	Falcon M.C.
Mike Pearson )	
Jim Wood	Holsworthy M.C.
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
Ian Williamson	MG Car Club
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland A.C.
Giles Greenslade )	North Devon M.C.
John Barthram )	
Graham Brasier	Newquay A.C.
Richard Andrews )	Ross & District M. C.
Neil Forrest )	
Brian Cope	Shenstone & District M.C.
Brian Mitchell	Silverton M.C.
Rick Welsh )	Stroud & District M.C.
Andrew Brown )	
Terry Mattin )	V.W.O.C.
Barbara Selkirk )	
Pat Toulmin	Re-Start Editor

The meeting generally followed the draft Agenda circulated on 26th March 1998 (but see item 98/4 below.)

#### **98/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

had been received from:- Anne Templeton (Vice Pres.), Jim Templeton (ROW Co-ordinator), Richard Dawe (Championship Sec'y.), Brian Osborne (MGCC), John Parsons (Sporting Owner D.C.), Sue & Andy Webb (Champ. Monitor & Woolbridge M.C.), Steve Clark (750 M.C.), Mike Chatwin (Shenstone & D.C.C.) and Dennis Greenslade (Newquay A.C.)

#### **98/2 MINUTES OF AGM 28/9/97:**

were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **98/3 MATTERS ARISING:**

Referring to the Action List:-

97/25/1 It was agreed that the tyre list should be published in both Restart and the 1999 Championship Regulations.

**ACTION:- Dennis Greenslade**

97/25/1 No nominations had been received but Ian Williamson (MGCC) suggested Bill Faulkner as a possibility (**Note:-** Mr. Faulkner has been approached and has agreed to help. The Secretary has, therefore, put Richard Dawe in touch.)

97/26/2 The RUPP case was lost and it is likely that the pledged money will be called for. Only five clubs have made pledges but others are invited to contact Simon Woodall as soon as possible. It was subsequently agreed that a statement should be published in Restart, including an invitation for more contributions.

**ACTION:- Simon Woodall & Club Delegates**

97/32/1 Brian Cope had sent out the Press Release and some publicity had resulted.

All other items are covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

#### **98/4 MEETING AGENDA**

Brian Cope (Shenstone) requested that the Agenda be amended to postpone all the elections until the main business of the meeting had been covered - i.e. after item 15. He was supported by Richard Andrews (Ross) and the meeting concurred.

#### **98/5 FINANCIAL REPORT**

98/5/1 Further to Minute 97/23 Janet Mattin produced additional information (Attachment 98/5/1/A) and answered various queries.

Much discussion ensued and included the following points:-

- Brian Cope (Shenstone) reminded delegates that consolidation of the two accounts was expected and a future Budget should be prepared; he was supported by Jonathan Toulmin (MAC).

- Roger Pole (Holsworthy) suggested that the new Treasurer and Championship Secretary should make a proposals to the AGM in September.

- Barbara Selkirk (VWOC) pointed out that the Association's cash assets appeared to be £1,995 of which £1,000 should be in a reserve fund as previously agreed (Minute 97/26/2).

It was proposed by Robin Moore (Launceston & N. Cornwall) that:-

*"The Accounts for year ending 30th June 1997 should be accepted with the additional information now to hand."*

Seconded by John West (MCC) and carried unanimously.

98/5/2 The Treasurer's Report for the year to date was circulated (Enclosure 98/5/2/A) and further discussions ensued, covering the above points again !

Eventually it was proposed by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) that:-

*"The Treasurer, elect, and the Competition Secretary, elect, should work together (with help from the present Officers) to prepare proposals for future Budgets and accounting methods. Details to be circulated to clubs by the end of June and responses to be accepted up to the end of August; target endorsement at the AGM in September."*

Seconded by Brian Cope (Shenstone) and carried unanimously.

98/5/3 It was noted that 750 M.C. have promised to pay the outstanding two years subscriptions and that Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C. and Sporting Owner Drivers Club are both in arrears this year.

**ACTION:- Above named clubs please pay.**

On behalf of the Association Robin Moore thanked Janet Mattin for her work as Treasurer over the last several years.

#### **98/6 REPORT ON THE RACMSA TRIALS COMMITTEE**

Neither delegate had attended the January meeting and the next meeting was scheduled for the 12th May.

#### **98/7 TECHNICAL MATTERS**

David Alderson (Chairman, Technical Panel) reported on items discussed in the morning meeting:-

98/7/1 The Technical Panel recommended to Council that hatchback vehicles in Class 1 should be allowed to use "plastic" rear windows, (with certain provisos).

After discussion it was proposed by Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) that:-

*"For the purpose of Regulation M 6.3.6 'boot lid' should also include 'hatchback' - together with its window".*

Seconded by Terry Mattin (VWOC) and carried. (For 13, Against 2)

At Roger Pole's suggestion David Alderson agreed to publish detailed clarification in both Restart and Triple.

**ACTION:- David Alderson.**

98/7/2 The tyres being used on some Austin 7's need to be checked for compliance with Regulation M 6.7.5. Brian Cope advised that Shenstone had previously queried the Cheng Shin tread pattern but understood them to be on the ACTC list.

**ACTION:- Dennis Greenslade to provide clarification (and justification?) to the Technical Panel.**



98/7/3 The capacity and types of engine used in Class 6 VW cars had been debated and the Technical Panel consider that the various examples currently in use (up to 2.3 litres) meet the present Regulations.

98/7/4 CLASS 8 FORMULA. There has been little support for this subject, but front axle mounting and minimum wheel base need further consideration.

#### 98/8 R.O.W. MATTERS

There was no report but see previous item under Minute 98/3 (97/26/2).

#### 98/9 THE 1999 CALENDAR

In the absence of Richard Dawe Council considered version 2 of the calendar dated 6th May 1998 (Attachment 98/9/A)

Robin Moore (L&NC) drew attention to the clash on the 7th February caused by the Cotswold Clouds not running on its agreed week number and suggested that Stroud might like to consider the 14th February instead.

**ACTIONS:-** Stroud & D.M.C.

Richard Dawe to confirm and amend.

#### 98/10 ORGANISERS GUIDELINES

Roger Pole has completed the Guidelines and published a first edition; one copy was provided to each club. Any proposals for amendments should be submitted without delay so that an update can be issued in September, including also the new Officers.

Simon Woodall expressed Council's thanks to Roger Pole for all his work in producing this booklet.

#### 98/11 RESTART MAGAZINE.

Pat Toulmin presented a summary of her intentions and acknowledged that the future budget will need to be considered. She needs contacts with event photographers - Ian Williamson offered to supply appropriate details.

**ACTION:-** Ian Williamson.

It was confirmed that the latest copy date for the June edition would be 21st May. Copy for future editions should be submitted at least two weeks before publication: i.e. mid October and mid December, please.

#### 98/12 IDENTIFICATION OF CAR CATEGORIES

The proposal contained in the letter from Shenstone & D.C.C. dated 9th March 1998 (Attachment 98/12/A) was debated and eventually it was proposed by Graham Brasier (Newquay A.C.) that:-

*"Classes should be identified using the existing coloured stickers with black numbers superimposed - except Class 8."*

Seconded by Robin Moore (L&NC) and carried. (For 13, Against 1, Abstain. 1)  
An appropriate explanatory note will be published in Restart.

**ACTION:-** David Alderson.

## 98/13 ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

98/13/1 A letter from Camel Vale Motor Club dated 28th March 1998 (Attachment 98/13/1/A) was presented by David Toms; the possibility of issuing log books, or a scrutineering record card in order to better control compliance with Regulations was discussed. A number of contributions were made by various delegates and it was eventually agreed that a formal proposal should be considered at the AGM. Camel Vale will work with David Alderson to formulate a proposal for consideration by clubs using the same time scale as previously agreed for financial matters (see 98/5/2 above).

**ACTION:- Camel Vale and David Alderson.**

98/13/2 Further to Minute 97/28/2 it was noted that Brian Osborne (MGCC) recommended attending the Classic Car Show at the NEC which would be "free".

**ACTION:- Brian Osborne to provide further details**

98/13/3 John Barthram (North Devon M.C.) requested that the capacity split for motorcycle classes should be reconsidered and suggested 225cc instead of 400cc. This subject will be considered at the AGM.

**ACTION:- Clubs be prepared to agree new rules at AGM.**

## 98/14 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS.

98/14/1 There was no report on the current championship.

98/14/2 CHAMPIONSHIP ACCOUNTS. Interim figures for the period 1/8/97 to 9/5/98 were submitted with Richard Dawe's letter dated 7th May (Attachment 98/14/2/A). There appeared to be some discrepancy in the figures which would need to be clarified. Furthermore the reserve fund is again not shown.

**ACTION:- Richard Dawe.**

98/14/3 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALITY CONTROL. Andy Webb submitted a comprehensive report (Attachment 98/14/3/A) via the Secretary. He asked that attention be drawn to the two events run by Camel Vale both of which had attracted critical reports.

## 98/15 NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

Four nominations had been received for Roger Pole who was declared elected.

There were no new nominations for Vice President.

## 98/16 NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1998/99

98/16/1 For the following posts there were single nominees, as listed:-

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| - General Secretary     | Gerald Burrige  |
| - Treasurer             | Barbara Selkirk |
| - Championship Monitor  | Andy Webb       |
| - Rights of Way Officer | Andrew Brown    |
| - Class 7 Coordinator   | Simon Woodall   |

In the absence of other nominations all were declared elected.

98/16/2 There were two nominations for **Chairman:-**

- David Alderson Nominated by Newquay AC, Seconded by Launceston & N.C.
  - Jim Templeton Nominated by the MCC, Seconded by VWOC.
- After a secret ballot **David Alderson** was declared elected by 9 votes to 6.

98/16/3 There were two nominations for **Championship Secretary:-**

- Brian Cope Nominated by Shenstone, Seconded by Launceston & N.C.
  - Giles Greenslade Nominated by Newquay A.C., Seconded by Stroud.
- After a secret ballot **Giles Greenslade** was declared elected by 9 votes to 6.

**ACTION:-** Barbara Selkirk & Giles Greenslade item 98/5/2.

98/16/4 Although Simon Woodall had been nominated for Vice Chairman he withdrew, having already been appointed Class 7 coordinator. (He is also a Vice President).

**Jim Templeton** was nominated for Vice Chairman by Launceston & N.C., Seconded by Shenstone.

There being no other nominations he was declared elected.

98/16/5 Simon Woodall had circulated a document (Attachment 98/16/5/A) listing roles and responsibilities prior to the meeting; it suggested, inter alia, a new post for a PR Officer. Attention was drawn also to the fact that we need an Awards Secretary (not an Officer). These subjects must be carried forward to the AGM.

**ACTION:-** Clubs to make proposals.

Robin Moore (Launceston & N.C.) spoke for all clubs in thanking the retiring Officers for their work on behalf of the Association.

#### 98/17 ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

98/17/1 Gerald Burridge reminded Council of our commitment to support and publicise the 1998 Kernow Conquest Trial - Minute 97/31. It was agreed that Graham Brasier (Newquay A.C.) would send information to Pat Toulmin for inclusion in Restart.

**ACTION:-** Graham Brasier/Pat Toulmin.

98/17/2 Neil Forrest (Ross) queried the grading information on the last page of the Championship Regulations which was not considered accurate or consistent. he was supported by Brian Cope (Shenstone) and there was general agreement to delete this information from the 1999 booklet.

**ACTION:-** Giles Greenslade to note.

#### 98/18 PLACE, DATE & TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Costs at The Crown have escalated and a new venue will be sought.

**ACTION:-** Stroud and Bristol clubs to investigate possibilities and advise Secretary.

Date to be confirmed - see covering letter.

SIGNED..... DATE.....