

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE ACTC COUNCIL
AT THE CROWN INN, MINCHINHAMPTON, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1997.**

PRESENT:-

Simon Woodall	Chairman
David Alderson	Vice Chairman
Gerald Burridge	General Secretary
Richard Dawe	Championship Secretary
Andy & Sue Webb	Championship Monitor & Woolbridge M.C.
Roger Pole	President & Holsworthy M.C.
Mark Tooth	Bristol Motor Club
Bob Barrow)	
David Toms)	Camel Vale M.C.
Mike Pearson	Falcon M.C.
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Automobile Club
Dennis Greenslade)	
R.K. Richards)	Newquay Auto Club
Richard Andrews	Ross & District M. C.
Mike Chatwin)	
Brian Cope)	Shenstone & District M.C.
Brian Mitchell)	
Ron Grimwood)	Silverton M.C.
C. Hooper)	
Paul Wear)	Stroud & District M.C.
Greg Warren	Torbay M.C.

The meeting followed the finalized Agenda issued on 28th September.

97/19 - INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS.

Simon Woodall (Chairman) welcomed back the officers re-elected in April, including now the Class 7 Co-ordinator - Stephen Bailey (see minute 96/25/1).

97/20 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from:- J. West (V.P. & MCC) , A. Foster (V.P.), A. Templeton (V.P.), J. Templeton (ROW. Co-ordinator), J. Mattin (Treasurer), S. Bailey (Class 7 Co-ordinator), J. Parsons (S.O.D.C.), T. Goggins (Falcon), P. Hart (Bristol M.C.), J. Collins (Holsworthy), T. Mattin (V.W.O.C.), T. Coventry & N. Moss (Stroud).

97/21 - MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 18th MAY 1997.

Andy Webb (Championship Monitor) queried whether Attachment 97/15/3/A had been circulated to non-attendees. Reference to the Secretary's letter of 4th August indicated that it had not; nor had the Secretary received any requests for a copy. Representatives of Newquay Motor Club were, therefore, given a copy by Andy Webb.

With no further comments, the minutes were approved and signed.

97/22 - MATTERS ARISING

- 97/6:- 750 Motor Club still has not paid the 96/97 Subscription.

- 97/13:- Restart Magazine:- would be covered in AOB (see 97/28/1 below).

- 97/14/2:- Richard Dawe reported that the Championship logo would be re-introduced on appropriate paperwork.

A debate then ensued on whether the same logo should be used on general ACTC correspondence, but no conclusion was recorded. It was confirmed that standard ACTC headed note paper, carrying the RAC approved logo was available from Anne Templeton for those who needed it.

-97/15/1 Richard Dawe can supply appropriate software for standard results sheets, if required.

97/23-ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th.JUNE 1997

In the absence of the Treasurer, copies of the Annual Accounts were distributed to the meeting (Attachment 97/23/A). A discussion ensued from which the following points were noted:-

- The format does not clearly show the profit/loss situation for the year.

-The contribution paid towards "Restart" postage is not identified (See Minutes 94/21 & 95/20/4).

- J. Toulmin (MAC) queried whether it was necessary to continue with two sets of accounts, to which R. Moore (L&NC) responded that individual championship contenders would not wish to see their fees going into the general "administrative" fund; this should be supported by the clubs.

- B. Cope (Shenstone) suggested that it should nevertheless be possible to show a consolidated summary indicating to Council the overall financial situation of the Association, including its Championship. (Note:- this may mean a re-alignment of the "Championship Accounts Year" with the Association's financial year, as defined in Rule No. 6).

- Robin Moore (L&NC) proposed that :-

"The Association Accounts for the year ended 30th June 1997 should be re-drafted and clarified"

Seconded Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) and carried (For 12, Against 0, Abstention 1).

ACTION - J. Mattin and R. Dawe.

97/24 - REPORT ON THE RACMSA TRIALS COMMITTEE.

Simon Woodall presented a report covering meetings held in May and August 1997. (Attachment 97/24/A).

Dennis Greenslade confirmed that he maintains an up to date list of acceptable tyres and can supply copies on request. (see also minute 97/25/1/below

On the subject of AVGAS being used as an additive for unleaded fuel, Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) made the point that there are likely to be serious obstacles to its use in road vehicles and particular problems concerning its storage.

97/25 - TECHNICAL MATTERS

- 97/25/1 TECHNICAL PANEL MEETINGS: David Alderson reported on various items discussed at the Panel meeting earlier in the day.

- Tyres:- Consideration would be given to the generation of a tyre specification, similar to that produced by the MCC for motor cycles. In the meantime the ACTC list held by Dennis Greenslade should be used (i.e. a list of permitted tyres, rather than a list of prohibited items). The possibility of publishing the current list in the 1998 Championship Regulations and circulating to Clubs with the Championship data would be investigated (urgently!).

ACTION - Richard Dawe

- Motor Cycle Classes:- ACTC will follow the MCC class structure from 1998, including tyre specifications. Richard Dawe will co-ordinate this work, but needs help from an expert in modern bike technology. Clubs please nominate volunteers.

ACTION - Clubs.

- Eligibility:- Various specific items had been dealt with, e.g. - A petition to place a V8 engined Marlin in Class 7 was declined, a hybrid Hillman Imp was confirmed in Class 7 and Vincent spare wheel carrier details had been accepted. The more general subject of Re-classification Certificates issued by the MCC for their events was placed before Council, with a recommendation from the Technical Panel that Bucklers should not normally run in Class 5. After some discussion it was proposed by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) that :-

"Other ACTC clubs should not accept MCC Reclassification Certificates, but should classify vehicles according to Technical Specification Regulations and Guidelines."

Seconded Andy Webb (Woolbridge) and carried (For 12, Against 0, Abstention 1).

ACTION:- Organisers to make this clear in their Regulations

- 97/25/2 CLASS 2 GUIDELINES: Council was advised that the Guidelines recently published in Triple were not correct and that we should regard those circulated as Attachment 97/8/1/A to be the intended version. One written input had been received, from Launceston & North Cornwall MC, concerning the use of alternators; this proposal was not acceptable to the Technical Panel.

With no further comments, it was proposed by Andy Webb (Woolbridge) that:-

"ACTC will implement the previously published Class 2 Guidelines from 1st January 1998"

Seconded Mark Tooth (Bristol MC) and carried (For 11, Against 0, Abstentions 2).

(Secretary's Note:- as a consequence of the motion covered in Minute 97/25/1 above, the last sentence of item 7.2 in the Guidelines should be deleted.)

- 97/25/3 CLASS 8 FORMULA: A new draft had been considered by the Technical Panel and some changes to the text agreed. A revised version is circulated with these Minutes as Attachment 97/25/3/A.

97/26 - R.O.W. MATTERS.

- 97/26/1 ROW REPORT:- In his absence Jim Templeton submitted a written report (Attachment 97/26/1/A) together with a revised edition of the Trials Sections Database. Copies were provided for all delegates; those for non-attendees were posted by the General Secretary on 29th September 1997.

- 97/26/2 RE-CLASSIFICATION OF RUPPS:- Bristol Motor Club tabled a document giving more details of this subject (Attachment 97/26/2/A) and the Chairman requested that all member clubs give it serious attention as soon as possible - in particular he stressed the importance of pledging money for the "fighting fund".

ACTION:- Club delegates to ensure that all member clubs act on this matter as soon as possible.

It was proposed by Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) that:-

"ACTC should pledge £500 from the General Account and £500 from the Championship Account, placing £1,000 on deposit in a 'Fighting Fund' in case it should be required."

Seconded by Bob Barrow (Camel Vale) and carried unanimously.

ACTION:- Janet Mattin and Richard Dawe.

NOTE: Club pledges should be communicated to Simon Woodall, who will liaise with Jim Templeton.

97/27 - RULES

- 97/27/1 ORGANISERS CHECK LISTS & GUIDELINES:- Roger Pole apologised for being unable to complete this task due to illness. It was, however, agreed that Motor Cycle information could now be added before finalisation.

ACTION:- Roger Pole - with input from Richard Dawe.

- 97/27/2 GENERAL RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION:- The Chairman thanked John West, in his absence, for again working on the Rules and presenting a Final Draft (V3), with supplementary notes referenced as Amended Summer 1997. A copy is filed with these Minutes (Attachment 97/27/2/A) and copies will be sent to non-attendees, carrying the reference V3 in the top right hand corner.

It was proposed by Andy Webb (Woolbridge) that

"Final Draft (V3) be adopted as the Rules of the Association, forthwith."

Seconded by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) and carried unanimously.

NOTE: The General Secretary draws the attention of Club delegates to Rules 11 and 12. At the present time he holds a list of delegates to whom all relevant items are sent; it is assumed that these persons were, at some time, appropriately nominated by their clubs. Furthermore, notifications under Rule 11 are few and far between.

Any proposal to simplify these items, to our mutual benefit, would not be obstructed by the secretariat!

97/28 - ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

- 97/28/1 RESTART MAGAZINE: Further to discussions in Council on 18th May, 1997 (Minute 97/13) Brian Cope was invited to present his paper on the subject (Attachment 97/28/1/A). Again, a lengthy discussion ensued, with a number of relevant points made by those most directly involved; eventually a series of formal proposals were put forward as follows:-

Proposed by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) that:-

"We ask Anne Templeton to publish the next two issues of Restart with the assistance of Pat Toulmin and allow Pat to take over from January 1998. It is noted that publication dates are set as 1st March, 1st June, 1st November and 1st January; Council expects these targets to be met."

Seconded Bob Barrow (Camel Vale) and carried (For 12, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

Proposed by Robin Moore (L&NC) that:-

"Pat Toulmin should be the Editor and Dennis Greenslade the Assistant Editor of the ACTC magazine, with effect from 1st January 1998"

Seconded Roger Pole (Holsworthy) and carried (For 12, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

Proposed by Andy Webb (Woolbridge) that :-

"The Editor and Assistant Editor be invited to attend ACTC Council meetings (see Rule 10)."

Seconded Mike Pearson (Falcon) and carried (For 12, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

Proposed by Robin Moore (L&NC) that:-

"Council authorises the Chairman to purchase and present a token of our appreciation to the Templetons."

Seconded Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) and carried (For 11, Against 0, Abstentions 2)

- 97/28/2 AUTOSPORTS INTERNATIONAL SHOW, JANUARY 1998:- It was reported that we had been invited to participate in this show - at a cost of £1250 + VAT + costs of the display. As no sponsor could be found in the time available, the invitation was declined.

97/29 - CHAMPIONSHIP ACCOUNTS.

Richard Dawe presented the Accounts for the year ending 31st July 1997 (Attachment 97/29/A); he drew attention to the loss of £500 in the year which was largely due to non-recurring items and suggested holding the Registration Fee at £8 for one more year. Some delegates felt that this might not be wise and Brian Mitchell (Silverton) proposed that:-

"The Championship Registration Fee should be increased to £10 for 1998; the Navigators Fee to be £3 and additional copies of Restart to be £5."

Seconded Mark Tooth (BMC) and carried (for 12, Against 0, Abstention 1).

Proposed by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) that:-

"The Championship Accounts be accepted."

Seconded by Mike Pearson (Falcon) and carried unanimously.

97/30 - CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS.

- 97/30/1 CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY. This is our most successful year ever in terms of registered competitors - over 180 car drivers, 51 motor cyclists and 36 navigators. Richard Dawe presented tables showing the league positions so far, and these would also be on display at breakfast on the Edinburgh Trial.

-97/30/2 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALITY CONTROLLER. Andy Webb reported that he had little to add to his full report at the last meeting; only the Taw & Torridge had been held since, and 3 out of 4 observer's reports had been returned.

97/31 STATUS OF THE KERNOW CONQUEST TRIAL

This item was put on the Agenda at the request of Newquay Auto Club, which had unfortunately been unable to run this trial in 1997. To make the club's position clear it was requested that the General Secretary should read to the Council a letter dated 2nd August 1997 sent to him by Ian Tucker, Club Secretary. (Copy appended to these Minutes as Attachment 97/31/A)

Andy Webb then re-iterated the history of the Kernow Conquest Trial together with the facts reported, and discussed, at the May meeting. It was unfortunate that Newquay did not send a delegate to that meeting and that the Minutes were published later than usual.

Dennis Greenslade, for Newquay Auto Club queried the possibility that an event may be granted Championship status from the outset, in order to get it off the ground; it should be carefully monitored for "Quality" and dropped after 2 or 3 years if found wanting. This provoked some debate but at least two clubs spoke in favour of maintaining the established routine. Roger Pole (Holsworthy) asked that ACTC should provide support and publicity for a revived event in 1998. It was agreed that the date of next year's trial would be 20th September 1998 (Week 38); observation would be arranged and a decision on championship status made in May 1999.

97/32 ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

-97/32/1 PUBLICITY:- Brian Cope (Shenstone) raised the subject of publicity for the ACTC Championship in the motoring press. It was noted that Richard Dawe was getting support from Motor Cycling magazines but not from Motoring News. Brian will issue a Press release covering the 1998 Championship.

-97/32/2 P.R. WORK:- Greg Warren (Torbay) advised Council of increasing difficulties in dealing with National Parks, e.g.. Dartmoor. Increased PR work and more consultation with Parish Councils has become necessary in order to assure the success of the Torbay Trial. Other organisers should ensure that they commence liaison work well in advance of the dates for their events.

-97/32/3 MANX TRIAL:- Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) reported that planning for the trial in the Isle of Man on 3rd May 1998 is proceeding well. Potential competitors should note no motor cycles will be accepted on this occasion.

97/33 - NEXT MEETING(S).

Sunday 10th May 1998, 2.00pm at The Crown Inn, Minchinhampton.

Provisional date for the next AGM will be 27th September, 1998.

Signed.....Date.....

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11th November, 1997

Dear delegate,

Please find enclosed the minutes of our AGM held on 28th September, 1997. You will also receive a copy of each of the following:

- 97/24/A : RAC Trials Committee Meetings - May & August.
- 97/25/3/A : Draft Guidelines for the construction of Class 8 cars.
- 97/28/1/A : A paper by Brian Cope concerning "Restart" magazine.

Other documents were issued at the meeting, so for those who were not present I enclose:

- 97/26/2/A : Reclassification of RUPP's by Bristol Motor Club.
- V3 : The final draft of the General Rules of the Association.

When you read the minutes you will find that the rules were adopted at the AGM so you can delete all references to "draft" from your copies. Please read rule no. 11 and let us discover how far out of date my records really are !

May I finish with the usual disclaimer - please let me know if you are missing a document that you expect to have; don't wait until the next meeting and complain !

Regards,

Gerald Burridge.