



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Sunday 23 November 2014 at 10.00am

held at the Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Present: S Bromley (General Secretary), J Carroll (Editor), S Edwards (Safety Officer), G Fletcher (Treasurer), S Flitcroft (Membership & Shop Manager), P Hamblin (Council Member), N Hubert (Internet Site Officer), S Johnson (Vehicle Verification Officer), P Palmer (Publicity Officer), P Robinson (Vice Chairman), T Till (Chairman) and M Turner (Council Member).

Apologies were received from: W Boulton, T Hawkes and J Newbould.

39. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

Action

The Minutes of the meeting were approved.

40. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

GF confirmed that the B&WM Area financial situation was largely resolved as the funds are back under control. (Minutes 956, 992, 06, 23 and 30)

GF had been in touch with ACB who were preparing to take on the membership work and staff were being allocated. To help make things more streamlined, GF suggested moving the Registered Office from Attleborough to ACB Ltd's offices. This is needed as the Royal Mail only offers their redirection service for 12 months (regardless of the fee), so the mail at Attleborough would need to be posted back to Bridport. After various checks, this was agreed. SB to undertake the necessary paperwork. (Minute 32)

SB reported that a reply had been received from the UK Airsoft Association, which he felt tended to duck the issue and try and pass it on to their retailers. The letter to them adequately covers the Trust's position. (Minute 36)

SE had attended the FBHVC AGM along with Vice President John Marchant. One of the messages was about embracing younger enthusiasts until a picture of the proceedings was posted on Facebook, when some of the Federation's senior officers strongly voiced their objections! (Minute 36)

SB reported that the Holiday Inn could not provide a meeting room for 6th June 2015 meeting. This date also clashes with Wicksteed at War. Nevertheless, it was decided the meeting should take place at a different venue. (Minute 37)

SB

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41. TIMESHEETS

GF had asked for Council members to keep a record of the time they spent on Trust business (Minutes 25c and 30). These were then given to GF for the records.

42. CHANGES TO THE SET-UP OF AREAS

GF used the spreadsheet for the website to go through the Areas, grouping them into categories. A number of Areas had fully completed all the paperwork quickly, whilst others, for various reasons, had taken longer. Others still had odd items still outstanding, whilst one small group had produced nothing at all. The matter was comprehensively discussed. One matter that was clarified was that no Area can run a show or event that charges the public to attend without their new bank account. Some anomalies have surfaced, especially the lack of affiliated members in some Areas where the Area is very active and well attended. SB to write to these Areas to ask they chase up would-be affiliates.

SB

The Areas that had decided not to hold funds were listed, and three more names were added where it is assumed the Area does not want to hold any significant funds. Three currently named Areas have explained they do not have meetings and are not “Areas”, but just get together on an ad hoc basis, usually at shows during the summer. The named Areas Secretaries cannot take on the responsibilities without an actual Area, but they are very useful contact points. Following earlier consultation, it was agreed to rename their posts as “Regional Contacts”. Two more Areas may also decide to change to that name where the Area meets in name only, under the wing of a local military vehicle club.

JC/NH
/GF

It was agreed five Areas should be deleted; three that had actually folded, and two that have been totally silent for a very long period and there is no known Area Secretary. After much discussion, it was agreed that a further three Areas should also be shown as deleted, where no paperwork at all has been returned and no explanation offered, despite the meetings, emails, deadlines and finally the Signed-For letters. It also appears no one is actually meeting although one or two members have asked to be affiliated to these Areas. This situation and the affiliates will be reviewed at the February meeting.

JC/NH
/GF

NH confirmed how he should amend the website and JC will be given any later news prior to preparation of the next magazine.

NH/JC

43. REGULAR REPORTS

Written reports circulated prior to the meeting showed:

Finance - The draft Annual Accounts for 1 October 2013 – 30 September 2014 had been circulated. This showed a slight increase in income, even after the extra funds created by monies from the Areas. GiftAid is down, especially as back-years can now longer be claimed for. Support for Areas had increased whilst the cost of the publication has reduced. PH proposed the Annual Accounts be formally adopted, seconded by MT. Carried unanimously.

A balance sheet for the fourth quarter had also been circulated.

Reports were also presented for Insurance, Membership, Publications, Publicity, Safety, Shop, Vehicle Verification and the Website.

44. MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Membership – SB had circulated a proposal originating from the Cornwall Area suggesting a percentage of the membership goes straight back to the Area to which the member is affiliated. This was discussed but it could not be seen how the problems for “dry” Areas with no bank account, and those Areas that simply do not want or need this extra cash (only to be spent in line with the Trust’s charitable objectives) could be overcome. Also funds are already available for any Area wishing to fund a charitable project via a simple application to the Treasurer, to take to the next Council meeting.

SB

Website – NH asked about commercial adverts on the member’s advertising page on the website. It was confirmed this page is for private sales and NH has the right to refuse any advert. Any commercial or business-type advert should be rejected at NH’s discretion.

Shop – SF had circulated the details of a power-mover for the shop trailer. TT confirmed the difficulty of moving the twin-axled shop trailer, especially off-road.

NH

It was agreed SF should get the mover fitted using new parts (rather than taking up the alternative offer of cheaper, secondhand equipment), whilst the trailer is having its annual service.

SF

45. 2015 AGM

SB confirmed that at April’s AGM, nine Council positions (eight names by rotation and one vacancy) would be up for election, instead of the one third rule of five. This would continue to skew the rotation in forthcoming years, so he proposed drawing lots as allowed under Clause 40 of the Articles Association. NH confirmed he would not be standing for re-election as a Council member, so SB, SE, JN and PP will stand down and can offer themselves for re-election, along with the vacancies.

The question of whether to invite a speaker was discussed. TT will ask Andy Baker.

The Warwick Offredi Award was discussed and it was decided to continue to pick the “best Area”. This was decided on a first past the post for the Area that dealt with the recent “Changes” in their actions and documentation.

TT

46. GRANTS

NH pointed out that the title was wrong as the CoM cannot offer “grants” internally, as the Trust is one whole body. This distribution of money is simply the transferring of funds, which is more like an overdraft facility for the Areas. Grants are when funds are given to groups outside the Trust. (And the committee name should be the “Grants and Area Funds Sub-Committee”.)

The requests for funding are as follows:

ES&WK Area – have sufficient funds to cover outgoings.

W Lancs Area - £500 approved.

Cornwall Area – approved if they return monies to central funds which will cover their request.

Alvis Fighting Vehicles Group “Trucks, Troops and Firepower Show” – 2014 balance sheet does not have the correct balance which should actually show a £6048 profit. For 2015, £1000 grant, with free entrance to MVT members. This will be a reducing figure in future years as the show is now established.

SE Midlands Area “Wicksteed at War Show” – (PH left the room) – agreed the £8000 funding but not the “national” label. Also GF must be kept informed on

the sponsorship results.

S Hants Area – Area Secretary, Dan Major's submission on the Mulberry Harbour Whale Bridge Section Project first proposal was noted and will be discussed when more details become available.

47. FBHVC EU ROADWORTHNESS DIRECTIVE

SB said he had managed to produce a reply on behalf of the Trust in the few days allowed, as the MVT was one of the member clubs being consulted by the Federation. In general the Federation's draft response comprehensively covered all points although SB said he objected to their reply favouring pre-1939 vehicles.

48. SHOWS & EVENTS

PP reported on the success of the MVT stand at the recent NEC Classic Car Show. PP asked for funding of £750 for the 2015 show and this was approved.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.35pm.

The next meeting is on Sunday 8 February 2015,
at the Holiday Inn, Bridgefoot, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR, starting at 10.00am.
