

V8 Register – MG Car Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 21st July 2019 at noon in the Club's hospitality suite at Donington Park Circuit

Relocation of the V8 AGM 2019 to Donington Circuit

The V8 AGM is usually held on the Sunday at the Club's annual MGLive! event at Silverstone Circuit but the MGLive! 2019 event had to be cancelled because we understand the Circuit Managers at Silverstone notified the Club that unexpected and urgent track resurfacing works had to be carried out in June 2019 with the consequence they could not confirm the availability of the track and central area necessary for the Club to hold the planned two day MGLive!. In view of that cancellation it was not possible to hold the V8 AGM previously announced for Sunday 16th June 2019 at the V8 Marquee at Silverstone Circuit but instead a formal notice was posted in the June 2019 issue of Safety Fast! that the V8 AGM 2019 would be held at the Club's race meeting at Donington Circuit on Sunday 21st July 2019.

Information received from Nic Houslip and from Richard Homer

Ahead of the meeting the **current V8 Chairman Nic Houslip** notified the V8 Committee members saying that after much thought and discussion, he had decided that he will not seek re-election at the V8 AGM on Sunday 21st July 2019. As Nic has moved house in the last six months and is now heavily involved in a major renovation and upgrade of a new house he has mentioned he feels he has sufficient problems with his builder so that he is not enable to devote any time to MG affairs, and he thinks it may be the end of this year before he will be in a position to resume even Technical work on the V8 Committee.

The **current V8 Secretary, Richard Homer**, also notified V8 Committee members that his holiday arrangements made before the need to relocate the V8 AGM 2019 had become necessary meant he would out of the UK and not able to attend the V8 AGM at Donington Park on Sunday 21st July 2019. He also advised fellow Committee members he would not stand for re-election to the office of V8 Secretary or as a V8 Committee member.

Chairman of the meeting

As the current V8 Chairman, Nic Houslip, was not able to attend and chair the meeting, following a proposal from Howard Gosling it was agreed unanimously by the members attending that Victor Smith should chair the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Ahead of the meeting apologies had been received from Chris Bound, Ken Clayton, Peter Cook, Andy Gove, Richard Homer, Nic Houslip, Steve Newton, Ian Quarrington and Clive Wheatley.

2. Approval of the minutes of the V8 AGM held in June 2018

As a set of the minutes for the last V8 AGM held on 3rd June 2018 at the V8 Marquee at MGLive! had not been included in materials circulated following the formal notice of the V8 AGM 2019 at Donington Park, their review and approval could not be made.

3. Matters arising

As soon as a set of the minutes for the V8 AGM 2018 is traced a copy will be circulated to the members attending the V8 AGM 2019 for their review and approval.

Note subsequent to the meeting: a set of the minutes of the V8 AGM 2018 obtained by John Cumming was circulated to members attending the meeting and they were approved with no matters arising.

4. Reports from the V8 Chairman

No report was made.

5. V8 Secretary

No report was made.

6. Report from the V8 Treasurer

John Cumming presented the annual accounts for the V8 Register to 31st December 2018. John explained the loss of £2,030 shown in the 2017 accounts has been reduced in the 2018 accounts to a small loss of £46 and that there would have been a small profit had Worldpay not taken their annual charge from the income due to the V8 Register when the V8 Register had already paid the annual charge of £192.43 (£160.36 ex VAT) by cheque. John also mentioned that due to the way that various items of sales had previously been entered into the accounts, in order to analyse the sales of various items, this has changed for the 2018 accounts at the request of the accounts department at Kimber House. The various sales – for example of V8NOTES and RV8NOTES had previously been placed in individual columns. They are now entered in the Regalia column and a separate analysis is made by John from the Receipts sheet of the accounts. John added the sales of V8 Regalia through the Club Shop had been slow. Victor Smith mentioned the online V8 Shop was closed in 2017 and for a part of 2018 which reduced the sales income received by the V8 Register. With the V8 Shop open again in 2018 the previous loss in 2017 was reduced to almost break even in 2018. The accounts were unanimously approved by the members attending the meeting.

Victor Smith thanked John Cumming for taking over the role of V8 Treasurer and his work in maintaining the accounts, a much valued contribution by fellow V8 Committee members.

7. Election of the officers and committee members

By tradition all members of the current V8 Committee stand down at the V8 AGM and where they wish can offer themselves for election together with other nominations. Then members attending the meeting can vote on each nomination. There are eight places on the V8 Committee. A temporary chairman of the meeting is needed to conduct the election of the V8 Chairman. Howard Gosling was proposed by Victor Smith and seconded by Jim Gibson to be the Temporary Chairman of the Meeting for the election of a new V8 Chairman. Howard Gosling was unanimously elected to be Temporary Chairman of the Meeting.

Nomination of Victor Smith for the office of V8 Chairman

Howard Gosling announced that following receipt of the decision by Nic Houslip not to stand for re-election as V8 Chairman, he had a nomination of Victor Smith for the post of V8 Chairman from Ian Quarrington, seconded by Clive Wheatley. Victor Smith was elected unanimously as V8 Chairman. At this point in the meeting Howard Gosling handed over the chairing of the meeting to the new V8 Chairman and stood down as Temporary Chairman of the Meeting.

Nomination of John Cumming for the office of V8 Treasurer was proposed by Victor Smith and seconded by Ian Quarrington. John Cumming was elected unanimously as V8 Treasurer.

Nomination for the office of V8 Secretary

No nomination had been received. It was unanimously agreed efforts would be made to co-opt a member as V8 Secretary who would subsequently stand for election at the V8 AGM 2020.

Nomination of Ken Clayton as a member of the V8 Committee covering the role of V8 Tours Coordinator was proposed by Mike Lane and seconded by Victor Smith. Ken Clayton was elected unanimously.

Nomination of Ian Quarrington as a member of the V8 Committee covering the role of V8 Kent Tour 2020 Organiser was proposed by Richard Homer and seconded by Victor Smith. Ian Quarrington was elected unanimously.

Nomination of Steve Newton as a member of the V8 Committee covering the role of Technical Contact was proposed by Nic Houslip and seconded by Ken Clayton. Steve Newton was elected unanimously.

Nomination of Clive Wheatley as a member of the V8 Committee covering the role of Spares Contact was proposed by Nic Houslip and seconded by Victor Smith. Clive Wheatley was elected unanimously.

8. Reports from other V8 Committee members

V8 Webmaster's report

A chart was produced by Victor Smith showing the level of activity on the V8 Website as indicated by the links on the Recent Changes to all new material posted to the website. The chart showed the average number of new items over the last 12 months has been **27.83 per month or 6.42 per day**. Many of the new postings have been useful, topical NEWS items.

Workshop Notes

Victor Smith mentioned the **aggregate number of V8NOTES and RV8NOTES is now 1,013** having passed the milestone of 1,000 in October 2018 on the V8 Register's 40th Anniversary. He mentioned that the average rate of release of workshop notes as additions to two series from fellow members' contributions since 1999 (when the RV8NOTES series was launched) has been **36.23 pa or 3.02 per month**. The sale of sets of workshop notes on Twister memory sticks, along with the sale of adverts for cars for sale on the V8 Website, are an essential source of net income which enables the V8 Register to remain self-financing and financially viable as a successful register within the Club and to be recognised generally as a leading classic car group.

There were no other reports.

9. Any other business

Richard Withington reported a modest level of bookings for the **V8 Lincolnshire Tour** to be held in September 2019 and that Ian Quarrington will make an announcement at a dinner during the tour weekend with details of the V8 Kent Tour 2020 he is organising, including details of the programme of visits, the base hotel and booking information. Promptly following that announcement those details will be released on the V8 Website.

Victor Smith noted the **date of the next V8 AGM** is not yet known but will be released as soon as the dates for MGLive! 2020 are announced by Club Office.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 12.32pm.