

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008.



By Joy Davies.

Minutes of the sixth A.G.M. of THE STEAM CAR CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN LTD

held at

CRICH TRAMWAY MUSEUM, DERBY.
on SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2008 AT 2PM.

The chairman Bill Rich opened the meeting and welcomed members. Bill asked if the members could stand to remember a member who had passed away during last year Bob Noble of California USA.

Apologies: 42 members notified the secretary a list is on file.

Attendance: 40 members attended and the register stated 52 were present in room.

Minutes: 2007 Minutes were circulated among members, and agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Bob Dyke and Seconded by Peter Williams.

Matters arising: Honourarium to be paid to Joy Davies Secretary and Jeff Theobald Editor/Archive Officer a sum of £500 for the work they have done in the last year, again to be review annually.

Gerry Stoneman addressed the floor on a matter of the vote taken in 2007 AGM where it was proposed and passed that every steam car carries a "NTET Disc" and a letter from the Chairman Bill Rich regarding the validity of this vote under Rule 52 in the Articles of Association. Bill Rich informed Gerry Stoneman that "the" had been used instead of "no" on Rule 52. Basil Craske stated that the issue would be discussed later with the changing of rules in item 8.

Accounts: were circulated among members. There were no questions. Accounts were proposed by Basil Craske and Seconded by Barry Herbert.

Auditors: for 2007-08 James Holyoak & Parker Chartered Accountants, Proposed by Sally-Ann Dod and Seconded by Barry Herbert.

Chairman Report: Yet Again we have had an action packed year of events starting at the end of April and the beginning of May with the 7th German steam car tour organised by Heiner Rossler and his team in Melle. At the end of May, Gerry and Ann Stoneman organised a tour based in Tiverton, Devon, to coincide with their Golden wedding celebrations. A wonderful tour was enjoyed by 26 steam cars and their attendant crews. At the end of May in the wilds of Northern Scotland, Ann and Bill Hunter were the only steam car to take part in the VCC Orkneys and Shetland tour.

One weekend in June, John Tilley, Peter Stevenson and John Hennessy made a showing at the Black Country Museum in Dudley. In July, Rachel and Bill took Charles Burnet's 1903 Stanley to France and took part in Bordeaux to Paris road run. August/September saw the Great Dorset Steam fair with only 7 steam cars attending which is down from previous years. In September Basil and Vicki Craske organised the Norfolk tour based in Aylsham where 20 cars attended and enjoyed a week touring North Norfolk. November saw the Brighton Run held in glorious weather with 16 steam cars entered, 4 failed, 3 non starters. As well as the touring activities, there is always a lot happening behind garage doors with cars being worked on and their owners producing interesting articles and photographs for the magazine. Whilst on the subject of the magazine Bill would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Theobald for all his hard work and enthusiasm in producing such an excellent magazine which is the backbone of the club.

Bill would like to thank Peter Stevenson for his efforts in making an interesting stand at the Midlands Model Engineering exhibition, promoting the club and selling magazines. Also thanks to Arthur Thomson for his work as the authentication officer and the technical committee for their ongoing support. It has been an interesting year with regards to the disc issue which has promoted lively debate. Bill would like to thank the main committee and the technical committee for helping draft the motion which should allow issue to be resolve. The motion is agenda item 8.

My last big thankyou is to Joy Davies for all her extremely hard work over years as secretary of the club. It is this effort that makes the operation of the club possible. As you will no doubt remember, Joy gave notice that she wanted to stand down at the last AGM and it is with great regret that we will see her stand down today. Bill would like to inform the members that he shall be standing down at the next AGM in 2009.

Les Nelson informed the members that they had a mini tour in the Cotswold.

Secretary Report: It has been a very interesting year and Joy wishes to remind the members that all correspondence and enquires regarding the Club should in the first instance be addressed to the Club Secretary at the Registered Office.

This will allow items to be recorded in the archives of the club.

Joy had attended the Road Steam Forum of the National Traction Engine Trust in April 2007, where the acting chairman congratulated the Steam Car Club on their persistence with the introduction of NTET Disc system to be applied to steam cars. Discussion followed regarding steam related articles to include issues of Child Protection Act. Sadly in September 2007 Joy was informed by the Robert Herring Chairman of NTET that the Road Steam Forum meeting would be disbanded, However the Steam Car Club of Great Britain was invited to attend the NTET General Council Meetings. Joy attended several meetings during the year, the main issues were the rewriting of the NTET Memorandum and Articles of Associations. The NTET Code of Practice was also updated to cover more up to date regulations and to provide details of the new inspection audit. These were presented to the members at the AGM in November and passed.

The Federation of British Historical Vehicle Club have also changed their Articles of Association to reflect current requirements.

The presentation for the conference 2007 was "Start 'em young" we were given three presentations by Kevin Munn Chairman NTET Steam Apprentice Club which was very informative, David Davies of Vintage Motor Cycle Club Young riders programme and Rosy Pugh TR Register Young Drivers Days. Rosy Pugh has been appointed the Secretary of FBHVC.

I would like to thank the NTET and FBHVC for all their help in the last year, with queries and legal matters relating to keeping our Steam Cars on the Road.

Regarding the position of Secretary/Treasurer, I have resigned my position from today and would like to wish Chris Busk who has volunteered to take over these posts, all the best in the future.

Editor/Archivist Officer's Report: Jeff Theobald said that he had enjoyed editing the magazine and asked members to continue providing photos even if only accompanied with small article. He would also like pictures of workshop projects, annual running repairs, etc. This will enable other members to see the workings and not only our prestigious cars beautifully gleaming in show conditions. He had also assisted some members with information from the Club Archives with interesting projects.

Authentication Officer's Report: Arthur Thomson informed the members that unlike other issues in the Steam Car club, this last year has been relatively quiet with 4 enquires, these were:- April 2007 attempted to assist and obtain the original registration mark for the 1904 Stanley CX belonging to Haydn Davies. The car was first registered in the Isle of Man and carried the mark MN9. However, this is not possible as IOM registrations cannot be transferred to mainland Great Britain. July 2007 assisted in the application for an age related Registration mark for an imported 1910 Model 70 Stanley Steam car bought by Basil Craske. October 2007 to assist in establishing a build date for a Locomobile Steam Carriage by reference to the engine details on behalf of Mike Scott-Coomber. November 2007 assisted in the application for an age related registration Mark (1st in UK) for an imported 1919 Model 735 20hp Sedan bought by Edward Way, to my knowledge there are still two previous enquires awaiting follow ups.

Other items include the dating panel of the Veteran Car Club who are concerned about recently made replica Steam Cars, some of which have obtained age related registration marks with the aid of Science Museum Dating Certificates Toby Ward - VCC dating panel said this amounted to fraud and should be reported to the authorities to my knowledge this is to do with the company making the Likemobiles replica steam cars.

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"Following concerns earlier in the year that some organisers are still expecting entrants to events to sign declarations that contravene Section 2 of the Unfair Contract Terms Act of 1977, we have heard that some other organisers are demanding that entry forms should be accompanied by copies of registration documents, MoT certificates, driving licenses and/or insurance certificates. One correspondent was concerned at the risk that such copies could fall into the wrong hands and then be used for inappropriate purposes. FBHVC can see little reason for a club to see a copy of driving licence, insurance certificate, V5C or MoT. Any club that calls for these items is, by implication, taking at least some of the responsibility for ensuring that those taking part in their event are 'legal'. Whilst we can understand the desire of organisers to make sure that everything is above board, it is sometimes wiser to leave responsibility for compliance with the law to the individual participant by simply getting him/her to sign an appropriately worded declaration.

If anything goes wrong, and (for instance) the person checking the insurance document has missed exclusion in the small print, the organisers share some of the responsibility because they have taken it on themselves to check the document. If they seek only the written confirmation of the entrant that the vehicle is legal and that he/she is qualified, competent and insured to drive it, all responsibility remains with the entrant. While it is difficult to see how photocopies of documents could be used for fraudulent purposes, there is always a risk and any event organiser who requests such copies should ensure they are shredded or burnt, rather than just dumped, when they are no longer required."

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FBHVC issue No 4 2007. page 10. Science Museum Certificates Issue No 5 2007. The Science Museum are no longer involved in issuing Pre 1906 dating certificates for vehicles, the DVLA will now only accept Dating Evidence from competent organisations such as Veteran Car Club, Vintage Motor Cycle Club Society of Automotive Historians, and Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club etc. Drive it day Sunday 20th April 2008 wherever possible use your historic vehicle on the road to show and remind the public that we are all keen to preserve such vehicles etc for posterity.

Election of Officers: Chairman Bill Rich. Vice Chairman Resignation of Bob Dyke. Secretary/treasurer Resignation Joy Davies appointment of Christopher Busk Proposed Bill Rich seconded Joy Davies. Magazine Editor/Archive Officer Jeff Theobald. Authentication Officer Arthur Thomson.

Election of Committee Members: Gerry Stoneman proposed by David Goddard seconded by David Webster, 30 for / Basil Craske proposed by Les Nelson seconded by Jim King, 20 for. 0 against and 0 abstentions. Both will join the committee.

Propositions for New Rules of the club: Discussions were taken from the floor, It was noted that letters had been received from Christopher Busk, Heiner Rossler, Jan Brinksman, Arnold Carp, Colin May, Peter Vaughan and John Hill.

Joy pointed out that the information received by the club that all Steam Cars should have an MOT under the Road Traffic Act 1988 some members informed us that their car were Steam Vehicles on the paperwork and advised by DVLA that they were not required to have an MOT by some DVLA offices. Additionally members informed the floor that they were unable to obtain a Boiler Certificate for Whites Turner-Meisse and Doble. Arthur Thomson addressed the floor and informed that he had a Boiler Certificate for his White Car. It was then decided since a proxy had been sent out to all members we would have a vote on the wording distributed to all members as follows:-

Proposition for Rule 2: From "Steam Cars attending events organised by the club shall display a current boiler disc to indicate that the boiler inspection is current and that the boiler is insured. If the owner of the car is not in the disc scheme he shall show the organiser of the event alternative proof that the above conditions have been met"

To be replaced by "For a Club Tour, all participant will have to sign a statement (Entry Form Declaration) to the effect that the car entered has a Current Boiler Test Certificate, Current Boiler Steam Car Insurance Current MOT Certificate, Current Vehicle Licensing Tax Disc, Appropriate Driving Licence for the driver and that all the above documents will be in date until the end of the tour". Vote results, For 55 Against 14 Abstained 2. New Rule 2 was passed unanimously.

Proposition for Rule 3: "Events published in the club magazine must clearly state whether or not it is a club event or a private event." To be replaced by "Events published in the club magazine must clearly state whether or not it is a club event or a private event. The committee also wishes to point out that the club fully endorses the NTET disc scheme and where members attend NTET approved events they will have to display a disc on their steam car. This is not a compulsory requirement for club members, on club events, however some private tour organisers may insist on an NTET disc" Joy announced that Steam cars entering a NTET authorised event will need to display a NTET disc from 1st January 2008. Vote results, For 51 Against 6 Abstained 8 New Rule 3 was passed unanimously.

Update on code of practice and related subjects: Bill Rich informed that the Access Key to see the Code of Practice on the Web site had been removed, the document is a living documents any members wishing to contribute information should send details to Secretary at the registered office. Member wishing a printed updated Version 4 please contact Peter Williams via the registered office.

Tours for 2008 are as follows; April 24-29 Cornish Tour Bob Dyke. May 17-18 Royal Gunpowder Mills Steam Fair, June 14-15 Normandy, (Club Event) June 15-20 Pembrokeshire (Blue Stone Tour), June 21-22 Black Country Museum, and August 27-31 Dorset Steam Fair, September 13-14 Swindon Science Museum Open weekend. Tour for 2009: July 25th - 26th Aviation centenary Celebrations Leysdown.

AOB: Club Disciplinary measures, regarding false declarations relating to Club Tour Entry Conditions.

A letter had been received from Peter Vaughan (342) and seconded by Gerry Stoneman wishing to introduce a Rule 4 with the wording "Any member who knowingly, is found to have made a false declaration relating to the document in Rule 2 shall be expelled from the club. Eligibility for re-admission shall not be considered until a minimum of 2 years has passed, or longer at the discretion of the Committee". This was voted on, Vote results 16 For 12 against and 3 Abstained. Rule 4 was passed.

Fraud Act 2006 became law on the 15th January 2007 Peter Williams (221) this had been mentioned in the report by Arthur Thomson Authentication Officer's but the original information was in the minutes of Veteran Car Club Ltd Minutes of the 5th AGM held on the 17th March 2007 Section 9 "Events Passports "Concern was raised that recently made replica steam cars were already in existence and some had been given age related Registration Numbers with the aid of Science Museum Certificate. Toby Ward said this was fraudulent and should be notified to the Authorities". (VCC 2007)

Meeting closed at 3.50 pm.

Joy Davies.

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