

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE 2011 AGM OF THE STEAM CAR CLUB OF GREAT
BRITAIN AT THE COVENTRY MOTOR MUSEUM, 12th FEBRUARY 2011

There was a good turnout of 66 members and the Chairman, Basil Craske, thanked everyone for coming.

Apologies. A number of apologies were received including that of Bill Rich.

The room stood for a minutes silence in memory of Jeff Theobald, David King, David Granger and Joachim Roemer, all lost this past year.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR AGM 2010. Proposed Richard Hounslow, seconded Bob Ward, carried by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. The past year was very successful with an event put on by Les and Pat Nelson in the Cotswold's, an invitation to the Driffield show by Harold Bell and an invitation to Prescott Hill, events that will be repeated in 2011. Vicki Craske organised the Norfolk Tour. Good entries at all events.

The main loss was of Jeff, who could be proud of what he had achieved with the magazine and website. His demise was too early but his work is being carried on. Donations received have given the club financial stability. Nick Price Creatives is now looking after the website whilst Marilyn Oliver has offered to act as webmaster. Barry Herbert has taken on the magazine and the latest edition has been sent out. About thee volunteers were required to act as moderators for the Phorum.

Magazine editor Barry Herbert reported the problem of finding 64,000 separate photos on Jeff's website, 95% without captions. Those who had sent in articles were thanked but more articles and photos were needed. The Chairman confirmed the club's appreciation for the magazine. All of the committee had worked tirelessly throughout the year, and especially since October 6th. The Chairman proposed that Bill Rich be made an Honorary member to thank Bill for all that he had done for the club throughout the years, carried unanimously. Mike Clark and Chris Busk had had the idea of electing Jeff Theobald as President Emeritus in recognition of Jeff's achievement, carried unanimously.

The website has attracted many people around the world and approached by a number of vintage type car clubs to attend their events, which would probably be put on our website and magazine.

The Committee had discussed the honorarium paid to the magazine editor and decided that it would be discontinued in favour of covering the expenditure on postage, paper, ink and stationery.. Additional website names had been purchased, and Pauline and Steve Theobald had given to the club the website names that Jeff had purchased. A big "Thank You" was due to them. A Twitter page has been produced for the website, members around the world can then text in to the page giving news of their tours, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Chris Busk went through all the items of the accounts. There were no

questions from the floor and the accounts were accepted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Three people were needed for the Committee, an Assistant Webmaster had been appointed and George Hounslow was going to update the Steam Car Register.. Colin Ansell agreed to join the Committee, and Alun Griffiths offered to act as Honorary Secretary.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION.. Copies of the draft constitution were distributed to the meeting. It would be distributed throughout the membership for comments, and a majority YES vote will mean that it will become the club's constitution.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. The Chairman reported that the DVD had been put on the back burner for a while but it was hoped that it would be finished by the end of the year.

Bob Ward reported that the website had been under a scam recently, trying to get hold of bank account details.

Les Nelson reported that the actual touring dates of the Cotswold gathering were 18th to 22nd July, not as given in the magazine. He and Pat would be there from the previous Saturday, anyone welcome.

Don Cook confirmed that in 2012 he and Lesley would be organising the tour in County Durham. The Chairman commented that steam cars did not appear to be popular at the Dorset Steam Fair and he had been in touch on many occasions to try and overcome the NTET regulations. Steam cars had all the necessary regulations other than the NTET disc.

Messrs Seddon and Black introduced their company which was set up last year. Mainly experienced in the traction engine world but they could obtain and supply all types of consumables for the steam car world.

George Hounslow asked if anyone had any information, photographs, etc for sale/exchange of cars etc, to please pass them on to him.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 4.20 pm.

The full text of the minutes is available, just write to or email Alun Griffiths, Hon Sec at hofren@hotmail.com.