

Minutes of the Cambridge & District MGOc AGM 2018

Date: Tuesday 16th October 2018

Time: 8.30-10pm. Venue: The George & Dragon PH, Elsworth

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Acceptance/matters arising from 2017 AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Web Master's Report
7. Election of the Committee for Season 2018/2019

Proposed:

Chairman: Des Chalk
Secretary: Chris Shurlock
Treasurer: Tim Clark
Web Master: Glenn Pascoe

8. AGM Proposals. Club Constitution update/Members Details on website
9. Proposed Charity for 2019
10. Events Calendar 2019
11. CMOTYA
12. Any Other Business
13. Close of meeting

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Roger & Jennifer Glover, Glenn & Ros Pascoe, Ian & Chris Harriman, Chris & Karen Way, Roly & Kathy Merrill, Alan & Joyce Griffin, John & Ann Riley, Colin & Rose Thompson, Mike Sumpster, Tim Cant.

2. 2017 AGM Minutes

There were no comments arising from the 2017 Minutes, and so they were accepted. Acceptance was proposed by Roger Taylor and seconded by Roger Plummer.

3. Chairman's Report – see attached

4. Secretary's Report – see attached

5. Treasurer's Report – see attached

6. Web Master's Report – see attached

7. Election of new Committee

As the existing Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Web Master were standing for re-election and there were no other proposals put forward, a block vote was proposed for these positions. This was accepted and proposed by Tweed Harris and seconded by Emma Allen.

8. The Club Constitution

Last year it was felt that the Constitution was not working for the Club, so was re-written by Des and adopted last year.

Changes were:

Wording of member offending - changed

Visitors - changed

Additional clause added re: GDPR in May 2018 – email sent round and responded to

Information was to be held securely by Committee and membership form changed to reflect this change

Dave Coventry proposed and Colin Binnett seconded to accept changes to the Constitution.

9. Proposed Charity for 2019

Previous proposals were mentioned and a reminder was given of the proposals put forward for next year as follows:

- Liz Harris, Cherryhomes Trust, to help those suffering from progressive wasting disorder to stay in their own homes
- Peter Cowper, Target Ovarian Cancer
- Roger Taylor, Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Alan Griffin, The Heart Foundation

Liz Harris gave a short talk on the Trust giving us some examples of how the Trust can and does help people. Peter Cowper thanked the meeting for the donation given from the 2018 Snowdrop Run to his chosen charity. Roger also gave a recap on how donations could help his charity. No talk was given for the Heart Foundation in Alan Griffin's absence, but it was decided to keep this one on for consideration at next year's AGM. A vote was taken and with 19 votes The Cherryhomes Trust was voted in for the chosen club charity for 2019.

10. Events for 2019

The club website is the main place for events to be viewed and the Secretary also continues to send out reminders of events. Regular events and shows will be continued. Events mentioned were Saffron Walden, Cricket St. Thomas (Somerset), Leighton Buzzard Railway. There was also a mention made that Northampton MGOC would like to come in on our events.

Roger Plummer said he will organise drive it day again. Also mentioned was Janet Humphries proposed French Chateau Trip 9-16 September. She has provisionally booked 12-14 rooms and proposes that an April 2019 deadline be given so she can confirm numbers to the Chateau. 5 couples have already confirmed their intention to go.

Elgoods Brewery visit was mentioned. Also Wisbech Craft and Plant Fair + Classic Cars. This is going to be looked into as a viable visit and will be put on Events List in due course.

The 2019 Snowdrop Run proposed date is Saturday 16th February, again starting from Melbourne Village College. Des stated that end venues were a slight problem with parking being the main thing but Chippenham Hall Gardens is the likely end venue but this will be confirmed by Des in due course together with the intended date.

Roger Taylor said that the Company he works for will do a factory tour if interest shown (based in Lincoln). Roger will propose date and send over to Chris – Roger will then organise/co-ordinate.

Peter Cowper will look into another croquet evening and pass on details.

11. Club Member of the Year

The Committee once again agreed to make the award to a club member or members who they felt were worthy of an award. This year the award went to David Parker for this year's work and also for his previous role as C&DC Secretary.

12. Any Other Business

An update and recap was given on the Christmas Dinner, being held at Bourne Golf Club on Saturday 1st December. Nigel McCreith proposed a vote of thanks for Chris Shurlock for all his hard work in bringing the events to our notice and organising trips, runs etc.

It was suggested that the Snowdrop Run date be changed because of weather issues in early February but opinion was the date should stay even though it was half term weekend.

The Xmas Santa Run to Hinchbrook Hospital date was agreed as Sunday 16th December 2018, more details will be put on website.

13. Close of Meeting

Thanks were given from Des for attending. Chris Shurlock said that emails had been received by him from David & Jenny Steer and Mike & Pam Gavin giving thanks to the Committee and the running of the Club. Meeting closed at 10pm.

Cambridge & District MGOC – AGM 16 Oct 2018

Chairman's report.

Yet another packed year, since the last AGM, lots of events (which secretary Chris will cover in his report).

I don't know how many events there have been this year, but 17 of them have been recorded in photographs on Flickr via a link from our website – if you haven't seen them go for a browse to see the range of cars & their owners!

Without trying too hard, Chris has continued to recruit new members – Tim will report how many in his treasurer's report.

Despite the best efforts of some of the committee, our finances are still very healthy – well managed Tim.

The website, although basic, continues to be an effective tool – thanks to Glen for his efforts in maintaining it. Last year we did canvas opinion on upgrading the website – more on this with Glen's report later.

Also last year we debated changing our home pub after the George & Dragon changed its opening hours – moving to the 1st Tuesday in the month, to remain at the G&D seems to have been reasonably accepted and natter nights (with the occasional special event thrown) have proved very popular.

Matters to be covered in this AGM:

- Constitution update – just a couple of tweaks this year, to clarify some items and to state Compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations (which came into effect in May 2018)
- Charity – it has been our practice in recent years to support a local charity for 2 years. Later tonight we'll consider whether to continue to support Target Ovarian Cancer or choose a different one.

Tonight, as usual we'll also decide the new committee. It is probably going to look very much like the current one as we've all volunteered to stand again.

I did mention last year about new blood for the committee – well we haven't had any proposals for new blood, but we will co-opt some old blood – David Parker (a past club secretary) will become the Snowdrop Run Co-ordinator next year.

The Club committee has continued to function well through the year – and in particular Chris Shurlock has been tireless in his organising and promoting of the large number of MG events throughout the year. Please continue to support him AND especially respond, AS SOON AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE, to him about your attendance on the events.

We have had help with events this year – many thanks to Roger Plummer for his events, David & Teresa Ouzman for their boat trip and to Janet & Alan

Humphreys for the provision of a whole Marina for our Club Concours Event.

I'll just mention 2 of our events since the last AGM: the Christmas Dinner & the Snowdrop Run.

The Christmas Dinner held at the Golden Ball, Boxworth – well attended & enjoyed. Many thanks, again, to Liz & Tweed & Tim & Barrie for organizing. There's another one coming up.

The 2018 Snowdrop Run was another good day – the starting point at Melbourn seemed to be just as good as the Over Community Centre, and importantly is pretty remote from the dreaded A14. Liz & Tweed found another beautiful route through the mountainous South of Cambridgeshire. The finish at Wrest Park was successful, despite lacking in Snowdrops. The Run does take some effort and depends on volunteers giving their time - many thanks to all those who contributed to the staging of this event – David Parker for sorting the entrants & collecting the money, Chris Shurlock for finding the snowdrops & organizing the charity, Glenn & Ros Pascoe for producing the routebook (and stuffing envelopes etc.), and the helpers on the day, Pat & Barrie at the Registration Desk, Liz & Janet at the ever popular tombola and the essential marshals at both ends, for keeping parking & traffic under control.

Our big annual event, the 14th Snowdrop Run is being planned for a Saturday February 2019 – we'll start from Melbourn Village College again – avoiding the A14 for another year. I will be setting up a sub-committee to organize this & we'll need help on the day.

I'd also like to plug a planned event for next year – the Cambridge & District MGOC's week in a French Chateau – many thanks to Janet Humphreys for this event to be held in September.

All in all yet another successful year, let's hope the next 12 months are equally successful.

Des Chalk

Chairman – Cambridge & District MG Owners' Club

Oct 2018

Cambridge & District MGOC.

Club Secretaries Report 2018 AGM.

It's not been a bad year for the club has it, we have had Roche Bentley in for an evening, free Speckled Hen beer, and the Speckled Hen MGB, all courtesy of Green King Brewery, and the 35th year BBQ Celebration of our club, more of which later. Over the years I have learnt that we have 3 types of member, those who say they are coming to events, and do. Those who say they are coming to events, and don't, and those who say they are not coming to events, but do! Hence my Y/N in emails.

I believe this last year has been yet another successful one for our club, both in terms of activities and membership. We seemed to have settled in to Tuesday night for our home meetings at The George & Dragon now. I know it does not suit all though, including Mrs S, never mind! Activities included Natter Nights, trips out, shows, and events. Natter Nights have continued to be held here at our home pub, as well as alternative pub visits. The alternative pub visits have been in the North, South, (still to come) East and West of the county, each travelling to areas closer to member's homes. They started in the spring, and will continued in to Autumn. These have generally all been well supported, and will feature again in the coming year. We have not been able to repeat Chris & Pat's Mystery Pub Supper Run this year, instead we introduced The Autumn Leaves Run to replace the MGOC Swavesey Autumn Gold Run which they have dropped for this year. The run was well supported, with a Sunday Roast at the end. As for shows, we attended our four regulars. Thanks to John Riley we were once again the only classic car club to be invited to The Ely Aquafest. This year being asked to give a drive in display to the arena, with the judges choosing their favourite cars, though not one of mine Phillip! A feather in the cap of our club. In the case of Kimbolton however, we were again just one of many classic car clubs to attend.

But it was our best club display for a number of years, 20 cars in total, a great plot for the cars, and bright sunshine for the day. The lengths I go to. For the fourth year running we attended The Sywell Pistons & Props show, though the appearance of props seems to be getting less and less and the rain more and more. The Gransden Air Show was also spoilt by rain arriving just after we set up site and gazebo. Very little flying, and an early finish brought the day to a premature end.

We were once again invited to The Ely Cathedral Classic Car Show, the weather was generally good. There have been numerous other shows which we have attended. One such show was Quest Brothers Classic Cars of St Ives, who invited the club to attend their afternoon show and Picnic at the Hemingford Pavilion, though no Drive in Movie this year.

One of the best shows for me this year was our BBQ & Fun Concourse Day at Janet and Alan Humphreys marina. A really great day all round, great weather, great food, and most of all great MG's. I had checked with Swavesey earlier in the year as to the age of our club, they informed me that their records went back to 1983. So, this year would be the 35th anniversary, and guess how many MG's were present on the day, yes 35, how did I manage that, I am really good you know, thanks once again to Janet and Alan for their efforts on the day.

The new club gazebo continues to be a great success at shows, and who knows, one day we may be able to put it up quickly and efficiently.

As always, I have ensured that the club have MGOC Swavesey Public Liability Insurance in place where needed, and submit the monthly magazine reports.

We repeated our Father Christmas Run, and once again delivered presents raised by club members to the Children's Ward at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. As in past years we were well received by staff, and children.

Midweek Fun runs were again a feature of our club events. My thanks go to Roger Plummer for organising Drive Your Classic Day, he always does it when Pat and I are away in Jersey, and the trip to Elgoods Brewery with our old secretary's club from the Netherlands. To David and Jane Gower for organising the trip to Peter Edney, even though they could not make it themselves. Thanks to Tim Clark for organising the Gransden Air Show once again. And of course we must not forget Theresa and David Ouzman's boat trip on the Broads again, another great sailors day, and the splendid lunch that Theresa put's on for us.

We also had a club weekend away to Warners Hotel on the Isle of Wight, Warners is a polite name for Old Peoples "home away from home" breaks. This was attended by six couples plus an MG islander who joined us, a great time was had by all, and will be repeated in 2019, perhaps Cricket St Thomas hotel.

Finally, we had The Ladies Day this year, though sadly only three ladies present, but we treated them so well, a great day out in Lavenham in the rain. Do we repeat Ladies Day again in 2019????

As for 2019, I already have some new events in mind. The P & A Woods visit in April, now fully booked. A joint MGOB Club meeting at the Leighton Buzzard Light Railway, again in April. To date I have six local MG clubs showing interest in joining us, so some work to do yet. Warners Cricket St Thomas in July, provisional date Monday 15th. Also, the Saffron Walden Classic Car Show. I am always open to other suggestions for events, shows etc.

As for club membership I will leave that to Tim Clark to give you exact numbers, but you will remember that I made it my personnel mission to lift numbers to around 50 by the end of 2017. It is now well above that number, at around 70, and still growing. I feel we must always look to grow the club, and not stand still as there will always be losses, but hopefully not too many. This increase in membership of course

also means extra income to the club, so any extra spend that I may do on events is insignificant.

Glenn and I continually update the club web site events list, and I do monthly email updates to all members with Y/N attendance requests, partly to check if there is life out there.

I would like to thank the Committee once again for their support in helping me carry out my secretarial duties for the club over the last year.

I hope you have all enjoyed my being your club Secretary for yet another year, I would remind you that I have well passed my promised "two year" maximum sell by date, so, who is getting it wrong, me or you! I will happily continue for another year if elected, not least because of the support I receive from you all.

Finally, I must once again thank Pat for her behind the scenes support, and patience. Putting up with my being on the lap top at all times of the day and night on club business. She has even enrolled new members, or do club business over the telephone in my absence, that's how well trained she is!

Also, thank you Linn for taking minutes tonight.

Thank you all.

Cambridge and District MG Owners Club

2018 AGM Web co-ordinators report

2017 Website Survey

Following the 2017 AGM it was agreed to undertake a website survey. The results of this are summarised as follows:

1. 35 out of 62 members completed the survey.
2. Most members accessed the website at least monthly.
3. The most popular use was to check on what events were planned followed by looking at photographs of past events.
4. Members were overwhelmingly in favour of making available limited membership information, car type and a list of skills and tools etc.
5. There was little enthusiasm to use Facebook or WhatsApp.

There did remain a concern regarding security in that at present the member's pages can only have a single universal password.

Following the survey members were asked for the information set out in 4. above, however only 7 responded, so at present this has not been taken forward.

Website development

The website does what it needs to, is fairly simple to use and run, although it does have its limitations. Advice was sought from a web development company in June of this year to see what developments we could realistically make. Our shopping list included.

1. A facility on the website to allow members to indicate whether or not they are intending to attend an event and to see who else was going. *Possible using a system called Meet Up at a cost of \$9.99 / month.*
2. The ability on the website to password protect the "members" pages with a password that is individual to each member and with the ability for each member to change / update it. *Possible if we upgrade the website at a cost of £20 / month.*
3. Linking our e-mail address to the website and having an @cambsmgoc.com email address. *Possible but would need to change from YAHOO.*

The website currently costs us very little to operate, (circa £35 per year) and is manageable from my perspective. Moving it forward and providing individual password access for members would cost in the order of £250 per year. At present this is probably not value for money.

Your committee have discussed the website development and at this stage are recommending we leave the website as it is.

As ever any suggestions for ways to improve the website are always welcomed!

Glenn Pascoe

Web Co-ordinator

October 2018

Cambridge & District MG Owners' Club Treasurer's Report – AGM 16 Oct 2018

Note: the previous year's figures are shown in brackets.

1. Starting Balance:

We started the financial year on 11 Sep 2017 with a balance of **£2,437.77** (£1,833).

2. Income:

After paying expenses, the 2017 Snowdrop Run produced an income of **£1,771.73** (£2,222). A personal thank you to David Parker for all his help with applications and the money.

Membership has once again risen and is now 71 (63) thanks to Chris Shurlock, generating £975 (£860). Our other income during the year was £200 for ticket deposits, £80 (£80) from the MGOC for an article by Des Chalk about the 2018 Snowdrop Run, and £55 from calendar sales.

The Club annual income for 2017/18 was thus **£3,747.77** (£2,773), or a total of **£5,519.50** (£4,995) including the opening balance.

3. Expenditure:

Major items of expenditure were: a donation of £2,000 to the Target Ovarian Cancer charity (£2,000 to Blue Smile charity); Club calendars £384.44; last year's Christmas Dinner £320.45 (£300); and £245.54 for the recent 35th Anniversary Bar BQ. In addition, we spent £279.06 on events and prizes, and £115.92 on running the Club website and image library.

During the financial year Club expenditure totaled **£3,345.41** (£2,557).

4. Current Balance:

Putting the above figures together, the Club balance at audit on 20 Sep 2018 was a slightly lower this year at **£2,174.09** (£2,437.77). Many thanks to Lin McCreith for auditing the accounts once again.

5. Financial Situation:

At the end of another very busy and enjoyable year, the Club account is well placed to fund the 2018 Christmas Dinner and expenses in support of the Snowdrop Run and Club activities for 2019. **There is once again no need to increase the annual membership subscription of £15.**

Tim Clark

Cambridge & District MGOC Treasurer

10/10/2018

The Club Christmas Dinner 2018

The Club Christmas Dinner will be held this year on Saturday 1st December at the Bourn Golf Club. Response to date to the initial invitation sent out on 28th September is currently only about 20. The menu and cost look very good, and there will be plenty of space this year, so please let Liz and Tweed Harris know if you want to attend. The target date for replies is Thursday 1st November and I will be issuing a reminder to all Club members soon.