

MINUTES of the FEBRUARY MEETING

Minutes of meeting held 4th February 2010 at the Strathmore Arms, Glamis

Chairman: Dave Nicoll (DN)
Treasurer: Mary MacLeod (MM)
Secretary: Dave Black (DB)
Events Co-ordinator: Dave Hocking (DH)

DN

20.15 hours.

DN welcomed everyone and started things off. Happy to see a few faces back into the fold, and passed on apologies from Gordon Smith who could not attend due to a family illness. DN then described the current changes to the Committee. Mentioned that Mary would be happy to be relieved of some of the secretarial duties, as well as all the other work she does. He welcomed DB and DH to the top table and confirmed that help would be available to the new guys as they settle into their new posts.

DN also mentioned the new role to be undertaken by Gordon Smith – Show Co-ordinator, although he referred to him as the “Show man,” which might just stick!

DN mentioned newsletter, and changes to email version versus current printed version. Members encouraged to consider changing to electronic version to take the pressure off Forbes, who does a sterling job with the newsletter, but would like to reduce time spent / effort on this task.

DN stated we currently have 99 club members, but a much smaller number of regular attendees at meetings and events. Sought suggestions as to how to attract more new members, and how to bring back the members who do not presently attend.

Quizzes, guest speakers, visits?

MM

MM mentioned that membership fees were now due and that she had taken in a fair amount from those present. Members were asked to check the current membership list and to update any changes to names, addresses, email addresses and details of cars.

MM advised that she had already received a number of enquiries / entries for our Errol Show, including 2 autojumble stalls and 3 car clubs with the Mercedes Benz Club entry already in. It appears that the previous vendors are also keen to return to Errol.

A Committee meeting is planned to be held in the very near future to start putting things together for the show. No date set as yet as GS was not present. Date to be confirmed.

DB

DB did not have much to add. Looking at a possible members area on the website, which would require a password to enter, where Club newsletters, members contact list etc could be stored. This information would then only be available to Club members.

DB has received notification that the contact information as held and published on the Dundee Council website is out of date. DB to contact Council and have this updated.

A suggestion was made that all the local councils have “What’s on” type pages on their websites. DB to contact each of these councils and try and advertise Club and Errol Show.

DB mentioned email from Green Spark Plug Company, looking for a link exchange between websites. DB has contacted the company to see what the company would be prepared to offer by way of member discount, free postage and packaging. Will update any result at future meetings.

DH

DH has had a look at the SVVF yearbook to identify those Events that the Club will attend this season. He is to make a few small enquiries with certain organisers regarding access etc before finalising the list of events.

DH advises that members are obviously able to attend as Single entries at any event that that Club have chosen not to attend.

DH is proposing the Club attends a few of the Shows that we have attended previously but did not attend last year. These include Banchory Rotary Club show, Lathalmond Bus Museum and the Pre 67 Club event at Stirling.

The list will be finalised at the next meeting, and will be published on the Calendar page on the Club website.

AOCB

DN / DB mentioned the possibility of a change of venue from Strathmore Arms to the Carnoustie Golf Club. Meetings have previously been held at Monifieth so distance to Carnoustie is not excessive.

Carnoustie would be free to the Club saving the £220 we currently spend on monthly meetings. Facilities are ideal. Golf Club Committee have Ok’d the change. Plenty of parking with Golf Course and Carnoustie Golf Hotel car parks being adjacent to Club. Drink would be much cheaper too!

Issue with Carnoustie is that we could only get the 1st Thursday in the month during summer months (April to September) as the Golf Club is not open late on a Thursday night. During the winter the golf club is open late on Monday and Friday nights. We could change meeting days in the winter months.

No decision was made re this, and the members were asked to consider alternative venues.

Forbes has suggested that members give consideration to an early season “meet” in April as most of our classic cars are coming out of hibernation about then. Nothing overly formal. Depending on weather, members could meet at a suitable venue (pub, hotel, etc) where we could park up for a couple of hours, have a lunch / snack, and get a blether. Members asked to come up with possible suggestions as to venue.

Gail Clark suggested to DH consideration be given to the Club attending the Knockhill Speedfair event which was held about June time. A few members attended last year and it was described as a very good event. To be considered. Again, nothing to prevent members going as single entries, or a few members getting together to attend.

Raffle. (See Mary’s Bits)

Meeting ends about 21.30 hours.

Dave Black (Sec.)

Marys Bits

February Raffle raised £56 -

Winners were as follows

Red Wine - George Noble

White Wine - Richard Kelly

Sweets - Dale Birse

Sweets - Gordon Baird

Biscuits - Richard Kusza

Car Sponge - Gail Clark

Shower Gel - Jim Henderson

Wine - John Ohldag

Grateful thanks to all who bought tickets and donated prizes - you are all very generous

Many thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships. A bargain at £15 for single and £20 for family membership.

If you can't make the next club meeting, subs can be sent to me at 5 Old Halkerton Road, Forfar DD8 1JQ. Please make cheques payable to Tayside Classic Car Club.

I hope to issue the 2010 updated membership list by e-mail or at the May Road Run or meeting.

We now have several entries for our Show and if anyone knows of someone interested in entering their vehicle, car club or bringing a stall with autojumble or bric-a-brac or anything else please let me know and I can send out an entry form.

The new season is fast approaching so now could be the time to add a nice new polo-shirt or t-shirt or jacket with the club logo to your wardrobe. I will bring the brochure to the next meeting for anyone interested to have a look at.

We have also been invited by Glenisla Classic Car Club to join them on Drive it Day on 25th April - the destination is Fife but details have still to be finalised.

Mary