



MORGAN SPORTS CAR CLUB  
CHESTER, WIRRAL & NORTHEAST WALES CENTRE

## **Annual General Meeting 2023**

### **Minutes**

The Annual General Meeting was held at Holt Lodge Hotel on Thursday 6 April 2023 at 8.00pm; Joe Cleary chaired the meeting.

#### **Members Present**

John & Linda Smith, Joe & Linda Cleary, Jonathan Bolton, Pryce & Kath Davies, Mike Hewer, Tony Green, Howard Postlethwaite, Paul & Bernie Floyd, David Gardner, Neil & June Ford, Les & Sue Powell, Gavin Rintoul, Stephen & Susan White, Mike Harris, Richard & Sue Kirk, Malcolm French, , Mike Skelhorn, Stuart Steele, Arwyn Williams, Sam Hibbert, David Howell, Peter & Ruth Wild, David Stuart

#### **1. Apologies from Members**

David & Carol Braddock, Brian Howatson, Gayle Hughes-Davies, Jenny Hewer, Margaret Green, Stan Foxall Richard & Pat Hill, Andrew & Lynn Brown, Ian & Karen Aldred, John Doyle, Jay Hale & Yvonne, John & Jackie Hodcroft, Ian Theobald, Barry Wynne, Ian Leviston, Martin Hine, Colin Leyland, Graham & Lynn Jackson

#### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of last year's meeting were circulated to members on 2 March 2023. David Gardner proposed that the minutes be accepted and Tony Green seconded the proposal - Accepted.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

At last year's AGM a discussion took place on the prospect of having some sort of Members' Directory. This will be covered in the Centre Secretary's report (below).

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

Joe Cleary commented on the successful past year and noted that membership had increased, and that 14 events were organised and held, including a trip to Beamish. He individually thanked the Committee members for their hard work and commitment in their respective roles, but in particular, our Centre Secretary, John Smith, for his continued leadership and the introduction of a number of new initiatives, including holding a few weekend breakfast noggins at Walk Mill and the Swan in Marbury; both venues were extremely popular.

Paul Floyd was also thanked for taking some amazing photographs at many of last year's events and for capturing the essence of what a DevaMog event is all about. These photos keep the website 'fresh' and up to date, and he encouraged other Members to post their photos on the website too.

Members were also thanked for their 'reports' of these events, which Kevin has loaded onto the website. These are extremely useful for keeping members up to date on what's been happening in the Centre, and for those who were unable to participate in the events, as well as those looking to join the Centre.

Arwyn Williams and Kevin Osborne having stood down from Committee work after a number of years of 'active service' were thanked for all their hard work and commitment.

One of the most positive aspects of the last twelve months is the number of newer members who stepped forward to either promote or organise events. There were a couple of 'event firsts', a trip to Beamish, a picnic at the home of Ian and Karen Aldred, an amazing scorching day out at RAF Valley, attendance at the North Cheshire Classic Car Show and a visit to the Great British Car Journey at Ambergate. The feedback from all 14 events was very positive, and a big thank you was extended to the organisers.

The events programme for the forthcoming year has already been circulated, and members were encouraged to show their appreciation for this work by participating in as many of the events as they can. However, if there are other events members think we should be doing, then please let the committee know. The more members that get involved in organizing events the better it is for everyone.

Arwyn Williams proposed that the report be accepted and Mike Harris seconded the proposal and it was accepted.

## 5. Secretary's Report

John Smith commented on the number of current memberships; whilst 'on paper' there are fewer than the previous year, in reality it has increased and currently stands at 60 memberships as a result of removing 'inactive' members. Of the seven new members this year four joined via our website, two via MSCC information and one via contact with John.

He thanked Linda Cleary for her support in dealing with memberships and maintaining the records.

John commented on the activities of the previous year, in particular the event at RAF Valley, which probably had the biggest turnout of Morgans for some time – the weather certainly helped. He is hoping that another invite to the event will be forthcoming this year, but commented that his two main contacts had moved on to other roles within the force.

Special thanks were given to Neil and June Ford for organising the Christmas lunch at Vicars Cross Golf Club; it was so successful Neil and June have agreed to organise it again this year.

Centre Directory/Who's who. During the year there has been some movement from MSCC on the potential of achieving this. If we wish to have a detailed Directory, the Centre Rules would need to be changed and a more onerous annual acceptance form would be required from all members before publication. An alternative, and lighter option, which is John's preference, is to produce a Directory containing only photos of the Members and their names. Members could share their own contact information, or ask John (the Centre Secretary) for details. A volunteer is required to take this on. [Update post AGM, J & L Cleary offered to do this.]

John mentioned in last year's report that he wanted to review Noggins in terms of different days and venues to make them more accessible to members across our area. The concept of Saturday morning breakfast Noggins kicked off first at Walk Mill, Waverton then The Swan, Marbury. There was a very positive response to this with 20 plus cars and 45 people at one event. John would like to continue this concept but needs suggestions from members for possible venues. He asked members for their suggestions of venues suitable in the Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales areas.

John highlighted that both Arwyn Williams and Kevin Osborne were stepping down from the Committee. Paul Floyd has agreed to take on the management of the website, but there are still vacancies on the Committee.

John gave notice that he will be stepping down as Centre Secretary next year, and suggested that members consider joining the Committee to establish some continuity and experience going forward

Mike Hewer proposed that the report be accepted and Howard Postlethwaite seconded the proposal, it was accepted.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 Copies of the accounts were available on the night; they had been audited by Sue Kirk for which Jonathan expressed his thanks.

Jonathan explained the in-year transactions, including income from Subs, sales of Car Badges, Hats and a pin badge, and expenditure on room/venue hire – as well as a reimbursement to himself. He said that it is easier to make payments on behalf of the Centre himself as it is time-consuming withdrawing monies on a monthly basis from the Building Society.

Tony Green asked about the number of memberships, and it was confirmed that the current number is 60, but the actual number of Members is nearly double that.

David Gardner proposed that the accounts be accepted, Richard Kirk seconded this and they were accepted.

## 6.2 Subscription

The need for a subscription this year was discussed. Gavin Rintoul suggested it was useful to have a good reserve to pay for events and venues. A Yorkshire Centre has

increased its subscription this year from £5 to £7.50. However, he suggested that the rate of subs should remain at £10, as it is more convenient for the Treasurer to collect.

## 7. Election of Officers

A brief discussion took place on the importance, and requirement of the filling of the role of Centre Secretary when John Smith steps down next year. This is one role a Centre must fill as it provides the necessary link and liaison with the MSSC.

None of the posts were challenged and most of the incumbent Officers agreed to continue in post for a further year.

SECRETARY: John Smith

CHAIRMAN: Joe Cleary

TREASURER: Jonathan Bolton

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Cleary

COMMITTEE: David Gardner  
Vacancies

REGALIA: Pryce Davies.

Paul Floyd was nominated to join the Committee and take on the role of Web Manager. Proposed by Mike Hewer and seconded by Howard Postlethwaite.

Mike Skelhorn was nominated to join the Committee. Proposed by Linda Cleary and seconded by Howard Postlethwaite.

There are more vacant positions on the Committee and John Smith asked members to give some thought to volunteering for this role. He said that if anyone was interested they could contact him for further information. He also reiterated that he will not be standing next year, so joining the Committee would be an ideal opportunity to 'get a feel' for the Centre.

The above Officers were elected as a block. Proposed by John Smith ??? and seconded by Joe Cleary. ???

## 8. General Business

### 8.1 Review of Centre Rules

The proposal to revise paragraph 4 of the Centre rules was agreed. The new paragraph will read:

4.3 New members joining part way through a year shall pay a joining fee of £5.00 in lieu of the then current subscription.

## 8.2 Membership Subscription 2023 – 2024

It was agreed that Centre subscriptions should remain at £10, proposed by Mike Hewer. Tony Green asked if new members would pay a joining fee and subs. It was confirmed that as most of the Morgan activities for the year were winding down by October, new members would only pay a joining fee, and not subs if they joined between October and up to the AGM.

## 9. Events for 2023/24

Joe commented that post Covid we are more regularly being asked to provide approximate number of participants at more locations than ever before and sometimes deposits for events. This is to help with catering and staffing, and this is becoming the new norm.

A comprehensive programme of events has been put together, and it is hoped that there is something of interest for everyone. Joe asked that if there are other events members think we should be doing, then please let the Committee know. The more members that get involved in organizing events the better it is for everyone.

16 further events have been lined up so far, seven of which are 'firsts' and this is thanks to new members getting involved.

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| 11 March     | The tour of the Mersey Tunnels (22 members) was a sell-out.                                                                     |
| 16 April     | Lake Vernwy Scenic Run (organised by Joe Cleary, being led by Gwyn Roberts).                                                    |
| 29 April     | Cruise on the Danny (25 members) with Graham Jackson at the helm.                                                               |
| 14 May       | Walking Tour of Port Sunlight - Village created by William Lever Hulme (36 members booked so far) - organised by Stephen White. |
| 17-24 May    | Trip to the South Coast - Carol Braddock and John Smith                                                                         |
| 11 June      | Visit to Wroxeter –tour site with Guide, followed by lunch. Organised by Jo Cleary.                                             |
| 20 June      | Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum (24 members), many staying overnight – Tony and Margaret Green.                        |
| 9 July       | Summer picnic at Ian and Karen Aldred's home. Scenic run by David Gardner.                                                      |
| 20 July      | Visit to Astley Mining Museum (Colliery owned by Lancs CC) - Jay Hale                                                           |
| 10 August    | Hopefully a return to RAF Valley – John Smith,                                                                                  |
| 13 August    | Picnic and Concours at Gywn and Jane Robert's home.                                                                             |
| 20 August    | Cheshire Classic Car Club Show – Mike Harris.                                                                                   |
| 10 September | Scenic Run – Ian Theobald.                                                                                                      |
| 21 September | Tour of the World of Wedgewood. Organised by Mike Skelhorn.                                                                     |
| October      | Scenic Run – Organised by Arwyn Williams and Sam Hibbert                                                                        |
| November     | Volunteer required to organise an event for this month.                                                                         |

10 December Christmas Lunch – Neil and June Ford.

A further suggestion for the Winter months was to invite a speaker (not a professional) to join us. For example, one of the designers of the Morgan CX platform lives in Sandbach and would give a very interesting afternoon/evening talk. Another suggested speaker was Harry Hockley, who could talk on driving the Road of Bones.

Mike Hewer reminded the meeting that Drive it Day will take place on 23 April 2023.

#### 10. Any Other Business

A suggested event for the summer is the Zip Wire Experience in Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda. Mike Hewer has visited the site and believes the access road is acceptable for Morgans, and offered to look into organising a trip there.

Prior to the start of the meeting Arwyn Williams handed John a box containing the Devamog 'Badge of Office' kindly donated to Devamog from David Wilson, a past member. John displayed the various items and the bell was used to keep order.

John Smith said that he had recently received details of a car show, called Bersham Wheels, which is being held at Coleg Cambria, Bersham Road site on Saturday 8 July. He will issue details in due course.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and participation, and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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