TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB

AGM REPORT

SUNDAY 25th MARCH 2018

Meeting held at: Meeting Room of the Triumph Sports Six Club

Main Street

Lubenham, Market Harborough, LE16 9FT

Attendees: John Oaker, Paul Norton, Howard Pryor, John Gogay, Stephen Coulman,

John Castle, Nigel Pimlott, Chad Brown, John Banks, Brian Pilley, Paul Burgess,

Rob Davies, Barbara Davies, Andy Davies

Meeting opened: 12.45 pm

Apologies received from:

Phil Benson, John Corley, Andy Breckton, Ian Pike

Minutes of the last meeting:

Accepted by all those present.

Chairman's Report - JOHN CASTLE:

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for coming today and for your support this year. It has been a very busy year, with new people taking on difficult roles as others are leaving to pursue other interests, etc.

We have a new Spares Secretary, Paul Burgess, who by now needs no introduction from me. I bet he didn't know just what he was taking on when he volunteered, but he has done a tremendous job - firstly in finding a safe haven for all our spares (Lubenham is a God-send), fetching them all down here, sorting them, cataloguing them and then arranging them in a manner where they can be easily found if needed.

I am hoping he will take on the Regalia, so hopefully he can improve it, and it can also be housed at Lubenham and then maybe make us some money. A very big thank you, Paul, for all your hard work.

We also have a new web-site, which if you haven't had a look at it yet, you should. It is absolutely astounding - easy to get around, interesting, informative and up-to-date. I am informed that it is still in need of some tweaks, so that should be interesting as I am not sure what they are. It will need our help to keep it up-to-date and interesting, so please do try to send your articles. For all their hard work I would like to say a very big thank you to Andy and Rob Davies.

We are also losing our Magazine Editor, Nico ten Wolde. He has done this job ever since I can remember, and he has done it supremely very often in difficult circumstances (lack of material being a very big hurdle). We all send Nico best wishes for the future and hope to see him and his Dad over here again soon. Thank

you, Nico.

Also, Chad our Rally Secretary and Vice Chairman has had to resign from both posts due to ill health. We wish him well and hope he continues to improve. I would like to say a very big thank you to Chad for all his hard work, and for the help he has given me as Vice Chairman.

We had two rallies last year - one at Hanbury Hall with the Roadsters and Renowns, which went really well, and one at Ripon which was a sell-out. We are doing the same again this year, but the Rally with the Roadsters and Renowns will this year take place at Clayton Hall in Warwickshire.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Club here at Lubenham for welcoming us here and allowing us to rent space for our spares, and to have our AGM here. It has been a great improvement to bring everything together.

Secretary's Report - JOHN OAKER:

This secretary's report is my 25th – my silver jubilee – my quarter of a century! I attended my first Triumph Mayflower Club AGM in 1993 as a new and proud owner of a comet blue car. For my sins I either volunteered or was press ganged into succeeding Terry Gordon as the secretary. The days of typewriters were almost over but the floppy disk was the new king!! And so began my journey through the ups and downs and ups again of the membership of the Triumph Mayflower Club. My report this year shows that for the first time this century membership has gone up in every Continent category that is mentioned - see the statistics below. Hopefully the steady decline in numbers is at a stop. I have recently received a couple of letters with members 2018-2019 subscriptions with very favourable comments.

Number of members

1996	152	1997	167	1998	151	1999	144	2000	151
2001	144	2002	150	2003	144	2004	131	2005	142
2006	148	2007	141	2008	139	2009	139	2010	145
2011	134	2012	124	2013	124	2014	100	2015	117
2016	110	2017	110	2018	119				

Of the 110 membership at the AGM in March 2017, 94 members re-joined, 3 former members have re-joined, and we have 6 honorary members and 16 new members.

The records for March 2018 show 119 members at today - continental breakdown:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
UK & Ireland	105	96	89	88	71	86	78	83	87
USA Canada	16	16	11	15	10	11	13	7	9
Australasia	6	3	6	6	5	7	6	6	8
Europe	11	10	9	8	7	6	7	8	9
Africa	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Honorary	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6
Life President	1	1	1	1	1	1			

In conclusion I want to share with the meeting the fact that at the next Annual General Meeting - 2019 - I wish to stand down from my position of secretary. I am mentioning this now in order for other club members to consider and maybe take on this role. If anyone wishes to find out what the role entails – please get in touch with me via email.

Treasurer's Report - PAUL NORTON:

Paul began by thanking Phil Benson for compiling the accounts for the meeting. He continued to tell the meeting that income is down this year in relation to expenditure, but this is because there have been a number of 'one-offs' that have had to be paid for:

2016/17	Receipts	2017/18
3569.87	Bank Balance b/f	4129.28
12.12	Cash Balance b/f	12.12
3088.00	Subscriptions	3280.96
0.00	Regalia Sales	19.00
0.00	Rally Receipts	0.00
0.00	Misc	121.00
0.00	Interest	0.00
149.00	2nd hand spares	0.00
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6818.99	Total income	7562.36

	bank	cash	total
opening balance	4129.28	12.12	4141.40
receipts	3420.96	0.00	3420.96
payments	4425.92	0.00	4425.92
closing balance	3124.32	12.12	3136.44

Spares Secretary – PAUL BURGESS:

Paul had e-mailed the membership with his report, which was compiled on 2nd March, prior to the meeting:

Introduction

Around the time of the last AGM, previous Spares Secretary Brian Redshaw indicated that he wished to resign his position to devote more time to his drag racing. No volunteers coming forth to take over I offered to step into the breach if a suitable location could be found to store the club's stock of spares. John Castle and I looked at a number of options and eventually decided that the best way forward was to accept the Triumph Sports Six Club's offer to rent us space at their headquarters at Lubenham, Leicestershire. This is currently costing us £500 pa, which is about the market rate for a single garage lock up. The only disadvantage of this arrangement is the 30-mile round trip each time I need to travel over there. It was agreed with Brian for me to go to Darlington to retrieve the spares and bring them back to Lubenham on October 5th 2017. This meant hiring a van which cost £176 including fuel. Having got the spares back to Lubenham it then took about 3 weeks to sort, organise and inventory the spares and to produce a catalogue to issue to members.

Stock

The stock is now housed at the TSSC at Lubenham and an up to date catalogue is issued to

I would like to achieve some level of cooperation with other clubs whose vehicles share parts with the Mayflower. Having established that we have a fair number of parts in common with Standard cars I approached the Standard Motor Club to see if they were open to some form of cooperation on spares. For example, our manifold gasket is the same as the Standard Flying 10 and the head gasket is virtually the same, the Vanguard has a number of parts common to the Mayflower, especially the gearbox (we have a large number of NOS gearbox spares for which there is little demand from our members). Unfortunately the response I got was essentially that TMC members are welcome to join the SMC if they wish to buy spares from the SMC. Fortunately I did, quite by accident, discover their source of Flying 10 manifold and head gaskets.

TROC have said that they are looking at getting some Renown overriders made and have asked us if we wish to participate in that project as they are the same as the ones on the Mayflower. I emailed TMC members to gauge interest and let TROC know the number of our members who expressed an interest. I have heard nothing since.

Finances

Banking is via a Lloyds Treasurer's Current Account called "Triumph Mayflower Club Spares". Brian transferred £259.98 from the spares account he was running. I have opened a Paypal account, but will only use this for spares sales as a last resort due to the high fees and delays in releasing funds involved. Payment by cheque, bank transfer or cash on collection are the preferred methods for spares sales.

As stated earlier the club is funding the £500 pa cost of storage and paid for the £176 transport costs of moving the stock to Lubenham.

As at March 1st 2018 the spares account is:

Debits

Spares Purchases: £1143.50
Travel: £304.00
Sundries & postage: £159.87

Credits

Spares sales: £1355.00 Other: £635.75

Balance

Bank account: £355.42 Cash: £27.96 Total: £383.38

Detailed accounts are available for inspection on request.

Regalia Secretary - JOHN CASTLE:

John reported that Paul Burgess had offered to take on this role, in combination with that of Spares Secretary. Regalia will be stored alongside the spares at Lubenham.

Election of Officers:

Barbara Davies has offered to take over as **Magazine Editor**. John Banks said he would investigate the possibility of a cheaper printing option, through his work contacts

Paul Burgess was elected to the position of **Vice-Chairman** (nominated: Howard Pryor; seconded: John Oaker). He will also now be the joint **Spares & Regalia Co-ordinator**.

John Castle offered to act as 'On-the-day' Rally Organiser (including sorting any relevant trophies).

Paul Burgess suggested adding the role of **Publicity Officer** (including publicising Rallies): Mark Smith (a new member) has volunteered for this role (nominated: Paul Burgess; seconded: John Gogay). Both John Banks and Chad Brown were made **Co-opted Members.**

It was agreed that Rob Davies would act as **Web Editor** (with Andy continuing in the non-committee role of **Web Master**).

All other Officials will remain as last year.

Rally Matters – JOHN CASTLE:

John reported the following results from the 2017 rallies:

RIPON: BEST IN SHOW Alan Kormes

GREATEST DISTANCE TRAVELLED Dave Gibbs

CHAIRMAN'S CUP Steve Watt

HANBURY HALL: BEST IN SHOW Paul Norton

GREATEST DISTANCE TRAVELLED Dave Gibbs

CHAIRMAN'S CUP John Banks

John had already given more details about the two rallies in his Chairman's Report. He confirmed that he would contact all trophy recipients to ensure they are returned in time for this year's rallies.

All Triumph Standards have been invited to take part in a celebration for the birthday of Sir John Black: This is to take place on 13th May 2018. John [Castle] said it would cost the Club £50 to enter, but this would allow ANY number of Mayflowers to attend (John Gogay proposed this; seconded by John Oaker). Details of all other rallies can be found on the new website.

Website:

All attendees had seen the new website prior to the meeting: It was received with great enthusiasm and congratulations to the Web Master, Andy Davies.

Andy talked about the site: It has been completely rebuilt, with all information from the old site incorporated into the new one. He explained many of the features (including the 'Search' function, which will be operational in the near future). He confirmed that the site would be updated on at least a weekly basis.

Howard Pryor asked about the possibility of a 'Members Only' section: Andy said that this was a possibility for the future, but that the 'development' time would be considerable.

The 'Forum' was discussed at length: Howard Pryor expressed concern about potential problems with 'mischief-makers' - Andy said that this could be avoided by the use of proper moderation. It was agreed that ONLY members would be allowed to post anything on the Forum page, and that there should be some form of 'Troll Control'.

Rob Davies suggested that only members should be allowed to use the 'Sales' page. He also told people about the 'Events Calendar': For some regions of the UK there is as yet no information, so Rob asked if members could send him information from *their* region. He will then update the calendar annually.

Rob also mentioned the possibility of setting up on-line payment: It was agreed that this would be a good move, but that the costs could be prohibitive. Stephen

Coulman is involved in the organisation of Messingham Show, which uses on-line payment, and he said he would make enquiries.

The possibility of 'selling' advertising space to companies was suggested by Rob Davies. Rob also asked if non-members should be charged to advertise on the web-site.

America and Spare Parts:

Paul Norton reported that he had changed the Club's insurance company: Not only is the new premium cheaper (£460 p/a), but it also includes sales to the US. So at last the problem of selling spares to the US has been eliminated.

Rules of the Club:

Paul Burgess had modified the rules, and e-mailed these to the members for their perusal. Discussion was curtailed, however, because of the potential over-running of the meeting. Therefore it was requested that anyone with comments on the 'new' rules should e-mail these to the Committee. It was also mooted that the rules should undergo some form of legal examination, to bring them up to the standard required for 2018. Further discussion will take place at an EGM at the National Rally in June.

Young Person Membership:

Rob Davies gave a very brief introduction to his idea for this new level of membership. It too will be discussed at the EGM in June.

Subscriptions:

It was proposed by John Oaker, and agreed by all those present, that subscriptions should remain the same for now. If membership increases, raising the subs might be an option.

DVLA New Regulations:

Paul Burgess has investigated these and submitted an article for inclusion in 'Flower Power': The new regulations affect the requirement for an MOT. Andy Davies will put a link on the TMC's website to the relevant DVLA 'page'.

Any other business:

There was no time to discuss ANB; all matters will be discussed at a later date.

Meeting Closed: 2.45pm