

Bath Motor Club Ltd

Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting of Bath Motor Club Ltd, held on Monday 22nd October at 19:30 at The Boathouse, Bath.

01 Present:-

Dick Pease (chairman of the AGM), Dave Whittock, Nick Chapman, Jerry Pennell, Mike Patton, Alice Short, Martin Moore, Stan Cole, Duncan Stonier, Robert Jordan, Richard Batt, Cathy Dyer, Andy Cross, Alan Wakeman, Keith Wilson, Steve Conner, Andy Grimm, Mike and Liz Dixon, John Dando, Oliver Quinton, Elaine Ward

02 Apologies / Absent:-

Apologies – Jamie Short, Pete and Linda Maslen, Chris Elkins, Mark Dunkerley, Ben Marshal, Bernard Northmore, Dave and Doreen Richards, Diane Whittock

03 Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting 2023.

Dick signed

Proposer – Alan Wakeman Seconder – Martin Moore

04 Club Chairman's Report for CY/FY 2023/24

I would like to start this evening by sending our condolences to the family of two members of our club, who recently passed away. Roger Seagger – Hon member, Roger was a consultant Anaesthetist in the RUH. He got involved with the club many years back, and helped out as part of the medical back up for many events in the country including the 4 RAC rallies held in Bath.

David Williams who Jerry have also mentioned earlier. He was a great supporter of events that I was involved with, and I know many members of this club knew and respected him well. Two great people that will be sadly missed.

I would like to thank Dick for Chairing the meeting this evening, and to thank you all for taking the time out to attend this 61st AGM. Additionally, thanks must go to the outgoing committee for making 2023/24 a successful season of motorsport for Bath MC, and to include the other club members who also made our club presence noticed. Bath MC organised top quality events this last club year, plus we helped other clubs to make there's successful. This last weekend we had members either marshalling or competing across 5 different events, from road rally in Wiltshire, Historic Road rally in Chesterfield, Targa Rally in North Wales, Stage rally in Bournemouth and a WRC Rally in Central Europe. A good achievement I say. Everyone should be proud.

Finance will be dealt with by Nick later, however thanks must go to him, for keeping us on an upward healthy path with our finances.

I do not want to get into individual events as this will hopefully be covered by the relevant secretaries, but there are a few things I cannot pass by without saying something. The Aquae Sulis Tour earlier this year was taken over and run by a completely new team in Mike and Liz Dixon. From the outset they decided to make this event their own. With a start and finish in Salisbury and a route in Dorset and Wilts and possibly Hampshire, I could not fault it. New team, new ideas, re-newed enthusiasm.

Secondly, the Castle Combe Circuit Stage Rally, I know this was my project, and it was in this years calendar not last, but for the members that showed interest in the event, the members that made things happen on the event, I want to say a big thank you. I do intend to run it again either late 2025 or early 26, whichever the date we are allocated. And different to this year, I want to involve you members to areas of responsibility instead of importing members of other clubs to cover these jobs. The event was very successful, with a few changes next time it can be up there with the best, I want you to be part of that.

I cannot say enough about the organisers of the two Autosolo's we ran. It now looks like a well-oiled machine. Maybe a change of venue at some point could help keep it fresh.

The Targa rally, seems to be a match in heaven for February every year. I know this gives Diane nightmares because no one has woken up to get their licence in February. The Festival will run again in 2025 hopefully with a revised format. I am at present working on new and revived test venues for this project. We did not run Targa in the Dark this year, but we could for 2025. I have an idea to make it a short but intense evening in the dark. But we need an organiser, I am happy to assist.

The social side is working well with Richard Batt and Keith Wilson. The trips away to different sorts of organisations and industries are second to none, and I know that they are both working on a club dinner and annual awards presentation for January, so watch this space.

Looking forward, of those of you here last year I muted that it may be my last year in office as Chairman, but I must warn you, that I have put myself up again for one more year. Some of you may say WHY? Well, the answer is very simple, No one has come forward to show interest in the post, therefore no training or handover is in place. As Chairman I feel proud of what has happened to this club over the last decade, we have put ourselves firmly on the radar. We are a club now that a lot of people from all over the country talk about and that must not be lost. Turning my back now, would be sad as we have done good work with a lot left to do. However, if there is another nomination for Chairman and they get in I will be the first one to help them.

Thanks to Andy Cross for his expertise, we seem to be doing the right things when it comes to Environmental issues. We at least think about it now and do good things to address the issues without to much prompting.

What is my plan for this club motorsport year, do not fear I will not be introducing anymore events into the calendar, but also not thinking about dropping any either. Martin Moore has been in conversation with Devizes MC and concluded a joint co-ordination in there 12 car championship. It is a good idea in as much we should all get full entries. However, my point on the subject is that in September Devizes ran the first round, with no entries from Bath and no marshals to help. This is poor and not acceptable; therefore, I will be making this a priority for promotion to our members.

Social Media awareness and communication to our members has grown beyond belief, and thanks for that must go to Elaine Ward for her persistent push to get things done. Not forgetting Ben Marshal and Nick Chapman for their input also. Working together this department can help even more with development of systems and further communication.

Membership Secretary Steve Connor has done a fantastic job. He has now introduced the e-membership card successfully, which going forward will make life a lot easier. We do however do not forget the members who have no access to the digital world. We closed in August with 267 members and as of today we have 139.

It is now officially known that long standing committee member Mike Patton is standing down as Marshalling co-ordinator. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking him for a great job over the years. Mike will remain as a member and as our club representative for Kemble.

This position I feel can now move on into a more modern way of operating and that may mean we will not have club marshalling co-ordinator, but for clubs requesting marshals can go through the media team in the first instance, then distributed to whoever is prepared to run with it on the day. For each event we organise, that require marshals. The event organiser will source their own through an event chief marshal. What the club can offer is a database of contacts.

Further items we need to look at during 2025 is Marshal training, getting peoples interest and organising light hearted days where people can learn all aspects without the pressure. Also, and very important, we lack members with MSUK licences to Clerk, Deputise, Safety, Rescue, Radio, and Recovery and Stewarding, the list goes on. So, what does this mean. It means that when we want to progress like we did with the stage

rally, we must import so many people to do jobs that we could do ourselves, and this costs, so we use funds that we could keep hold of and use on other important projects going forward.

I have spoken to an MSUK trainer, who in the new year would be very happy to start off with marshals training for both newcomers and experienced.

MSUK will without a shadow of doubt, licence most positions of authority in most disciplines of our sport. They have too because the insurance companies are demanding a standard level of competence within organisers. We must act soon on this before Bath MC is left with no one to organise anything. Anyone interest to talk about it please phone me and I will help you move on.

My last point to get across is the back bone of the club, the equipment officers Duncan Stonier and Dave Clifford. The new lock up is stocked to the gunnels with useable equipment, there is no rubbish, that gets disposed of environmentally friendly. Everything is cleaned and stored away, and they both know where it is. They also store the trailers and keep them in good legal working order. As organisers like myself we issue them with a required equipment list and hope they deliver and collect afterwards. Between the two of them that is not always possible, therefore at times they also need help from the organisers and members. For 2025, I am proposing equipment lists will be made available for organisers to fill in, this to include what trailers are required along with delivery/Collection requirements. To be fair to this unsung important part of our operating wheel, all these applications must be submitted no later than one month before.

We need to find a way to make this part of the organisation easier to operate.

I think we can achieve our goals in harmony for 2025, but we must focus on up-to-date communication with the members, have a calendar filled with things for them to do, should it be Modern, Classic or Social, we will again be mingling in amongst the best clubs in the country.

Keep up the good work.

Enjoy your Christmas.

Dick thanked Dave for all his continued excellent and thorough hard work!

05 Treasurer's Report for FY 2023/2024

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Club's accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 and provide a commentary on the financial position. The accounts were prepared by Graham Long & Co. from the spreadsheets of transactions.

Attached to this report is a copy of the management information and the balance sheet for the financial year.

The detailed financial report and the spreadsheets are available on request.

Income and Expenditure

After allowing for donations received together with income from events, investments and bank interest, there is an increase in turnover to £74,003 (£50865 in 2023). The overall profit is £5521 (£6200 loss in 2023). The figures include an estimate for depreciation on equipment of £1110 (£1306 in 2023).

Reserves in the year increased to £36948 from £31427.

A corporation tax liability of £24.89 is due however, as the company's corporation tax account is currently in credit by £35.33 due to a loss relief claim we made a few years ago, there is no corporation tax payable and a credit of £10.44 will be carried forward to the year ending 31 August 2025.

This year we again successfully ran the Targa in the Dark, Festival Targa Rally, Aquae Sulis

Tour and the Spring and Summer Autosolos. In addition we ran the Great Western Vintage and Classic Rally. Castle Combe Action days were again a valuable source of income for the club.

The club setup a new limited company, Bath Motor Club Events Ltd. The company will be used to promote our permitted events, starting with the Castle Combe Circuit Stage Rally. By separating the finances of these activities, we will protect the club's assets. We again contributed to Co-Forest to offset the carbon emissions of all our events. Bank charges remain at approximately £25 per month.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The club had a successful year, introduced new events, and maintained its' good financial position.

Members are recommended to:
Approve the accounts for 2023/2024.
Reappoint Graham Long & Co. as accountants for the club.

Points raised:

Query affiliation fees.
Ideally need to keep Bath Motor Club Ltd, turnover below £85k to avoid VAT
Directors and secretary for new club are: DW and NC

Accounts approved for 2023/2024.

Proposer – Cathy Dyer Secunder – Alan Wakeman

Graham Long & Co. as accountants for the club - Reappointed for next year.

Thanks to Nick for all his hard work.

06 Competition Secretary Report

Bath MC have organised a wide range of events over the last 12 months for its club members and those from further afield. The club has a reputation for running high quality events and that is down to the professionalism of the organisers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers and their teams for their efforts throughout the year.

The events that the club ran include:-

- 2 x 12 Car – organised by Ross Whittock and Duncan Stonier
- 2 x Targa (Targa in the Dark & Festival Targa) – organised by Dave Whittock and Nick Chapman
- 2 x AutoSolo - organised by Jamie Short
- 1 x Historic Road Rally (Great Western Vintage Classic Rally) – organised by Bernard Northmore
- 1 x Treasure Hunt (Wiltshire Wander) – Jerry Pennell & Geoff Sutton
- 1 x Aquae Sulis Classic Tour – organised by Mike & Liz Dixon (new location/area)
- 1 x Quiz Night – organised by Keith Wilson
- 1 x Table Top Rally – organised by Ross Whittock

I cannot finish the list of events without a mention of the Castle Combe Circuit Stage Rally, which ran recently but was not in the club year that we are reporting on.

Bath Motor Club members have been competing far and wide over the last 12 months. The following is an overview of those who have had significant achievements

Competitors / winners

Bristol MC MX5 Challenge – Ben Marshall – 3rd O/A and 1st in class - Steve Conner – 8th O/A

AutoSolo

Steve Conner – ASWMC & CMSG AutoSolo 6th O/A & 3rd O/A (2nd in class) respectively
Dave Fooks – ASWMC & CMSG AutoSolo 3rd O/A & 5th O/A (2nd in class) respectively
Jolyon Shapley – ASWMC & CMSG AutoSolo 14th O/A & 10th O/A (3rd in class) respectively
Alan Wakeman – ASWMC & CMSG AutoSolo 11th O/A in both
Phil Turner – ASWMC 12th O/A
Targa Rally

Unfortunately no competitors in ASWMC Championship.

Alan Wakeman – CMSG Targa 12th O/A Driver
Matt Venables – CMSG Targa 4th O/A Navigator (1st in class)
Fred Coleman – CMSG Targa (Single Venue) 3rd O/A Driver
Colin Coleman – CMSG Targa (Single Venue) 3rd O/A Navigator

Sprint

David Bisp – ASWMC Sprint 15th O/A

Stage Rally

Ross Whittock – competing on events in the WRC, the ERC, the Middle East Championship, the British Championship and in the USA. Most notable results were 1st O/A on the Manx Rally and 2nd O/A on East Ridings Stage Rally.

Unfortunately no competitors in either the ASWMC or the CMSG Championships, even though the Castle Combe Circuit Stage Rally was a round of both championships.

Road Rally

Simon Fudge – CMSG Roadsport 4th O/A (1st in class)
(two rounds left – one last weekend)

Historic Rally

HRCR

Ken Binstead – 2nd O/A in Drivers Championship
Les Andrew – 12th O/A in Drivers Championship
Sarah Binstead – 4th O/A in Navigators Championship
Pete Blackett - 10th O/A in Navigators Championship
(two rounds left – one last weekend)
Mark Dunkerley has been competing on the HRCR events regularly.

HERO

Simon Ayris – 1st O/A on The Hero Challenge Championship (Driver)
Ken Binstead – 4th O/A on The Hero Challenge Championship (Driver)
Sarah Binstead -2nd O/A on The Hero Challenge Championship (Navigator)
Mike & Liz Dixon, and Bernard Northmore have been competing on HERO events with good results.
Apologies if I have forgotten anyone, who has either organised an event or has been out competing this year.

Club Championship

In the Club Championship, the award winners were:-
1st O/A Nick Chapman Les Hukins Trophy
2nd O/A Diane Whittock Ernie Waldron Trophy
3rd O/A Jerry Pennell Jane Aibl Trophy

The club is set for a busy year again in 2025 with 2 Targa Rallies, 2 AutoSolos, a Classic Tour, and possibly a Stage Rally. A re-run of the Historic Road Rally is being discussed. In addition to these “external” events there will be some club events including a few 12 Cars, Jogularities, Nav Scatters and Treasure Hunts and other events for club members to compete on.

If you have an idea for an event or want to help out on any events then please speak to a Committee member. This happened last year with Bernard Northmore running the Great Western Historic Rally and Duncan Stonier running a 12 Car which was very well received by those that competed. You won't be left on your own as some of the experienced members will assist in helping get the event started.

The club has had a strong attendance at most of the Regional Associations during the past year which has been helped with the Associations running zoom meetings.

Club members will also be venturing across the UK (and world!) to compete in a variety of events / championship in various disciplines.

Dick thanked Martin for his hard work.

07 Social Secretary's Report

Thanks Keith for all his help, and for continuing doing the round robins.

Back in March we had a skittles match between Bristol clubs and ourselves. It was a very good night and food despite losing again.

Visits this year:

Stan Cole and Richard Batt went to Mini Cooper Day at Beaulieu

Nick Mason Classic Car and Open Garden at Pickwick.

Festival of Motoring at Lansdown

FiveZeros – we can meet anytime

Classic Car Show at Camerton

Classic Car and Flower Show at Clevedon

Waited 4 years to get into ASI at Kemble – about 20 attended.

Sept 12th – Bugatti Museum at Prescott, which was very enjoyable

Sept 18th – A trip to Taunton arranged to visit the Classic Car Museum, about 10 people had a conducted tour and pub lunch afterwards.

Oct 3rd – Organised trip to Burlen Fuel Services, the full assemble line and the reconstruction of the J4 pedal cars

I have been asked by the Chairman to arrange a dinner in the new year at The Boathouse, second week in January for club presentations and club awards.

Ongoing plans are in place for Wroughton Science and Innovation Park – waiting to hear from Matt Baker, and David Appelby Motorsport at Wellington.

08 Election of Committee Officers for CY 2024/25

President – Bob Jordan

Chairman - Dave Whittock

Vice Chairman – Jamie Short

Secretary - Jerry Pennell

Treasurer - Nick Chapman

Competition Secretary - Martin Moore

Social Secretary – Richard Batt

Membership Secretary - Steve Conner

Club Safeguarding Officer – Alice Short

Committee Members: Elaine Ward, Duncan Stonier, Andy Cross (Environmental), Dick Pease, Ben Marshall,

Alan Wakeman, Andy Grimm

Thanks to Mike Patton for his hard work over the years.

All committee members named above were approved by those present at the AGM.

09 AOB

Repairs to Charlton Park have been ongoing. Applied to BMST for grant, have been approved for £6000. We have agreed with Charlton Park that we'll pay for the stone and they'll pay for the work and it'll help us with a guarantee of at least 5 years.

BMST were very impressed with our ongoing work and relationships with our venues, and our environmental stuff, so it all helped with the grant application.

The Chairman closed the meeting at approx. 20:30 hrs with a big thanks for all that has been done this last year and forward thanks for all the hard work that will be done this year.

Next meeting:

Old Committee – meeting at Boathouse on 5th November at 1930

New Committee - meeting at Boathouse on 19th November at 1930

Thanks

Alice Short

On behalf of Bath Motor Club