

TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER CLUB

AGM REPORT

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017

Meeting held at: EXPRESS HOLIDAY INN, TEMPUS DRIVE, WALSALL

Attendees: JOHN CASTLE-1091 JOHN OAKER-715 PAUL BURGESS-1200
HOWARD PRYOR-551 CHAD BROWN-1139 JOHN FLETCHER-1193
PAUL NORTON-462 JOHN BANKS-1179 ROB & BARBARA DAVIES-1209

Meeting opened: 2pm

Apologies received from: PHIL BENSON, DON FOX

Minutes of the last meeting:

JOHN OAKER reported that he had begun to compile a list of members' names, e-mail address and town of residence. However, having received an objection from one member, this is currently on hold. John's intention is to inform members about the proposed 'list' in the next edition of 'Flower Power'; instructions will be given for anyone wishing to opt out. The meeting agreed that such a register would be very useful to members of the club. Otherwise, the Minutes were taken as read.

Chairman's Report - JOHN CASTLE:

"As some of us know, the Annual Rally at Hatfield House, with the Renowns and Roadsters, went very well. There were about 40 to 50 cars, mainly Roadsters. It went so well that the Rally Secretary agreed to have just one Rally this year, altogether, at Hanbury Hall in Warwickshire. Chad and myself went to the Standard Triumph forum at Lubbingham, as we need to keep in touch with the other clubs from the cars that came out of Canley, or were designed there."

Secretary's Report - JOHN OAKER:

"My 24th secretary's report":

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			

Of the 110 members at 19-03-16: 82 members re-joined, 6 former members have re-joined, there are 6 honorary members and 16 new members.

Paul Norton has identified that UK membership has increased, but US membership has gone down:

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

* The records for 2017 show 110 members at today

Treasurer's Report - PAUL NORTON:

Paul began by expressing his thanks to Phil Benson for auditing the accounts. He continued by reporting that the Club's finances are currently looking healthy; the increase in Membership Fees being largely responsible for this.

Paul then presented the accounts for the past financial year:

2015/16	Receipts	2016/17
3877.00	Bank Balance b/f	3569.87
12.12	Cash Balance b/f	12.12
2143.00	Subscriptions	3088.00
0.00	Regalia Sales	0.00
0.00	Rally Receipts	0.00
0.00	Misc	0.00
0.00	Interest	0.00
0.00	2nd hand spares	149.00
6032.12	Total income	6818.99

2015/16	Payments	2016/17
1474.00	Flower Power	1482.00
49.50	AGM and other meetings	158.00
132.43	Officer's expenses / postage etc	188.08
87.58	Web Site Fees / Renewals	87.58
74.00	Rally expenses	70.98
61.60	Subscriptions FBHVC / Refunds	53.30
0.00	Misc	64.10
0.00	Regalia New Stock/Float	0.00
571.02	Club Insurance renewal costs	573.55
2450.13	Total expenditure	2677.59

	bank	cash	total
opening balance	3569.87	12.12	3581.99
receipts	3237.00	0.00	3237.00
payments	2677.59	0.00	2677.59
closing balance	4129.28	12.12	4141.40

Spares Secretary - BRIAN REDSHAW:

Brian was not present at the meeting, and had not submitted a report.

Regalia Secretary - JOHN CASTLE:

John reported that sales for the year had raised £158, with £278 being spent on new stock. A stock-list was presented to the meeting; the items valuing £386.

Election of Officers:

The Officers will remain as listed in the most recent edition of 'Flower Power', with two exceptions:

- Russ Hoenig to be asked (by John Oaker) if he would be happy to take on the role of 'Technical Officer' for the US
- Clive Lungmuss to be replaced by Rob Davies as a 'Co-opted Member'; Clive having now sold his Mayflower

Rally Matters - CHAD BROWN:

Chad confirmed what John Castle had said about the benefits of joining with Renown, Roadster and Razor Edge owners for rallies. A new flag for use at rallies was also discussed (to indicate the location of the Mayflowers): The current one is too small to be seen in some settings, but more importantly it has to be inserted into the ground (thus rendering it useless on areas of hard-standing). It was agreed that the price of a 'sail flag' would be investigated: It must, of course, be small enough to be transported in a Mayflower, and a price of around £150 was considered acceptable. Designs were discussed at length, and John Castle agreed to take this forward. Chad reminded everyone about the up-coming 'Northern Rally', which will be advertised in the next edition of 'Flower Power'. The rally was established by the late Peter Benfield, and as such Chad felt it important that as many members as possible attend.

America and Spare Parts:

John Oaker read a letter that he had received from Russ Hoenig (US resident, membership number 1305). Russ had expressed concern about the difficulties US members have in obtaining parts from the Club. Paul Norton confirmed that the insurance situation had NOT changed, and as such the Club was still not in a position to send parts to the US. Chad Brown agreed to ask other clubs at the Forum, to ascertain how they get around this problem.

Website:

This was discussed at length, mainly because there has been no progress since the previous AGM. John Oaker reported that he had had very little contact from Nico Ten Wolde throughout the year. The Treasurer, Paul Norton, confirmed that he pays Nico £13 per year for the site's domain name. Options were discussed, in case Nico has decided that his other commitments leave him with insufficient time to continue with the role. Rob Davies said he would talk to his son about possibly developing a new website. Paul Burgess expressed an interest in overseeing the inputting of information to the site, possibly with one or two others, once its format has been established. Suggestions were invited for what people would like to see included on the new site. A 'Members' Forum' was proposed, but whilst this is a possibility, Howard Pryor pointed out the need for a 'moderator'. John Oaker reminded the attendees that 'Flower Power' is published by John Gogay, and not Nico. He also said that he would contact Nico again, to ask how he wants to proceed.

Regalia Funding:

John Castle mentioned that grille badges and binders were running low, but that re-ordering would be expensive because of set-up costs of around £200. Polo shirts were also discussed, and it was agreed that John would investigate the cost of having the logo altered slightly to include the words 'Triumph' and 'Club', above and below the existing Mayflower logo. To boost regalia sales, it was suggested, and agreed, that an advert could be placed in 'Flower Power', so that members would be made aware of what was available (thus, hopefully, boosting regalia sales).

Rules of the Club:

John Oaker reminded the meeting that the Club's number one aim is to keep Mayflowers on the road. The Club's rules as they stand are very out of date; in particular, there is currently no reference to the internet. John Oaker invited the attendees to read through the rules, and send him their comments. He would also make enquiries about the legal requirements. It was also suggested that the Forum could be a useful opportunity for discussing this with other clubs.

Any other business:

- John Oaker agreed to contact Brian Redshaw, to check he is happy to continue as Spares Secretary. John agreed to contact Brian, to request a financial summary, and Howard Pryor suggested he ask John Gogay for his input, as John had undertaken the role of Spares Secretary for many years. The issue of the availability of parts on the internet has probably shifted the focus away from the Club as the main supplier. 'Spares sharing' with other clubs was also mooted as a possibility, and this would be raised at the next Forum.
- An assortment of rubber items (seals, etc.) have come into the Club's possession; Rob Davies took these temporarily for comparison purposes.

Meeting Closed: 5pm