

The TR Owners Club Limited - Registered Company No 1499634

Annual General Meeting - 28 November 2010, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon

The Chairman, Chris Cunnington (CC), welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman then reminded all present of the eligibility for voting and that the yellow cards issued should be used. There was also a separate voting card for the one contested post – Eastern Area Co-ordinator. 141 voting members were present. Reg Bowler, Andy Racey and Jean Parkinson were appointed as tellers.

The members were first shown a slide presentation reviewing the events of 2010.

Graham Robson, Hon President, then addressed the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: M Ward, Jane Gray, Dave Worne, Andy Holyoak, Duncan Jolly, Nina Jolly, Peter Vernon, Phil Barnett, Richard Flynn.

2. To read and if considered appropriate approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2009 held on 22 November 2009

Ian Cornish said that he had read the Minutes of last year's meeting and proposed that they be accepted as a true record. Seconded: Tim Sharp.

Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

3. To receive and if considered appropriate, adopt the Accounts and the Accountant's report for the year ended 28 February 2010

The Treasurer, Mervyn Parkes (MP), explained that the Accounts had been issued with TR Action 244. He proposed that the Accounts and Accountant's Report be accepted. Seconded: Peter Parkinson.

Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

4. To appoint Mulhall and Co. as the Independent Reviewer of the Accounts

MP proposed that Mulhall and Co. be re-appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Accounts. Seconded: Phil Horsley.

Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

5. To receive reports from the Officers of the Club.

5.1 Chairman's Report – Chris Cunnington

I am pleased to give my third report to you as Chairman of the TR Register in this, the club's 40th Anniversary Year. It's been a time of reflection and celebration throughout the whole year and I hope you, the members, have enjoyed the past twelve months as much as your management team have done in preparing and delivering the activities.

Membership In my report last year, I referred to the financial disruptions to the wider world and how that affected so much of what passes for normal life in the UK. Well, with one General Election behind us since we met here last, and with a new administration, we have a number of other changes to face in the coming year. I asked you for your support in renewing your club membership last year and you responded very well. Thank you all for that. I expect you can guess that I will be asking again for that same support in 2011, and I hope you will feel again able to support TR Register membership in the same way in this coming year.

In his report later on, Allen Forster (AF), our General Manager, will be giving us the details of the membership numbers and many other items, but I will tell you now that we are in very good shape overall and, with only a loss of 40 members from our overall 8,000 membership numbers year on year, ahead of most. I am delighted with these figures and all of you who have encouraged new and old

members alike. I also think Allen and the club HQ team should be congratulated, too, for the work done in achieving these results.

I am sure you will understand why I am pleased with the support from the membership even though figures do not show growth. I know, from being in touch with many other clubs, just how well we are doing with our membership levels. Club numbers everywhere are dropping and it is not uncommon to see membership losses of 5% or more. That said, we have no room for any complacency – we still need to continue with the resolve to maintain our position of being at the front of all things Triumph - and with your help, we can do it.

Committee Turning now to the Management Committee, where during this year we have had some changes. Overall, the effect of all retirements and co-opted members joining during the year has the net effect of the committee being one fewer than at this time last year.

In the case of two retiring members, the duties undertaken by them have been absorbed by other Committee members or by volunteers, reporting to the General Manager.

Bill Piggott Archivist Bill Piggott retired from the Committee on completion of the History Book in the early part of the year. We are very grateful for his input for over 30 years, and I would like to thank him here today for his stream of information about all matters relating to the club and our cars. Following his retirement - and with his help - we have reviewed and written the TR Register Archive Room project brief, for future running of this important part of the club.

In consequence, two volunteers, Bob Rowland and John Saunders, have been invited to work on the Archive Room Project – reporting directly to the General Manager. The involvement of our Registrars in this new arrangement for the Archives has yet to be finalised, but their activities and continuing support for the club in this respect is acknowledged, as is their patience.

Mike Hughes retires from committee at this AGM, after long service as Competition Chairman – with some 21 years as the club Race Championship chairman. A successful TR racer and a well-known and liked personality, Mike has served the club loyally and well, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge that here today. The future elements of the competition side of the club will be managed by Phil Tucker – combining this with his South West Coordinator duties.

Duncan Jolly and John Andrews are standing down from Committee this year at this AGM. We have applicants for both posts standing for election later today.

Thank you Duncan for your input to the TR Register; in addition to coordinating the East Midlands area groups, you have also been willing to give of your services and take the lead in a number of different projects in your term of office, the latest being the 2010 Le Mans Classic trip this year.

Thanks also to John Andrews, who is standing down having given many years service to the club in coordinating the groups in the Eastern area and many other supporting roles. John has now full time commitments to the sport of table tennis and he is part of a national team helping to coordinate table tennis as a sport for the 2012 Olympics. Thank you for your help and every success with your work for 2012.

With **Richard Larter** standing down from the Scottish and Northern Ireland area coordinators post early in the New Year, we were pleased to co-opt to Committee the services of Steve Craig – the current Clyde Valley Group Leader to this post. He is standing for election this year, as required for a member co-opted to Committee in the previous year, and is unopposed. Our thanks go to Richard for all his work over the years in successfully bringing and keeping together the groups north of the border.

With **younger members** being a crucial part of the club's future, we were pleased to co-opt a Yoof group co-ordinator to Committee. Wayne Scott was co-opted to this new position and is standing for election at this AGM. His efforts in bringing to the club a range of new younger members are to be applauded, and we look forward to seeing this element continue to grow.

So, as I said earlier, we have had a number of changes. With all such matters it is important that we make them without major impact to the running of the club, and I think we have done that. In fact, I know we have done that and I am very grateful to all my Committee colleagues for their advice and support during these changes. We will continue with the work in hand as we move ahead with a slightly new crew.

We will come to the processes of the election of officers in due course, but if re-elected it will be my aim with the new Committee to continue to review our working and operational practices between all elements of the club's activities. Our methods of working are continually under scrutiny to ensure they

are effective and we will make improvements where these are practical and give benefits to the membership. We need to continue to be alive to the many issues that come up in club life - we must remain alert and ready for all that we might face for the future.

One issue that has been live for a long time has been the review of the club insurance scheme.

As you will know we have been working on this for well over a year. Putting it candidly, we are pursuing a simple enough arrangement and I would like to say we are almost there, but it is still not fully resolved.

The **background** is that there are three parties to the running of the insurance scheme: the broker, the underwriter and the club. What we want is a partnership between the three of us and a share in the benefits of the scheme for each party. It has taken until the middle of this year for that point to be acknowledged and demonstrated by our broker. The MD of Towergate Risk Solutions, with whom we had those dealings, is no longer with the company and we started again mid-year with a new MD for the broker. Only in the last two weeks have we received their latest proposals. We have now on offer some improvements for TR7 rates, for younger drivers and for multi-car policies, but there are still some elements of concern. Almost 60% of the club members insure through the current scheme and whilst we are trying to improve what is on offer, it has not yet been settled. I will advise you more on the outcome as soon as our meeting with the brokers has taken place.

The club insurance scheme is but one of the **membership benefits** which we are trying to develop further. Allen Forster and his team are looking at a variety of schemes which might provide attractive propositions for us as club members. There is no shortage of offers and many companies believe they have benefits to offer, but getting the right packages is important. More on those items in due course during the coming year

What I have covered so far is mainly on business matters. In **the wider picture, for 2010** this year has been a year of a great number of activities and - as part of this report in our 40th year - I feel I should mention some of them.

Hopcroft's Holt

We began with an almost snowbound Hopcroft's Holt. We went back to our roots, to where the club began 40 years ago and some of those who attended the very first meeting of the club were there to celebrate the anniversary. A new plaque recording the original meeting and its celebration 40 years on has been fixed in the hotel reception area – giving you a good excuse to call by to check it out and have a pint some time.

History Book. A few weeks after the Hopcroft's meeting, the History of the TR Register landed with a thump on most doormats. Recording the activities and some of the club characters of the 40 years in his unique style, Bill Piggott compiled 180 pages of the history of the club. The book has been circulated to all members, and new members are given a copy on joining. Our Editor, Steve Redway, had quite a task on his hands in brining this together, and I would like to offer my thanks to him and the team for all the work done here.

Prescott. A very sunny weekend in May saw inter-club activities join up at the Forum event at the Prescott Hill Climb. It is good to work together - as we did here with Stag Owners Club and TSSC - and achieve a very enjoyable event for all concerned, with our Hon President providing that all important commentary for the hill-climb day. This was probably the best event yet at Prescott.

Le Mans Classic. Early July saw a mass exodus of club members from the UK to France for the Le Mans Classic weekend. Courtesy of Duncan Jolly and his team, the club had a unique new identity, a sea of red shirts flooded throughout the Le Mans circuit. This was a very well planned and run event, which involved a great deal of thought and work for the volunteer team and the club HQ staff, too. Congratulations and Well Done all round.

IWE 2010. No sooner back from Le Mans and we were into our very special International Weekend. The 40th year Anniversary Year IWE2010 brought alive by a Works Car display. It was the highlight of the weekend, with drivers, navigators and mechanics attending and being interviewed by Graham Robson, and telling their amusing stories to an attentive audience. Fascinating and thoroughly absorbing stuff here, and congratulations must go to the team of Ian Cornish, Mike Ellis, Mervyn Parkes and their helpers for bringing this unique group and their cars together at the IWE2010

European Meeting. For the first time ever, 2010 saw the TR Register European meeting being held in the UK. In planning such events, the booking of accommodation is the primary task, the rest is built around that. Not good news then when I heard on a Radio 4 news bulletin, on my way to the office, that the hotel booked for the meeting was on fire and some 19 units from the local brigades were there,

attending a fire in the roof. With a lot of re-planning, Chris Hale and his team re-worked the arrangements and made it work based on another hotel and location. Well done to them. A seamless change was achieved and the event was a success for the club and for all those who took part.

Round Britain Reliability Run. Then, with only a short breather, we were onwards into the Round Britain Reliability Run with TS2 and the Coke car running the route from top to bottom of the UK. Over 2,000 miles of driving in 48 hours – some test of men and machines – and none failed! Raising almost £2,000 for charity, the two car teams of Wayne Scott and Matt George in the Coke car, and Rob Murphy and Mark Treadwell in TS2, made the strenuous journey from John o' Groats to Lands End, including a staging point at club HQ in Didcot. Well done, again – great result!

And it's not over yet. – last year, at the 2009 NEC Classic Car Show, the TR Register won the prestigious Best Club Website Award – this year, we did even better – we were nominated for and won the coveted Club of the Year Award at the NEC. This is a great accolade for a great club - and particularly so in its 40th Anniversary Year and I'd like to read you the citation.

Club of the Year

"To qualify for this award," C&SC's editor at large and master of ceremonies, Simon Taylor, explained, "you need a consistent presence during the year, not just a one-off big splash. Our two main contenders certainly qualified on both counts, with all manner of events to celebrate their respective birthdays. You might even have become non-plussed about seeing Alfa Romeos, they were so commonplace this year. There's even a 6 million quid Alfa 8C on the C&SC stand!

"But our winner could easily have landed a couple of other awards, such were its efforts over the past 12 months. The club kicked off 2010 with an event to celebrate its formation 40 years ago. Back then, as its nomination points out, the club's main focus was keeping members' everyday cars on the road. Now many of those cars are treasured possessions, and the club has had to evolve to keep up with its members' needs. It has a cracking website, and was one of the first clubs to form a youth group. It's also a staunch supporter of the FBHVC and founded the Standard Triumph Forum, in which it works with the Stag Owners Club, TSSC and other Triumph clubs ...

Club of the Year goes to the TR Register."

This is your club and this success says a great deal about you, the members. I am extremely proud to be your Chairman and look forward to continue working with you to continue the forward momentum.

Thank you.

5.2 Questions for the Chairman

There were no questions for the Chairman.

5.3 Treasurer's Report – Mervyn Parkes

The Results for the year ended 28th February 2010 show a net surplus of £15K; £10K less than the previous year, but still £5K over budget.

Total Income for the year amounted to £328K, this being only £2K under budget. Subscription income for the year increased by £10K, reflecting the £2 p.a. increase in subscription rates, but offset by the now slowing decline in membership. There were small, but welcome, increases in the surplus on the sale of regalia and advertising revenue. This helped to offset the reduction in bank interest received, due to almost non-existent interest rates.

Turning now to expenditure: Total Expenditure for the year was £313K, against £291K in 2009, an increase of £22K, but still £7K under budget. There are two main reasons for increased costs, the first being due to increased expenditure on TR Action of £13K. This was the cost incurred in the production of The TR Register History Book, prior to publication in April. Secondly, as explained at last year's AGM, we made a significant one-off saving in Office Expenses during the first few months of the 2008/2009 financial year, this being a saving in cost of salaries whilst the recruitment process took place for our new General Manager. The figure of £133K for 2010 reflects the true cost of Office Expenses.

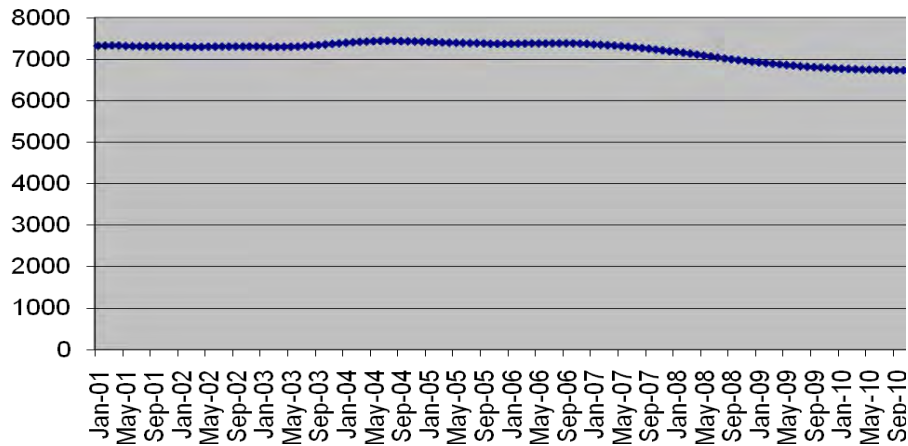
Overall a satisfactory outcome for the year, given the uncertain economic predictions at the outset.

5.4 Questions for the Treasurer

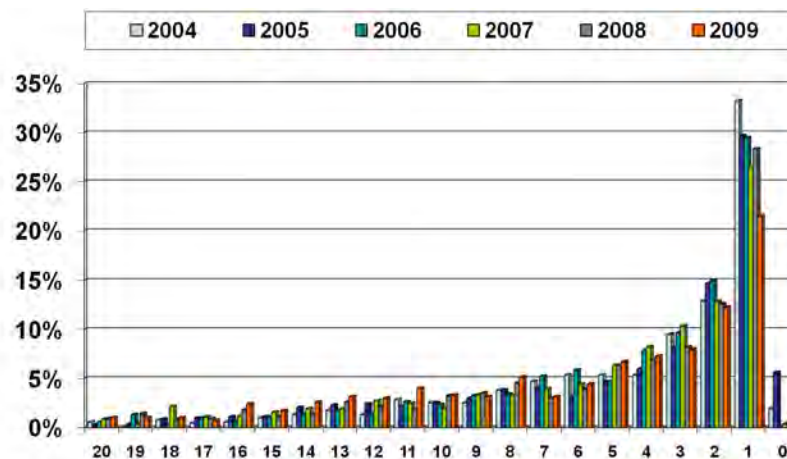
There were no questions for the Treasurer.

5.5 General Manager's Report – Allen Forster

As I did last year, I will start by giving you some of the facts about membership levels.



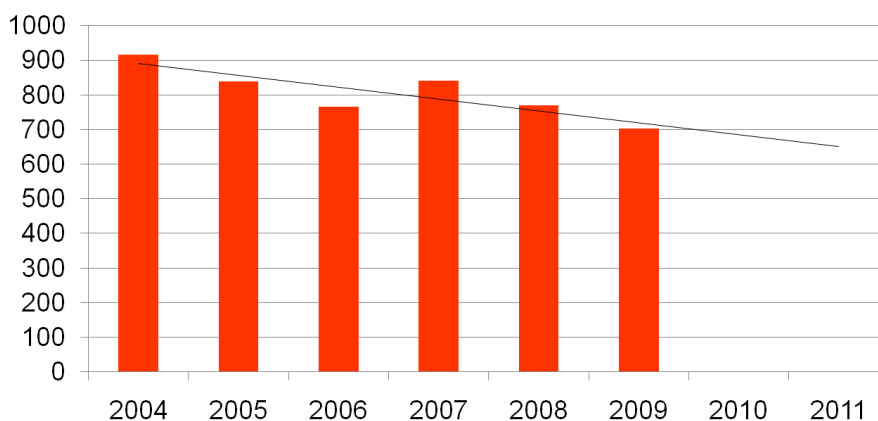
The current number of full members is 6,742 (as at Wednesday 24th November); including family memberships gives a current total of 8,040. As you can see from the graph, and as I explained last year, membership levels have been falling since about 2006. The good news is that over the last 12 months things have started to level out.



I showed you a graph like this last year, too. You might remember that I was concerned over the proportion of members who left us after only one year of membership. I think this is particularly sad because it probably means that either TR ownership has not lived up to their expectations, or the club has not lived up to their expectations. In 2009, this equated to about 140 people who did not renew their membership at the end of the first year. The good news is that the number of year one leavers has reduced quite significantly, which hopefully means that some of the things that we are doing to welcome new members have worked.

You might remember last year that we discussed an 'induction package' for new members. And you might have seen the 'Welcome DVD' that is the result of that idea. For the past couple of months, all new members have been receiving this short DVD, which tells them who we are, what we do, and how they can get involved. Hopefully, we will see some impact in next year's figures.

Total Leavers



As you can see, during 2009 we had 700 people leave the club, we had 500 or so join us - but it is difficult, and costly, to attract new members. The more we can do to make existing members happy, the better. It should be easier to retain a current member than to recruit a new one, and I will be watching these figures closely. Overall though, the news on membership is positive, though numbers are declining, the rate of decline is slowing and we will all be working hard to continue that trend over the next year.

Another item that I want to bring to your attention is the progress that the Committee have made recently in thinking about and planning for the medium- to long-term future. In mid-October, the Committee spent a day considering the strengths and weaknesses of the Register, where we are now, where we want to be, and how we might get there. One of the outputs from that day was a vision, describing what we want to be: *A global car club offering a rewarding recreational lifestyle to its members.* And a mission, describing how we are going to do it. *To provide a professional club, driven by enthusiasts, supplying services, products, social, and motoring events, at local, national, and international level for friendship and the enjoyment of our cars.*

Now, whether or not you are a believer in vision and mission statements (and I suggest we leave that discussion for another time, over a cup of coffee), the words at the bottom, friendship and the enjoyment of our cars, will hopefully strike a chord, and guide our actions.

And these are some of the things that we are going to be working on over the next 12 months (or indeed have started working on). Long term or strategic planning is hard work, but hopefully this time next year I'll be able to come back and tell you that we are a bit closer to where we want to be.

- Increase membership benefits
- Improve PR/marketing
- Increase archive availability
- Explore and exploit web based media
- Improve insurance scheme
- Improve communication
- Increase overseas membership
- Increase volunteer jobs
- Review committee procedures
- Improve TR7 support
- Increase participation in motorsport
- Maximise events exposure
- Improve knowledge of suppliers
- Gain a better understanding of members requirements
- Exploit TR Register brand
- Review long term business plan

I spoke last year about the future of the International Weekend and we are now another year on. I thought that the IWE 2010 was a really good event, thanks to all of those involved, and that it played a central role in our 40th Anniversary celebrations. In terms of numbers through the gate and financial out-turn, it was almost exactly the same as 2008 and 2009. That is, about 2,000 people through the gate and breaking even financially. For 2011 we will be going to Harrogate. The showground, the town, and the surrounding area are all excellent, and we should be in for a great weekend. In addition to most of the 'normal' activities, I hope that we can offer a chance to drive the Harewood Hill Climb on Friday, an Autosolo on Saturday, the chance to camp for a longer period for those who book in advance, and the chance for those who wish to pay extra to attend a fairly formal dinner on Saturday evening. I am convinced that it will be an excellent venue and an excellent event - the cost of putting on the event, and therefore the prices, will be similar to last year. We will still need 2,000 people through the gate if we are not to make a loss. Please put the dates into your diary now and encourage your friends to do the same.

5.6 Questions for the General Manager

Roger King (Birmingham) felt that prices of the TR range were now escalating to the point that new owners were limited to the TR7. The continued absence of a TR7 Registrar was a disappointment and he hoped that the Register would take action to address this.

Reg Bowler wanted more details of the proposed formal dinner at the 2011 IWE. AF advised that this sort of event was normal business for the venue and that there would be no financial risk to the Register, even though the Register would be responsible for taking the bookings. It will be bookable in advance at about £25-£30.

Chris Mountford (Stoke Group) felt that some of the services supplied to members by other clubs were being sold under false pretences. AF felt that TR drivers got the best support from the Register. CC recognised the comment about other clubs (and one in particular), but he felt that it was better to have them 'inside the tent'. We do get people attending the NEC show who say that they had joined the wrong club and would now like to join the Register. Mark Talbot (Register member and also a TSSC member) said he had found great support in working with the Register.

Doug Lynch (Derby Dales) said that the TR7 was well worth promoting because of its low cost.

Ian Evans (Vice President) said that TSSC, at a local level, worked well with the Register, but that the HQ was taking a different position. Mark Talbot agreed with that view.

Kim Mountford (Yoof Group) said she had joined TSSC purely because of the insurance cost for her Spitfire and that even at 21, it was prohibitive to insure her TR4.

Tony Lennon (London) urged the Register to investigate the use of ethanol in petrol and its effect on fuel system components in older cars. CC said that the FHBVC was investigating, but that there was an additive which could be added to the tank to sort the problem. It was also said that modern screen-wash, which included ethanol, had a similar effect on older washer systems.

6. To elect Officers of the Club from the nominations received by the Secretary by the due date together with declarations of interest

TR Register - COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS - AGM 2010

UNCONTESTED POSITIONS

Post	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Chris Cunningham	Ian Evans	Julian Furniss
Treasurer / Co. Secretary	Mervyn Parkes	Andy Canning	Phil Collins
Editor	Steve Redway	Kevin Jones	Bill Piggott
Yoof Co-ordinator	Wayne Scott	Adam High	Richard Chapman
Overseas Co-ordinator	Chris Hale	Andrew Moltu	A Westbury
East Midlands Co-ordinator	Tim Sharp	Duncan Jolly	C Hale
Midlands Co-ordinator	Paul Tunnadine	G Sears	Frank Holtz
North East Co-ordinator	Rob Murphy	Wayne Scott	Graham Kneeshaw
North West Co-ordinator	Mike Sloan	R Eccles	P Lowe
Scottish/NI Co-ordinator	Steve Craig	Roy Cowgill	Ian Walker
South East Co-ordinator	Mark Treadwell	Phil Cockerton	Barry Wallbank
South West Co-ordinator	Phil Tucker	D Hurford	N Christie
West Co-ordinator	Kevin Jones	Andrew West	A Richardson

CONTESTED POSITIONS

Post	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
East Co-ordinator	Ian Freeman Adrian Richmond	Alan Jezzard Peter Pierce	Neil Rowe Mark Talbot

CC asked the meeting if they were happy to vote on the uncontested committee positions en bloc, as in previous years. Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

CC then invited the meeting to vote on the uncontested nominees en bloc.
Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

CC then advised the meeting on the ballot process for the contested Eastern Co-ordinator's position. The two candidates are Ian Freeman and Adrian Richmond.

CC first invited Alan Jezzard to introduce Ian Freeman. Ian Freeman then addressed the meeting.

CC then invited Peter Pierce to introduce Adrian Richmond. Adrian Richmond then addressed the meeting.

Following a short break for vote-counting, CC advised the meeting that Ian Freeman had polled 71 votes and Adrian Richmond 51 and there were two spoiled papers. Ian Freeman was therefore elected as Eastern Co-ordinator.

7. To elect the Directors from the officers who are eligible and willing to stand

CC read out the list of nominees. S M Redway, P E Tunnadine, M Treadwell.

CC then invited the meeting to approve the appointment of the nominees en bloc.
Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

8. To elect Honorary Members.

CC advised the meeting that the election of Honorary Members was at the members' discretion.

CC invited Mike Hughes, the first nominee, to speak. Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

CC then invited Ian Cornish (Vice President) to speak on behalf of the other nominees: Brian Culcheth, Simo Lampinen and Bill Price. (see appendix1)

Brian Culcheth	Voting: In favour - Unanimous.
Simo Lampinen	Voting: In favour - Unanimous.
Bill Price	Voting: In favour – Unanimous

9. To receive budgetary proposals for the year 2011/2012 from the Treasurer

The Treasurer presented his 2011/12 budget report to the members:

BUDGET PROPOSALS

I began my previous two budget reports by stating the budget was "set in both challenging times within the classic car community and an uncertain economic future in the wider world". I see no reason to change either of these comments.

The classic car community continues to fight the decline in membership. Here, we are doing better than most, having lost only 40 members (net) during the last year, whilst the prices of many classic cars continue to increase at an alarming rate.

In the wider world, the present coalition government, during recent defence and government spending reviews, announced over half a million redundancies. This cannot fail to have an impact on some of our members; just how many remains to be seen.

Inflation is presently running at 3.1% (using the Consumer Price Index), largely due to a VAT increase in January, and is predicted to remain high next year, partly due to a further VAT increase. This Budget is therefore set in "more" uncertain times than previously.

Income

- Subscription Income: - £250K – has been set using a reduction in membership of 40 (100 last year) and adjusted by the increased rate of VAT from 04/01/11.
- Advertising Revenue: - shows a reduction of £1K, at £43K.
- Insurance Commission: - has stabilised at £20K.
- Bank Interest Receivable: - has been reduced to £1K.
- Surplus on Club Events: - £0. All club events are budgeted to break-even. The big challenge next year will be moving the IWE to Harrogate.

Overall, income is only budgeted to increase by 0.2% to £319K.

Expenditure

- Magazine: - a slight reduction in budget of £2K, which will not reflect in the quality or frequency of the magazine.
- Office expenses: - overall, remains little changed from last year.
- Committee expenses: - no increase in mileage rate is proposed.

Overall, expenditure is only budgeted to increase by 0.3% to £314K.

Net result

The budgeted income of £319K, less the budgeted expenditure of £314K, shows a net surplus of only £5K, this being a net return of 1.8% on the net value of our assets, about half the rate of current inflation.

To summarise

The Budget has been set in uncertain economic times, but has been set to maintain and improve services to our members, to act as good employers, and to maintain our premises.

Subscription rate

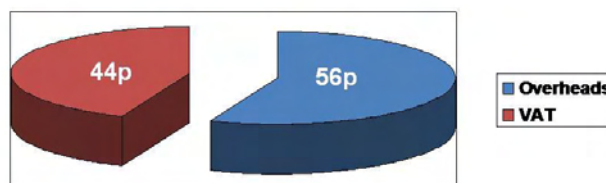
In order to finance the above Budget, it is proposed to increase subscriptions by £1 p.a.

Finally

It would not be a Merv Parkes Budget without a pie chart.... So here it is.



Subscription Rate



Overheads Increase 56p
VAT Increase 44p
Total Increase £1.00

That completes the Budgetary Proposals for 2011/2012; I commend them to the house.

Questions about the proposed budget

There were no questions.

MP, having presented his Budget, proposed that it should be approved. Seconded by Andy Racey
Voting: In favour – Unanimous

10. To receive and, if considered appropriate, adopt the proposal of the Management Committee to fix the rate of subscription

The Treasurer proposed:



Subscription Proposals

To Increase UK/EC Subscriptions by £1 to £42.00 pa
To Increase overseas subscription rate by £1 to £48.00 pa
Maintain Family membership rate at £2.00 pa
Joining Fee remains at £2.00
Direct Debit discount remains at £2.00 pa

Seconded by: Reg Bowler.

Voting: In favour – Unanimous

Following item 10, the meeting adjourned for lunch until 2:0pm

11. To transact any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting and of which due notice has been given to the secretary.

CC invited **Peter Dadson** to speak. He wished to suggest that consideration be given to changing the election of Area Co-ordinators so that they be elected only by the group members in their area, not by the club, as a whole.

CC asked the meeting if they were happy to discuss the topic. Voting: In favour - Unanimous.

PD suggested that a special area of the website could be established to do this.

Mike Bailey (Essex Group) supported the proposal, saying that his group had discussed a similar topic regarding their own elections.

Ian Cornish also supported the idea. He felt that it was wrong for him to elect a co-ordinator for an area outside his own.

It was suggested that an informal show of hands be displayed to see how many people were from the Eastern Group. This was opposed by John Morrison (Cumbria), who felt that the previous speaker's idea would undermine the newly elected co-ordinator.

Roy Clough (Wessex) said that, as a Wessex member who did not know the candidates, he felt he was unable to vote in the earlier election.

The question was asked whether it was a national or a local position.

Mark Treadwell said that the position of Area Co-ordinator was a national position and that it was correct for the whole meeting to elect such candidates.

The cost of organising such elections was raised.

CC invited AF to speak about such costs. AF said that it would cost over £5,000 to organise a postal vote.

Geoff Wooldridge said that a postal survey typically resulted in only 10% of eligible votes being cast.

CC said that any proposal to change the process should properly be raised at the next AGM.

PD thanked those who had supported his idea and re-affirmed that he felt that the current process was flawed.

SDF at November 2010

Ian Cornish, Chairman of the Spares Development Fund (SDF), spoke about the current status of the fund.

TR5 Owner's Handbook 545034

The reproduction Handbook went on sale in April 2009 and was well-received by owners of TR5s. Inevitably, sales have reduced to a trickle (29 in the year) and a total of 167 of the Handbooks have now been sold.

TR4A Cylinder Heads 511695

This project commenced in 1999 and was delayed when Moss went into administration in 2000 but sales passed 250 two years ago, and continue at a steady rate – and I believe that this will be the position for years to come (as long as our cars are permitted on the roads!). To date, sales have reached 310 (29 in the year), and the SDF benefits from a royalty on every one sold since that magic 250 was reached.

TR4A/TR250/TR5 Sidelamps

After a very protracted period of development, these truly excellent reproductions, which carry the Lucas brand name, were announced at this year's International and are on sale from Revington TR at a very competitive price.

Future Projects

Some owners of Peerless and Warwick cars have damaged or no windscreen or rear screen. The glasses are unique to these cars, and the result is that cars will be off the road if the glass is not acceptable to an MOT tester. We are investigating the feasibility of manufacturing a small quantity of the glasses, which would be standard or heated, to suit individual requirements. With the rear screen being much further away in these cars than in a TR, the attractions of a heated rear screen are obvious!

CC invited **John Morrison** (Cumbria Group) to speak. JM advised that though there was to be no Winter Ball in 2011, a Summer Ball would be held in the Lake District. He then outlined the schedule. The whole package will cost just £150 per person. It will be oversubscribed, so early bookings are essential. Dates are 3rd - 5th June 2011.

Celia Stevens advised the meeting that her Peerless was to be retired from racing, but her Warwick GT 350 would continue to be raced. Celia wanted to thank all who had supported her past efforts.

At the conclusion of AOB, the Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting.

AWARDS CEREMONY

See appendix 2

Meeting closed at 15:32 pm

APPENDIX 1

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL TRANSCRIPT (I CORNISH)

Of my 47 years of TR ownership, this – our 40th Anniversary Year - has been in so many ways the most exciting and enjoyable of all. With "The Works Triumphs" event on Saturday 24th July at Malvern, we tapped a veritable artesian well of interest, enthusiasm and friendship bubbling up from the folk outside the club –

and we can use this flow of goodwill to irrigate our plot ... but I think I had better cease this Gardeners' Question Time analogy before I come to *fertilisers!*

In just one day, this event gave us enormous street cred amongst folk who had always been Triumph and TR fans, but who had not realised what the TR Register did, its size and scope, and what it represented. Our guests were truly amazed at the number of TRs present, the standard of the cars, the enthusiasm of our members – many of whom had come from Europe (as had 3 of our guests, by the way), the importance we attach to the history and sporting heritage of the marque – from earliest TR2 to the last TR7V8 – and to those who had designed, built, driven and fettled the cars and managed operations. And we made sure that news spread to those who had been unable to attend, since all of those originally invited subsequently received a copy of number 244, the souvenir edition of TR Action with its wonderful front cover. The “thank you” e-mails, letters and phone calls we received were a delight to read – and that included some of those who weren't present! And let's not forget that this event very nearly secured us the award for “Event of the Year” from Classic & Sports Car magazine. We were a very close runner up to the World Cup Rally 40th Anniversary celebration at Gaydon in April.

A club as important as the TR Register, one of the largest single Marque motor clubs and Classic & Sports Car's “Club of the Year 2010”, needs to create, develop and maintain more links with figures in the motoring and motor sport world – figures who are respected and who have made also a significant contribution in the “TR World”.

In the very early days, we bestowed Honorary Membership on Ken Richardson and Vic Derrington, then later on Graham Robson, Harry Webster, Harris Mann and Edgardo Michelotti. Of these luminaries, only Graham – our splendid President – and Harris are with us still, so it is time to invite a few, carefully selected, people to be offered the accolade of Honorary membership of the TR Register. Such people are, in a way, ambassadors and facilitators for the club, for they have numerous contacts and know whom one needs to know in order to open doors and make things happen. Graham has been magnificent in this, and, since I proposed him as Hon. Pres. in 1994, he has done - and continues to do - an absolutely marvellous job for us; just think of this year's Prescott and Malvern events as examples, and also his presence at every AGM!

After careful consideration, three people were selected as candidates for Honorary Membership. All were present at “The Works Triumphs” event at Malvern this year. All three are highly respected figures in the motor sport world, have connections with Triumph and TRs, are most charming and helpful people and not at all flamboyant – well, until two of them get behind the wheel of a rally car!

It is therefore, my very great pleasure to propose that TR Register offer Honorary Membership to each of these three gentlemen.

First, we have Brian Culcheth, who commenced his career with Triumph in 1963, when he was co-driver to the late, great, Roger Clark for the 1963 Spa-Sofia-Liège Rally in 4VC – the car which I have owned for the past 41 years! He returned to Triumph in 1969, driving 2.5PIs and Dolomites, then was pivotal in the development of the TR7 as a rally car, leading to its later, greater, success when the V8 motor was dropped in. Brian's greatest achievement was 2nd place in the 2.5PI in the 1970 World Cup Rally – 16,000 miles of unbelievably high speed motoring on Primes - special stages – which in South America were as much as 560 miles in length, many on rough tracks, in heat and at high and very high altitude – over 15,000 feet!

The second candidate on my list is a gentleman whom Graham spotted in 1965 and introduced to Harry Webster but, because of the very obvious limp – the result of polio when a child - Harry was very dubious when he met Simo Lampinen ... until he watched Simo drive a rally car – that clinched matters immediately! Arguably, Simo was the first of the Flying Finns! For Triumph, Simo drove Spitfires and 2000s before getting aboard the TR7V8 in 1978, and Steve Rockingham now owns the car which Simo used in the 1979 Welsh Rally – hence the silly grin on Steve's face! Later, Simo went on to even greater success with Lancia and Saab. At Malvern, it was abundantly clear that Simo had greatly enjoyed his time with the Triumph Works team in the 1960s and 70s - and he thoroughly enjoyed our International Weekend.

The third candidate is a man whose story appeared fairly recently in TR Action when Steve Redway ran a 6-part series called “The Bill Price Tapes”, which ended this January. Bill was assistant to Marcus Chambers and Stuart Turner in the BMC Competitions Department, was workshop supervisor in the Special Tuning Department, became manager of Leyland Special Tuning in 1974, then ran the British Leyland Competitions organisation from 1977 to 1981, so was intimately involved with the 2.5PIs, the TR7s and the V8s. He is the author of the definitive work on the BMC/BL Competitions Department (that's the name of his book, by the way – an excellent read) and is a very good friend to all the Triumph and many other motor clubs. A great deal of Bill's work is not visible to the majority, but he can be relied upon absolutely whenever there's a knotty problem – as Graham will agree. I can tell you that Bill was immensely helpful to me when I was trying to contact drivers, navigators, mechanics and others for “The Works Triumphs” event this year.

Without Bill's help, we would not have had a number of those guests, and the event would have been the poorer. And several of those who are rallying their TRs today in historic events have told me how helpful Bill has been when they have hit trouble out in the wilds.

So that's a brief resumé on these three special people. The enthusiastic seconder of these proposals is my old friend and our TR2/3/3A Registrar, Mike Ellis, who, with another old buddy, Merve Parkes, was also deeply involved in the organisation of this summer's special event.

The proposal is that:

The TR Register should offer Honorary Membership to the nominated gentlemen:

Brian Culcheth,
Simo Lampinen and
Bill Price.

APPENDIX 2

Awards Ceremony

The Chairman invited Graham Robson to present the awards for 2010.

Gold Awards	John Andrews Peter Bowden Mike Boling Nigel Cluley Bob Grou Chris Hale Roger McEwen Keith & Jean Parkinson
Clubman's Awards	2010 Classic Le Mans Team Duncan Jolly Mike North Howard Pryor Andrew Smith Andy Canning Harry Dent
Wheelspinner Award	Cotswold Vale TRs
Pratt of the Year Award	TR Yoof
Best Article in TR Action	Fred Morgan
Best Picture in TR Action	Simon Beresford
Harry Webster Award	Bill Piggott