



***TR Register***

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TR Register (TR Owners Club Limited)**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**THE AVIATOR HOTEL, SYWELL.**

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Welcome to Annual General Meeting of the TR Register (TR Owners Club Limited). This booklet contains all the supporting material required for this year's meeting.

The Acting Chairman of the TR Register, Allan Westbury will be calling a poll on all resolutions and any contested Directors' posts, so all proxy votes will be counted for those items. Abstentions will not be counted.

# MEETING AGENDA

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Introduction and welcome, including notices for venue health and safety.

- **Item 1.** To receive apologies for absence and introduction.

*Please raise your hand and share any apologies you wish to be recorded*

- **Item 2.** To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 5th November 2017.

*The minutes were published on the TR Register website in January 2018.*

- **Item 3.** To receive and if considered appropriate adopt the Accounts for the year ended 28th February 2018 as published in TR Action 309.

- **Item 4.** To appoint Wellers Accountants, Oxford as the Independent Reviewer of the Accounts.

- **Item 5.** To receive reports from the Directors of the club.

*Reports are enclosed in Appendix 2.*

- **Item 6.** To vote on any Honorary membership proposals received (*none received*).

# ITEM 7: ELECT DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB

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## 7.1 CHAIRMAN [*contested position*]

**ALLAN WESTBURY**

**Proposed by: Tim Sharp. Seconded by: Roger Guy**

Two words to sum up my period as Chairman if elected, would be 'communication' and 'fun'. I have been a TR4A owner for 39 years and a member of the Register for 20 years. I have made many friendships and enjoyed countless events over that time and as a result, I am enjoying giving something back.

I have served on the Board for two years, the last 12 months as Vice-Chairman and since Paul's resignation have been Acting Chairman. My first job was to negotiate the cancellation of the proposed EGM by talking to all involved and finding a sensible middle ground. I have a background in sales negotiation & ran my own Engineering Company for 20 years before recently retiring.

Involved in the organisation of the International Weekend in Lincoln 2016 and Malvern 2017, I took the lead role at Lincoln this year. I am already working on next year's 'new look' event at Stratford Racecourse with our friends at the TSSC and Club Triumph, to organise a joint weekend bringing the Triumph community closer together. I firmly believe that the future of our club is brighter with inter-club co-operation.

There are significant challenges around the supply of TR7 parts and a wider issue of parts quality for all TRs creating a golden opportunity for the SDF to make a real difference. I would look for a way for them to become an actively supported part of the club once again.

Directors have a duty to listen to members and communicate both more often and more openly. As Chairman, communication for me, would always be a priority and I have arranged that all Management Team minutes will be published in TR Action. I will not allow a Team under my chairmanship to operate in a bubble, separated from the membership.

The Management Team must operate professionally but must also ensure that club life is exciting, engaging and 'fun' by working with local Groups to offer a variety of events and activities that appeal to all members and their families. As Chairman, I would work to ensure that we do not lose sight of what the TR Register is here to provide - support, friendship and fun for TR owners around the world.

I have the experience, proven track record and commitment to take the TR Register forward for the benefit of all members and I sincerely hope you will offer me your support to allow me to do that.

## **ROGER HOGARTH**

### **Proposed by: Mark Ockenden. Seconded by: Bob Cornwell.**

London Group member since the mid 90's. I'm a retired aerospace engineer. 43 years at BEA/British Airways mainly in the Non-Destructive testing department; closely allied with the quality department.

I believe the chairman's role is two-fold:

1. Keeping the Board under control and allowing the Board to control.

Having the correct Policies, Procedures and Protocols in place to allow functionality of the Board.

Events over too long a period suggest that this area has not been supported too well and the tools for doing the job are no longer adequate.

2. Allowing the club to grow by allowing the members more say.

This may not be easy but at the end of the day it is the member's club.

The International Week End has diminished from the grand events of the 1990's and 2000's. I want to re-invigorate the IWE so that it is once again a pleasure to attend. Hard job, but one worth doing in my mind.

People talk about change being inevitable. That may be so, but it must be a constructive change. One that gives benefit. How will the jobs be done?

A few years back I was a scout leader and the only way to run a decent Scout troop is to get the members involved. In our case, with the TRR, that means the GL's downwards.

Many of you will remember that I stood and was elected in 2016 as the Deputy Chairman.

I failed. I had a serious disagreement with certain members of the board. Walking away was a very bad move. Not very professional. Over the last two years I've learnt a great deal in human nature and self-control. If you decide to put your trust in me I will not let you down.

## 7.2 Vice Chairman

### DAVE BURGESS

#### **Proposed by: Alan Wilkinson. Seconded by: Dave Sygrove**

A 63-year-old civil engineer who for 45 of those years has worked the length and breadth of the UK as a Senior Project Manager. I am now a Director and co-own a £40m structural repair business with 8 other owners. We purchased the company in 2005 from Gleeson Civil engineering via a management buyout. I sit on several committees at executive level and have been Chairman of the trade association.

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## *7.3 Finance Director*

**MALCOLM TATTON BSc ARCS FCA CTA**

**Proposed by: Chris Mountford. Seconded by: John Pierpoint**

I have been a member of TRR continuously since I bought my TR4 in 1974. I qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1978 and as a Chartered Tax Advisor in 1982.

In 1988 bought my own accountancy practice. The business was involved in accounts production and review, business tax, personal tax, VAT, business planning, book keeping, and payroll for clients etc.

In 2003 I merged with a larger firm and became an equal partner. I managed a portfolio of slightly larger clients and was able to develop more of an advisory/consultancy role. I retired from the practice in 2015.

Whilst a sole practitioner I advised a group who were looking to set up a new engineering business and was invited to join them as Finance Director. We set up the company in 1993 to remanufacture steering and related components for the bus and coach industry. The company is still trading, and I oversee the accounts function, process director's PAYE and look after pensions auto enrolment etc. as well as preparing annual accounts and supporting the other 3 directors.

I am therefore experienced in both the practical aspects of accounts production and in the preparation of budgets, forecasts and cash flow projections as well as in the strategic importance of sound financial management. Having undertaken the Finance Director role (albeit on a part time basis) in the small engineering company I am happy to work as part of a team of directors.

I believe that the published accounts of the TR Register can be more informative to the membership and that I can provide financial information, advice and support to the rest of the board. I have a sound knowledge of the Companies Act and am keen to become involved in a review and revision of the club's Articles of Association.

## 7.4 *International Director*

**MICK FOREY.**

**Proposed by: Bjarne Refsnes. Seconded by: Gert van de Klashorst**

Having had my TR6 for 38 years and my TR3 for 6 years I felt that it was about time I did something extra for the club so, having already been a Group Leader, I volunteered for the role of International Director and was first elected in 2016. So, after two years on the board, why am I standing again? A glutton for punishment, or do I still have more to give? I really like dealing with the many International clubs and members I have had contact with around the world. I get up to 10 emails per week from either international clubs, members or UK members looking for help. I answer all of them from my own knowledge or seek help from somebody who can answer their questions or help them.

It has been another very busy year attending a number of car shows and events representing the club. In June, as TR Tours, Linda and I led 26 TRs on a tour to the Spanish Pyrenees, a fantastic adventure, as you can read in TR Action. In September, a large UK contingent attended the 2018 European Meeting in Germany. It is great to see new people joining in these events and using their TRs for continental touring, but it takes a lot of work and months of planning to put these together, as you can imagine. Feedback is excellent, so more tours and events are already planned for 2019. TR Tours are hoping to go to the Ardennes in June and Scotland in early September. The European Meeting is being held in Pamplona, Spain in late September 2019. All events will be advertised on the website and in TR Action.

Plans are coming together for the European Meeting in 2020 which the TR Register will host here in the UK. The main weekend for up to 350 people from across Europe will be based at the Chesford Grange Hotel in Warwickshire. A 4-night tour for up to 140 people will be based in the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. All hotels and major event venues are now booked and contracted. It is a major undertaking by the club and I am leading an experienced team to manage this event.

Work on the board has been very challenging with some significant issues to investigate and resolve. I attended all but one board meeting during the year and have volunteered to take on additional responsibilities where I can. I believe I have acted with honesty and integrity in all aspects of the board. I take my responsibilities to all members seriously.

I have 35 years international business experience as a senior manager for a FTSE 100 company and have lived and worked in three countries outside the UK. I have been a Director of two companies, one in France and one in Hong Kong, both related to the above UK company.

For the immediate future I would like to continue in the role to finish organising the Euromeet 2020 and to deliver an event that we can all be proud of. I believe I have made steps to make touring more accessible to a wider group of members but there is more to do. I would wish to foster better relationships with the 430 individual International members and all the 35 associated Triumph or TR clubs around the world.

## *7.5 North & Scotland Director (Northumbria, Highlands and Islands, Grampian, Tay, Clyde)*

**CLIFF MCKINNON.**

**Proposed by: William Pollock. Seconded by: Richard Larter.**

I have been a member of the TR Register since 1973 and my only reason for being a member of the TR Register is to enjoy the experience of owning and using a TR. I am very much in the camp of evolution, not revolution, and I would like to think that I can help bring stability and continuity to the club in potentially difficult times. With regard to how I see the role of North and Scotland Director, the current set-up of Groups in Scotland appears to work well for those members who attend Group meetings, but the vast majority of TR Register members in Scotland are not active in any Groups, so perhaps some action is required as to how these members may be best served by the club. Due to the large geographical area of Scotland perhaps smaller local sections of the main Groups could be a possibility. There is also the possibility of exploring more cross Hadrian's Wall ventures with Northumbria Group. With regard to skills and experience required for the position of North and Scotland Director I would submit the following:

1971 - Purchased my first TR, TR3 registration number 2999F, which I still own.

1973 to 1975 - Founding member of the Clyde Valley Group.

1981 - Reformed the Clyde Valley Group which ceased to function and started competing in Hillclimbs.

1983 to 1986 - First Scottish Co-Ordinator of the TR Register. During this time the TR Register Scottish Weekend was established, together with a TR specific class in the Scottish Hillclimb Championship.

1985 - Responsible for the inception of and Co-Ordinator of the Doune Classic Weekend, which morphed from the TR Register Scottish Weekend.

2008 - Resumed competing in Hillclimbs.

2014 - Resurrected the TR Register Scottish Weekend, held in association with the Bo'ness Revival. Joined the Board of the Bo'ness Revival which encompasses activities associated with organising the Revival Hillclimb, in addition to being Co-Ordinator of the Revival Classic.

2017 - Vice Chairman of the Bo'ness Revival.

2018 - Responsible for the inception of Scottish Triumph Weekend as part of the Revival Classic, which saw just over 100 -Triumphs from the major Triumph Clubs, as part of the overall total of 430-entrants from 34-classic clubs.

## *7.6 North East Director (Wharfedale, Vale of York, East Riding, White Rose, Cleveland)*

**DAVE WORNE**

**Proposed by: David Alan Smith Seconded by: Dave Sygrove**

I have been a member of the TR continually since 1992. In 2009 I was elected as Group Leader for the Derbyshire Dales Group, succeeding Alan Wilkinson. At that time the group was in a perilous position having a few stalwarts left and the meetings sparsely attended. The group was on the verge of collapse mainly due to inertia and general apathy. In my five years as Group Leader I transformed the group into a vibrant, busy section having runs, group lunches etc and culminating in 2012 of the Derbyshire Dales group being awarded the coveted 'Wheelspinners' award as best group of the year. The citation at the time enumerated the list of activities now enjoyed by members. I stepped down from the Group Leaders position in 2014 feeling that I had done my 'watch' and others needed to be involved.

I have not since been without duties, for the past 12 years I have run the Derbyshire Dales Weekend, next year being obliged to move to the Palace Hotel in Buxton due the popularity of the event.

In 2005 I was awarded the TR Register Gold Award for my compilation of the European Breakdown Directory, this was followed in 2013 by the Clubman's Award for taking over the first Winter Ball at the Casa Chesterfield due to Chris Hale's incapacity.

I have attended many weekend events over the years and have only missed one European meeting in the last 20 years.

As will be seen from the above, I'm well known around the TR scene and look forward to being of service in this wider role.

## *7.7 North West Director (Cumbria, Red Rose, Stoke on Trent, Shropshire, North Wales)*

**ROBERT ECCLES**

**Proposed by: J. Smith. Seconded by: M. Biddulph**

After spending my whole working life in the Automobile Industry, firstly on Engine Test where I finished as Supervisor over some 120 personnel until Leyland Motors closed engine manufacture. I then continued as Quality Assurance Manager at the largest privately-owned pressing company in Lancashire producing body panels for most major manufactures in Europe including Ford, Volkswagen, Saab and Opel.

After the years of being involved in the motor industry, I am aware of the problems members have with the quality of some parts available for our cars having owned two TR7s, I now own a TR6, and at present, I am rebuilding a TR2. With the way the motor industry works the main concern will continue to be body panels. By the end of a production run of a model the press tools in many cases will be scrapped (tool steel is very expensive even as scrap), although some may be sold to an outside supplier, most will have reached very near the end of their working life and refurbishment would be an enormous cost.

As to my experience in the TR Register, I enjoyed 7 years as GL of the largest group in the country Red Rose, from which I stepped down nearly 2 years ago. During my time as GL I was responsible for organizing many events including 3 by-annual Coast to Coast weekends from the West to East Coast, the Oulton Park Gold Cup weekends, which this year saw 5 Groups involved, Red Rose, Cumbria, Stoke, Shropshire and North Wales, some 85 cars plus I from East Riding.

I believe that the proposed change to the committee making it made up of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and more Area Co-ordinators is the correct way to give the members more say through their representatives.

## *7.8 Wales and South West Director (Y Ddraig Goch, South Glamorgan, Wye Dean, Glavon, Brunel)*

No nominations received.

## *7.9 South West Director (Cornwall, Devon, Apple County, Somerset Triumphs, Dorset, Jersey and Guernsey)*

**DIANE PRINGLE**

**Proposed by: Paul Hogan Seconded by: Ian Brown**

Having studied BSc Hons Computer Science at Portsmouth I needed a car for work. TR's caught my eye and a life-long interest in Triumphs continued from my Grandfather's Standard Pennant which I still own and my mum's Triumph 1300.

A chance meeting at Fleet Services, Ian Evans advised joining TR Register in 1976 before purchasing my TR4A, attending Wessex group regularly hence standing on their Events & Newsletter Committee.

Subsequently while representative for Candy I factored being Southern Co-ordinator around my work schedule reducing expenses, persuading Mark Treadwell, a younger keen member, to become South East Co-ordinator.

Marrying Alec, moving West with a young family TR-ing became unaffordable. Alec stood in the same role later hence I attended local group meetings and discussed Committee matters — including formation of the Limited by Guarantee Company as the then situation could backfire on our own finances. I supported Alec with negotiations regarding Group problems outside of his area.

My beloved TR4A sat quietly in the garage usurped by my road going TR7V8 and Drag cars. Alec's cancer spurred him into having her restored. Now a beautiful rolling chassis thanks to Jeff Leat - TR6 owner, Wensum and Trent members.

Located at the edge of Salisbury Plain equidistant to my local Apple County Group and Wessex but closer to Dorset Group. However, South-Central or South West suits the road networks and traffic for evening and weekend runs and not wishing to be Co-ordinator for my local group.

Liaison with other car clubs particularly those with younger demographics to achieve a larger and more vibrant interest in TRs encouraging diversity in our membership as multi car insurance policies allow for many marques within one family group.

I fully support a smaller Board of Directors with knowledge of Company Law with a committee running a Car Club.

## *7.10 Midlands Director (Cotswold Vale, Coventry, Staffs and Warwick, Birmingham)*

**PAUL TUNNADINE**

**Proposed by: David Gillespie. Seconded by: Barry Lucas**

I have been a TR Register member since 1979 and a committee member since 1989. I currently own 2 TRs (TR2 & TR4A) and have owned a number of TR7s. Over the years I have been Group Leader of 2 local groups, have been involved in many shows and have organised the TR Register Lakes Tour for many years.

The position I wish to stand for is Midlands Area Director. As many of you will know, I attend many events and keep in close contact with Group leaders and members in the region in order to reflect their needs at board level. I have attended the majority of committee/Board meetings and have assisted in putting together a TR Register stand at many shows in the region.

My motoring interests include watching classic car racing events and Formula 1. I have been to many Le Mans events both the 24hr and the Classic plus some of the TR International meets in Europe and New Zealand.

I have been retired some years following a career in the Aerospace industry and am currently Finance Director/Trustee for a charity, which owns/runs a hotel in Derbyshire. This is a part time unpaid role.

I look forward to using my knowledge and experience in assisting the TR Register to move forward with some new faces on the board and of course driving my TR to many TR Register events.

## *7.11 South Central Director (Vale of White Horse, Kennet Valley, Wessex, Chiltern, Isle of Wight)*

**PHIL HORSLEY**

**Proposed by: Peter Bowden. Seconded by: Mike Ellis (TR2/3 Registrar).**

I am also a Registrar, collating, keeping records, technicalities of the Grinnall marque. In this role I would also be willing to represent Registrars on the Board, something that's been requested for a long time.

I have been a member of the TR Register 18+ years, purchasing my first TR, a TR250 at IWE 2000, have always had a strong interest in cars, motorsports since my teenage.

As a member, I have been involved with the Kennet Valley Committee since 2004, have held various roles and now Group Leader into my 9th year. Since my tenure, the attending membership and partners has increased from mid-twenties to mid-thirties plus.

I am very hands on, have a good committee and working relationship, striving to offer members every opportunity to enjoy their TR's, regular communication, written, verbal at meetings, attending events local & national, strong use of the website, winning an award at the AGM for the best club site, also regular liaison with local Groups to bring more inter-group events and promote a one club atmosphere.

My skills, I started my career as an electrician, running contracts, then a change of direction moving into sales, progressing from Area Sales to Sales Director, but after 23 years took another leap joining a French company at which I am now Commercial Director managing a global sales team, a Board member reporting direct to the CEO and Owner and also partial share holder developing my business acumen and skills.

What I bring to this role, is my continued tenacity, coordination, experience and enthusiasm for the TR Register and marques, especially developing ideas, communicating, coordinating events to ensure all local members gets the most out of their TR and to supporting GL's in their areas, to develop their clubs for all members benefit and fun.

## *7.12 South East Director (Windsor Forest, Goodwood, South Downs, Thames Valley, Kent, London)*

**JEFF ROBERTS**

**Proposed by: Victor Benson. Seconded by: Allan Westbury**

I have been a member of the TR Register since 1975 and have owned my Conifer Green TR4 for the past 44 years. In 1991, I purchased a very early TR3 which was a 'barn find' requiring a ground up restoration which I completed primarily myself over the following 5 years. Both cars are in regular use and my wife, Lesley and I frequently participate in TRR and local Group events both in the UK and continental Europe.

We began our membership of the TRR as members of Chiltern Group where we were active for several years. Following a house move we transferred to Windsor Forest TRs in 1995.

In 2012, I was elected Group Leader, a position I have now held for 6 years. During this time WF has seen many developments and with the assistance of its Committee seen significant growth in its active membership base. In 2014 the Group won the Wheel Spinner Award as the most improved group.

In 2016, I offered my services to the Register and was co-opted onto the TR Register Board due to my professional background in HR and Strategic Planning. As a result, I was actively involved in facilitating the Board to development

its plans for the future taking account of the growing interest in the classic car movement and the changing profile and interests of new and existing members,

Based on this experience I was a nominee for Chairman of the TR Register at the AGM in 2016 but on the day was beaten into third place by Paul Hogan and Allan Westbury.

Since then I have been SE Coordinator although the role has been very limited in scope as it is not directly represented on the Board.

In my view a key aspect of the TRR that has been missing in recent years is regular and effective two-way communication from the Board to members and groups. Feedback and a willingness to listen is a key factor in the success of any organisation and in recent months we have seen conflict in our Club due primarily, in my view, to a lack of a common understanding of the aims, objectives and actions of the Board and the lack of trust this can cause. The new position of SE Director offers much more opportunity to support the groups in my local area. My aim would be to improve communications and to influence the direction of the Register to the benefit of members.

## *7.13 East Director (Wensum, North London, Essex, Lea Valley, East Saxons, Abbot and Stour) [contested position]*

**DAVE SOLOMON**

**Proposed by: Mike May. Seconded by: Graham Andrews**

I have been a very active TR Register Wensum Group member since I joined in 1984 helping organise and initiating events soon after I joined.

I became Wensum Group Leader in 2002 after being the events Coordinator for many years. I have close ties with the other East TR groups, the Norfolk Stag owners club and Norfolk Triumph sporting six club organising joint events with them.

I have organised events for visiting TR groups such as the Dutch TR group, TR Youth group, North London TR group and my own Wensum TR groups 40th Anniversary for 130 people.

I have encouraged and taken my group and members of other TR groups to many overseas and national events, such as, Angouleme Circuit Des Ramparts, Le Mans 24 hr, and Le Man Classic, Spa Classic, TR European meeting in Holland and TR internationals. This year I organised a very successful East Area TR group social meeting at The Royal George Inn near Thetford.

I presently own two TRs a TR 5 and TR 4A that I use extensively for overseas holidays and driving on racetracks, to showing at static events, I try to encourage my members to enjoy the ownership of their cars for whatever purpose they desire.

I think my experience over my 34 years of membership will help me assist the East groups and the TR Register management team in the future.

## **HOWARD PRYOR**

### **Proposed by: David Burgess Seconded by: Andrew Smith**

My association with Triumphs goes back to my late teens and as I am now retired it is a lot of years since my first TR holiday in 1971. Marriage and children kept me away from classic cars until 1988 when I bought a Mayflower, (finances would not allow a TR at the time) I showed that extensively enjoying many concours wins and eventually becoming Chairman of the club to which, I still enjoy an Honorary membership. My TR6 came in 2003, I joined the TR Register and North London Group and a year later became the Group Leader for the next 10 years enjoying the role to the full, expanding our horizons and our NLG membership.

Travelling abroad in your TR soon became the thing to do and so I was part of the organising team which took many members to Classic Le mans and Spa, in the first year creating the sea of Red shirts which was a great success.

It is gratifying when at club events and the International weekend to see the polo shirts from those trips abroad still being worn as a badge of honour.

A short spell on the Board of Directors found me to be the Lead for the first Lincoln International Weekend, after a brief of, "go and find a new venue for the international Weekend " so I did just that.

In recent years there has been a perceived distancing of the Board of Directors and while looking to the future of the TR Register with my firm belief that contact must be maintained to ensure harmony throughout the club to the ordinary members I hope to be able fulfil the role of Area Director with enthusiasm and personal contact with every group in my area. TRavel safe and have fun, see you there!

## *7.14 East Midlands Director (Nene Valley, Derbyshire Dales, Camb Followers, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Trent)*

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## **ITEM 8. TO FIX THE CURRENT RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION AT CURRENT LEVELS FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.**

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## ITEM 9. TO VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS:

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# SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

### *9.1. Chairman to have a vote at Directors board meetings.*

**Proposed by: Board of Directors**

Proposed amendment to clause 12 of the Articles of Association - Chairing Directors meetings.

Articles of Association Amendment. Proposed Clause 12:

(1) Subject to 12 (2) below, The Club Chairman or Chairman of the Meeting shall chair the directors' meetings and shall have a vote at the meeting. In the case of a tied vote the Chairman's vote shall be considered the casting vote.

(2) The quorum for director's meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than five and unless otherwise fixed it is five.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR**

### *9.2. Proposed new clauses 17(4 & 5) regarding the election & maximum term of office for the Chairman.*

**Proposed by: Board of Directors**

17 (4) The Chairman to have served on the board for the preceding year before election.

17(5) The Chairman's term to be time limited to three years unless there are no other candidates in which case he can stand for a maximum of a further two years.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR**

### *9.3. A requirement for all Directors to undergo a Disclosure & Barring Service check.*

**Proposed by: Board of Directors**

17(6) All Directors must undergo a suitable disclosure check.

Articles of Association Amendment. Proposed clause 17:

(1) There shall be not less than 5 or more than 25 directors of the Club and they shall be elected by vote at the AGM.

(2) The directors shall consist of the Club Chairman, a vice-chairman and a finance director and not less than two others.

(3) Available directorships shall be notified by the directors prior to the nomination deadline for the AGM but the directors must not include more than three directorships without portfolio.

(4) To be nominated as Chairman the member must have served as a director for the year preceding the AGM

(5) The chairman can only stand for three consecutive years and then must stand down. Thereafter, if there are no nominations for chairman the incumbent may stand for election up to a maximum of a further two years.

(6) All nominated directors to supply a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) or similar disclosure check

(7) Notice of available directorships may be accompanied by a reasonably detailed job description of the role concerned.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR**

## *9.4. To introduce an independent review before any member can be suspended or expelled from the club.*

### **Proposed by: Board of Directors**

To replace the existing clause 23(5) with the following proposed Article 23(5).

Articles of Association Amendment. Proposed clause 23(5):

Directors have the power to suspend or expel members under the following conditions.

(a) If a member has been reported to a Director to be acting in a way harmful to the interests of the Club, then, if the reports are considered to be of substance, the Directors will call for an independent and confidential review by three independent members who will examine the issue from all aspects, compile a report and make a recommendation to the Directors.

(b) If the recommendation of the review is for suspension or expulsion, the member will be given at least 14 clear days of notice that such a resolution is to be proposed, specifying the allegations and given a copy of the review report, in confidence.

(c) The member will then be given reasonable opportunity of being heard by, or of making written representations to, the Directors.

(d) The final decision, (based upon the recommendation but reflecting the member's representations) will be made at a meeting of Directors which must have at least half of the total serving Directors present.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR**

## *9.5. Limitation of Directors' tenure*

**Proposed by: Ian Cornish Seconded by: Ian Brown**

To be added to the Articles of Association under the heading of 'Directors' Clause 16.

Each nominee/director will be voted into office at every AGM.

Tenure shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years, whether consecutive or part thereof.

The five (5) year tenure may comprise of different posts.

An extension of one (1) year may be permitted where a shortage of candidates is foreseen. Three (3) years must elapse before an individual may be elected to a further period of office, which would be subject to this same five (5) year limitation.

Tenure shall include any consecutive period already served as a Director immediately prior to

the addition of this Article.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE AGAINST**

**This could seriously limit the availability of suitable candidates. All directors stand for election every year anyway.**

## 9.6 *Directors expenses*

**Proposed by: Roger Hogarth Seconded by: Andrew Racey**

Articles of Association Clause 20: The club may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in the performance of their duties which will be declared at the following AGM together with the amount of such expenses.

Remove - which will be declared at the following AGM together with the amount of such expenses

Insert - These expenses will be declared for each director in an itemised format (cost & reason) at the following AGM.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR**

## 9.7 *Board co-opting and voting*

**Proposed by: Ian Brown Seconded by: Roger Hogarth**

Amendment to clause 6 (4) of the TRR Articles of Association.

- a) The board reserves the right to co-opt individuals for specific projects and tasks, and once that task is completed the individual(s) revert to their previous status
- b) All vacancies for such co-opted roles are advertised internally within the TR Register, inviting individuals with suitable skills and experiences to apply, with interviews if necessary prior to selection.
- c) If a "director" is co-opted, they do not have board voting rights. Such voting rights are acquired when elected by the membership to the role at an AGM or EGM. However, the co-opted director can vote to enact an AGM/EGM.
- d) Specific Local Groups are involved in selecting any individuals that may represent them

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE AGAINST**

Directors need to be able to co-opt suitable candidates for any position and the co-opted director should be an equal member of the Management Team with full voting rights. At the next AGM the co-opted Director has to stand for re-election anyway.

## *9.8 Right to inspect the accounts and other records*

**Proposed by: Darren Cummings Seconded by: Ian Cornish**

Remove: "Any Member of the Club shall be entitled to inspect the books and records of the Club at the Club address during normal business hours by giving seven days' notice in writing."

Replace with: "Any Member of the Club shall be entitled to inspect the books and records of the Club by giving seven days' notice in writing. Such records will include board meeting minutes and all discussions undertaken on the directors' forum. Books and records will be available to view at the Club's address, or upon request will be sent electronically to the member making the request."

### **DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE AGAINST**

Members already have the right to inspect the accounts. Employees have a right for their salaries and other personal details to remain confidential. The Directors also need an area to discuss confidential matters. If the Director's forum was made open to all, it would negate its purpose.

# ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

## *9.9 The adoption of new Forum Rules for all users and members.*

**Proposed by: Adrian Lawton Seconded by: Derek Pywell**

It is my belief that the current rules for users on the TR Register Forum are not fit for purpose. They do not offer detailed enough guidance for what is expected of users, do not assist the moderators sufficiently and crucially, are not effective at protecting the TR Register and its Forum from abuse and misuse.

Therefore, what is needed is a more explicit set of rules that are published on the Forum, constantly updated and every user made to agree to abide by them whilst using the Forum. I would like to see these rules ratified by the wider membership of the club, not just the board of Directors or Forum regulars alone and so propose them for adoption at the Annual General Meeting by means of a Resolution.

I therefore propose the adoption, implementation and enforcement of the attached Forum Rules (appendix 1) . The rules have been drafted following lengthy research into what other car clubs have in place, such as Porsche Club GB and the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club and have been adapted for use by the TR Register.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR**

**This measure is much needed with urgency.**

## *9.10 To create a new forum within the 'TR Register Technical Forum' titled Alec's Inn.*

**Proposed by: Paul Hogan. Seconded by: John Morrison**

Alec Pringle was an advocate of free speech. 'Alec's Inn' would be open all hours to all TRR members and non-members to discuss any and every topic subject to the rules and conditions of the Forum.

The forum rules and moderators' actions will be adhered to by all users.

The alternative 'members chat' area is a secure forum for serious matters and only accessible to TRR members.

This is not an appropriate forum for casual topics.

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND MEMBERS TO VOTE AGAINST**

Whilst the Directors are supportive of the sentiment behind dedicating an area of the forum to the memory of a valued member, the suggested purpose of this Forum should be within a members' only area and must align with the rules proposed to this meeting by the membership.

# APPENDIX 1: PROPOSED FORUM RULES IN ORDINARY RESOLUTION 9.9

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## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 This Forum is provided by the TR Register (TR Owners Club Limited) for the enjoyment of Club members and for the sharing of technical knowledge and assistance regarding subjects related to TR sportscars. There are many benefits of membership to the TR Register Car Club beyond the use of the Forum - you're encouraged to make use of them all to enhance your TR ownership in the best way possible.

1.2 Non-members are welcome to enjoy open areas of the Forum, but should appreciate they are guests of the TR Register. Our Forum users come from all walks of life and all ages – please respect each other. To assist in keeping the discussions on this forum courteous, supportive, respectful and lawful, we have the following rules.

**1.3 IMPORTANT: If you don't agree with the rules, please don't use the Forum!**

1.4 Failure to follow these rules may result in permanent moderation of all your posts and removal of your user account. If Club members pursue actions on the Forum which brings the Club or its volunteers into disrepute, they may be held responsible for their actions in relation to the Club's Code of Conduct.

1.5 The TR Register have been advised that, if damages were sought in law for injurious posts, not only the original poster but the system provider, Club, Forum Moderators and Admin could be at risk. The Club will not accept such exposure, nor considers it acceptable for the Forum Admin and Moderators to be put at personal risk. As we do not have the resource to establish if potentially libellous posts are true, or otherwise, **any post which may be considered injurious will be deleted without warning or explanation.**

## 2.0 Moderators

2.1 The TR Register Forum is run by unpaid volunteers, in their leisure time. They do not have the free time to enter into lengthy debate over their actions and may not be available for immediate decisions. Please respect their position.

2.2 The TR Register reserves the right to modify the Forum rules at any time. It is the responsibility of the User to ensure they are conversant with the current rules which are published clearly on the Forum. Users will be notified of any changes.

## 3.0 Forum Profiles & User Names

3.1 Club Members should include their Club Membership Number within their profile signature. This allows a route of direct contact for Club Officials in event of query or dispute and allows the club to verify membership to ensure user accounts have the appropriate access levels. Non-members and Club Members, who cannot be contacted directly by the Club, may be removed from the Forum.

3.2 Proper names and avatars are preferred as, in our opinion, they promote courteous behaviour and aid the moderators in spotting spam accounts.

3.3 User Names which promote a product, service (including web sites & clubs), Company or are of any perceived commercial gain are not allowed.

3.4 User names or signatures deemed by the moderators or club officials as offensive will be requested to be changed. If the request is ignored then the moderators or admin reserve the right to delete the user account.

3.5 Multiple Forum registrations for one individual are not allowed.

## **4.0 Content.**

4.1 When using this Forum, you agree not to:

4.1.1 Post insulting, threatening or defamatory material or material likely to cause undue annoyance, provocation, upset or embarrassment to any reasonable person.

4.1.2 Name companies, or individuals, in relation to accusations of malpractice, fraud or other criminal or civil offences.

4.1.3 Use the Forums to harass anyone, including but not limited to, posting personal or private information and images.

4.1.4 Post pictures of children in any situation. UK law is such that pictures of children cannot be published without the consent of their parents/guardians. We do not have the resource to establish this permission.

4.1.5 Post material which infringes copyright or other intellectual property rights.

4.1.6 Post material, or provide links to material, that may be considered pornographic, violent, racist, sexist, voyeuristic, offensive, unlawful, or otherwise against any reasonable standard of behaviour. Post words which may be considered vulgar or use alternative spellings to indicate such or to confuse the Forum profanity filter.

4.1.7 Post content, links to websites, or adverts for your own commercial gain or otherwise use the TR Register Forums to bring attention to your product or service. Personal for sale postings are acceptable as long as they are an individual member/owner selling his/her personal car or accessories or offering a swap. The TR Register requests you use the classifieds section of the website for the sale of vehicles and high value items (over £250), not the Forum.

4.1.8 Reproduce private emails or other correspondence.

4.1.9 Reproduce deleted posts or start threads discussing them. If you think a post or thread should not have been deleted, contact the relevant moderator.

4.1.10 Post chain letters, pyramid schemes, SPAM or such like, or transmit any file that contains viruses, corrupted files, "Trojan Horses," or any other contaminating or destructive features that may damage someone else's computer.

4.1.11 Include signatures that promote a product or service (including web sites & clubs), company or of any perceived commercial gain.

4.1.12 Post content that is critical of the Club, its members, staff, officials, board of Directors, Advertisers, A-Plan (TR Register Insurance) or other Club partners.

4.1.13 Regarding insurance matters, The TR Register, its agents or employees are not authorised to give advice. Any view or opinion expressed about insurance matters on this Forum does not constitute advice from The TR Register, its agents or employees and should not be relied upon as such by any user of this Forum.

4.1.14 Post content in relation to Club director elections, or other matters relating to AGM's or EGM's.

4.1.15 Complaints or queries that only the office or Directors can answer, please use the appropriate channels to ensure you get a factual and correct answer to your query.

## **5.0 Forum Etiquette**

5.1 Please bear in mind that outside of members chat, the Forum is PUBLICLY VIEWABLE and therefore the audience comprises of non-members, lapsed members and potential new members and those seeking to enter the TR community for the first time. All users have a duty to make others users from all backgrounds and walks of life feel welcome and to show off the TR Register Forum in a positive light.

5.2 Do not be critical of other members' posts or start threads designed to be critical of others. If you are unhappy with another post or with the conduct of a member, please use the 'Report' button at the foot of every post.

5.3 Make sure that your message topics fit the description of the Forum or expect their movement by the Forum moderators.

5.4 Don't quote the entire message that you're responding to, only the pertinent bit (use the 'quote' option).

5.5 Don't change the subject of a post when replying – many users scan headings only – stay on topic!

5.6 Only post pictures when necessary since they can consume large volumes of disk storage and make for slow responses. Multiple large and/or lightly-compressed pictures slow the performance of the Forums too much for modem users; please remember that web pictures only need to be 72 dpi 640 x 480 and can be compressed easily.

5.7 Keep signatures in the body of your posting to a reasonable length to ensure that the thread's content remains readable.

5.8 Don't post entire messages in CAPITALS, many confuse this for shouting.

5.9 Please do not use excessive text speak, or unnecessary formatting.

5.10 Don't double post (post the same message twice in one thread) or cross post (place the same message across several Forums). Cross posting will be removed by the moderators.

5.11 Do not post new problems on someone else's thread and interrupt a topic of discussion.

5.12 This Forum is not a soapbox for airing political or religious beliefs, opinions or ideologies.

Any member new or existing can post as many times as they wish providing the posts are in accordance with the Forum rules.

5.13 A new member has an entirely equal right to express themselves freely on this Forum as an established member does.

## **6.0 Reporting Abuse or breaches of the Forum Rules.**

6.1 Action when using the 'Report' post button:

6.1.1 Selecting the 'Report' button causes the offending post to be flagged, along with your user details and those of the original poster, to the Moderators of the relevant Forum and to the Administrators. In most cases, Moderators will make a simple judgment as to whether the report is valid and will advise the user who reported the 'abuse' and the moderator(s) of their decision. The moderator's decision is final. If this is not considered fair the reporter may write to a Board member for a second opinion. The moderators in many instances may feel the need to discuss the action required amongst themselves for a consensus of opinion.

**7.0 DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed on this forum are those of the individuals concerned and do not in any way reflect the views and opinions of the TR Register, and do not constitute advice being given by either TR Register, it's staff, partner companies or volunteers. TR Register cannot be held responsible for any action taken by others in response to, or as a result of, the views, advice or opinions expressed by individuals on this forum. Users should check the accuracy and validity of any Technical information with a professional expert or workshop manual. The TR Register cannot be held responsible for any costs, loss, damage, injury or death occurring as a result of advice given via the Forum.**

By using this Forum, you understand that your posts can be traced to your specific user account containing your e-mail address, user name, date and time of sign-up, TR Register membership number and IP address at date and time of posting.

# APPENDIX 2: REPORTS

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## *Acting Chairman's Report – Allan Westbury*

My report covers the period from the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 AGM until the present day.

The year began with the funeral of our friend and long-time member Merve Parkes. Merve passed away on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and his funeral was held on a cold & snowy December day at Stourbridge Crematorium. The chapel was packed with TR Register members a few of whom had travelled in their TR's as a mark of respect. Merve's dry sense of humour, common sense and friendship has been sorely missed.

On a lighter note the Revington TR/ TR Register Hillclimb and Sprint Championship finished one of their most successful years ever with new members taking the number of entries over to 40 drivers. Martin Paine driving a TR6 was the overall Champion.

Once again, the club had a stand at the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show and at the prestigious Classic and Sports Car awards in the evening was not only runner up in the category for Best Club Magazine, but won the award for 'Best Club Website & use of Social Media'. This is a real tribute to all the hard work & dedication that Wayne, with his developers Bate Brand, put into the website over the year.

Congratulations were also due to Dave Burgess whose TR6 won the Classic Car Weekly 'Car of the Show' award.

December is a month dedicated to Group Christmas parties and events but special mention must go the Youth Group Leader Kat Forey for organising a Christmas Weekend complete with a barbecued whole turkey at a Derbyshire Youth Hostel the group took over for the weekend.

January saw the usual participants tackle the Exeter Trial while on the IT side the website introduced a new feature that allowed Group Leaders to upload their Social Scene reports and have them automatically emailed to all group members.

February saw the club having a debut display at the London Classic Car Show. This show now in its fourth year is strictly by invitation only but has rapidly grown to having over 40,000 visitors. The Register was selected as the sole representative of the classic Triumph car clubs and the Show appeared to bring a whole new audience to our cars. Pride of place on our stand went to Glen Hewitt's Jabbeke car but there was also a very rare Triumph Italia, TR7V8 and a modified TR4A on display.

We also attended the International MG & Triumph Car Show at Stoneleigh Park.

March saw yet another visit to the NEC in Birmingham for the Practical Classics Restoration Show. Star of our stand was the works TR4 5VC still very much under restoration. It was at this event that the club scooped 'National Car Club of the Year 2018', a tremendous recognition of the hard work that our members and all of our volunteers put into making the TR Register the UK's top car club. The award was received on behalf of all of you who make things happen in the club at every level, from GLs to the invaluable and dedicated volunteers who can

be seen pulling on hi-viz vests on at 6am on a Sunday morning and making local events happen up and down the country. This is everyone's award, it's your award – well done!

Mike Brewer, Wheeler Dealers TV star and host of the event said:

“Clubs had to tick off a long list of achievements to be in with a chance of this award. The judges looked at initiatives to bring in new members, stunning events, web presence and club magazines. In particular our winners the TR Register, enjoyed a string of successes in those areas plus events like the return to Jabbeke with the speed record winning TR2 and putting TRs in front of millions at the British Grand Prix. “

How do you follow that?

March also saw a very successful Group Leader's Meeting at Gaydon where communication both to and from the board was mentioned as one of the key areas needing improvement. This has directly led to the proposed new Management Team with 10 local area directors each representing around 5 groups rather than up to 20 as is currently the case.

April saw the start of the competition season with events at both Croft & Gurstons Down and Kev Bryant organising a TR track day at Castle Coombe. The Spring Ball was once again held with members & partners attending a fun filled festive occasion at the Casa Hotel in Chesterfield.

A number of members took part in the FBHVC Drive it day with runs to a number of venues throughout the country.

May seemed to be a month for legislation with exemption of cars over 40 years old from the annual MOT test providing they were declared as Vehicles of Historic Interest. Mike Jennings should be singled out for praise here because as a result of taking up the role as VHI contact with the DVLA, he has ensured the club as the knowledge and policies in place to deal with this new requirement. May also saw the introduction of GDPR, a piece of legislation designed to protect individual's personal data. The club was able to give guidance on both these issues but for GDPR in particular it is still not clear exactly clear how strict the club's central or Group policies need to be. This is definitely an area of work still in progress.

Fortunately, in June we continued to bathe in May's beautiful summer sunshine which blessed the open day we held at Prescott organised jointly with the Jaguar owners Club. Chiltern Group's Tour of Scotland (a local group that seems to be going from strength to strength these days) and the equally active Coventry Group's trip to Ireland were just two of the many events held during the month and TR Tours organised a very successful trip for 26 cars to the Spanish pyrenes.

We also announced a new lubricants partner in Duckhams Oils who relaunched the famous brand back into the market last year. Duckhams have brought a not insignificant amount of funding to the club through their advertising in TR Action magazine and sponsorship of the Duckhams arena at the Lincoln. The free postage offer we negotiated with them has been added to an ever-growing suite of membership benefits that we can all take advantage of.

Sadly, June also saw the end of Alec Pringle's fight with cancer. Much has been written of Alec's tremendous contribution to the club with Paul Hogan writing a particularly poignant tribute in TR Action. A firm believer in free speech and an avid user of the Forum, Alec ruffled many a feather but always had the good of the club at heart.

The end of June/ beginning of July saw the International Weekend return to Lincoln Showground in a joint venture with a local car show – Pistons in the Park. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended but sadly, not enough people came through the gates for it to be a financial success. I think we have to recognise that we no longer need or can afford the large showgrounds like Malvern or Lincoln.

The Group Leaders meeting also highlighted a need to bring in more clubs to add interest and also to find more for people to do in the local area. As a result of this we have just announced a new 'Triumph Weekend' for 2019 as a joint event with our friends in the TSSC, at a new venue in the middle of August. We are also talking to other clubs about joining us.

July also saw us attend the Silverstone Classic weekend, but again in lower numbers than in previous years. A few of us also visited the Shelsley Walsh Nostalgia weekend to look at the event as a suitable venue for a future International Weekend. TSSC had decided to use the weekend for their Triumfest and although the weather was diabolical there were other more basic failings with the site and we unfortunately had to write it off as a potential venue.

August was either quiet or busy depending on how you looked at it. There were no National events but this is where the local groups took over with numerous events, trips and visits to keep their members both busy & happy. On the competition front a number of TRs took part in the Oulton Park Gold Cup over the Bank holiday weekend in absolutely dreadful conditions with Groups from North Wales and Red Rose braving the weather to watch the action.

September started with a bang with the TR Register Scottish Weekend at the Bo'ness Revival Hillclimb and Revival Classic. This is the premier event north of the border with over 100 triumphs taking part in an event that attracted over 500 classic cars and 30 clubs. The TR Register sponsored the arena on the Sunday with our own Wayne Scott commentating and hosting the evening dinner where he brought together representatives of all the attending car clubs for a fun evening of bridge building and networking between marques. This gave us huge exposure to the Scottish classic car scene. The event also included both road runs and a regularity rally on the Saturday which really added to the interest of the weekend and out thanks go to Cliff McKinnon to his dedication to ensuring the TR Register is at the forefront of this nationally important event.

A number of members visited the Goodwood Revival which continues to be one of the top motoring events in the UK motoring calendar and one that we are committed to providing coverage for in TR Action thanks to the unique relationship our Editor has built up with the events media centre.

Autumn also saw a significant upgrade to the TR Register Forum software as well, rolled out relatively smoothly and now providing an updated and secure footing for the Forum into the near future.

Our friends in the TR Register Germany hosted this year's European Weekend in Pappenburg with around 20 cars from the UK attending. Once again, we enjoyed a busy weekend of fun, driving, shipyard tours and way too much food and drink!

So, we approach the end of another packed club year. Plans are already afoot for a number of events for next year including the all-important 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TR6. TR Tours continue to go from strength to strength with trips planned to both Belgium and Scotland and I have already mentioned the new Triumph Weekend. The Scottish Bo'ness event continues to grow and I know a number of our Groups are already organising their own special events.

Our aim must be to provide the framework for all of our Groups and members to have fun and enjoy a range of events and facilities unequalled by any other Triumph club. Every club will have things that they do particularly well, we have to strive to be as good or better than them all.

The club is on a sound financial footing and while we have a number of challenges facing us with regard to changing demographics, soaring car prices and legislation at a National level; how to best use TS2 and Didcot at our club level, I am confident that with the support and dedication of our members we will conquer them all.

## *Finance Director's Report – Malcolm Tatton*

My first report as Finance Director is in respect of the year ended 28 February 2018, following my election to the board in November 2017.

Although the overall position shows a small surplus for the year of £2,686 before tax, both income and expenditure were reduced from the previous year.

Whilst subscription income was down by £1,437, there were reductions in income from shop sales, track days and advertising.

IWE income of £41,134 (py £45,390) and costs of £47,655 (py £50,630) are included in 'Events', and the overall deficit for the weekend was therefore £6,521 (py £5,240).

Administration expenses are slightly down on the previous year once adjustment is made for the SDF transfer which was reflected in the 2017 accounts.

There is an increase in Salaries and subcontract labour partly due to a full year of pension contributions under Automatic Enrolment.

Computer costs show an increase which reflects a one-off charge to amend the club's database system in order to digitise and record the information held by the registrars.

Phil Tucker, our previous Finance Director, arranged for Wellers to produce quarterly management accounts, and to prepare the formal year end accounts. They provide a valuable service to the club and their fees make up the Accountancy fees charge in the accounts.

The club no longer pays Rates on the Didcot office due to a change in relief for small businesses and there were no bad debts in the year.

TR Action cost in the year are reduced from last year as is Advertising Revenue, due to the timing and number of issues published during the year.

Directors' expenses have increased from last year by £2,783. Directors are paid a mileage rate of 40p per mile and the club pays for Bed and Breakfast accommodation when necessary. Buffet lunch is provided at Directors' meetings but the club does not (generally) pay for evening meals and drinks.

Overall the results reflect a satisfactory year, and my thanks go to Jo for her diligence in ensuring that the club's accounts system runs smoothly.

# *Midlands Area Report – Paul Tunnadine*

## **Y Ddraig Goch**

The annual Traws Cambria Tour took place in early May with over 45 cars from many different groups. The weekend based in Aberystwyth was blessed with great weather and scenic drives. A full calendar of events has been circulated to members. Next year's Traws Cambria tour has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers!

## **Wye Dean**

This group had a run to Raglan Castle in September and meets monthly at the Harewood End Inn.

## **Birmingham Group**

The group continues without a designated group leader. Numbers at recent meetings have been boosted by members from Cotswold Vale Group. The annual Car Park Concours (previously organised by Merve Parkes) was rescheduled and took place on July 28th at the Somers Club. Thanks to Dave Gibson for his efforts in putting this event together. The Merve Parkes award (a stainless-steel beer mug) was awarded by his cousin to the owner of an Austin Healey.

## **Staffs and Warwicks**

This group's recent events include attendance at the Cars in the Park event in Lichfield and the Pershore Plum Festival. The annual dinner is planned for December.

## **Cotswold Vale Group**

This group holds many varied events and issues a regular large and detailed newsletter. This group hosted the TR Register presence at the Pershore Plum Festival which was attended by members from many other local groups. The Autumn Leaves run took place in October. The Group Leader Gareth Davies is to stand down at the group's AGM in November and Andrew Racey is to stand down from his role as Social Secretary. The annual awards dinner will take place in December.

## **Trent Group**

This group held its annual car park concours at Awwsworth. The group attended the Autokarna at Wollaton in the summer. Also, the group attended the Heritage & Classic Vehicle Show at Ilkeston in August.

## **Coventry Group**

I attended the Coventry Motofest based in the centre of Coventry with many events all over the centre including fast moving cars on the closed off dual carriageway and drifting under one of the city's flyovers. Coventry Group had a display of TR's outside the town hall. The event concluded for me with a concert by the Rolling Stones at the nearby Ricoh Arena.

## **Stoke Group**

I attended this group's monthly meeting at their new venue at Longton Rugby Club. Stoke group held the Pots, Pits and Peak Weekend in July including visits to a Mine and Potteries and driving through the Peak district.

## **Shropshire Group**

The Shropshire Weekend took place at the Wharf Tavern in July and the group joined up with Stoke group at their Pots, Pits and Peak weekend. Other events include a workshop day and attendance at Trentham Gardens Classic Car show.

### **South Glamorgan**

This group consists of a small number of keen enthusiasts who meet monthly. The group attended the Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show earlier in the year.

### **Lakes Tour**

This year's tour took place at the beginning of September and was a first for the organiser Steve Cathie. Runs through beautiful countryside and challenging roads took place accompanied by dry weather. Well done Steve.

## *East Area Report – Dave Burgess*

In all a busy year, with trips with TR members to various events throughout the UK and Europe. Attendance at the German National meeting at the beginning of the year. Followed by our usual TR trips to Le-mans, Spa and the TRR European meeting in Germany in September. Meeting many existing TR friends and making new ones throughout Europe. Towards the end of the summer I spent a long weekend with the President of the Norwegian TR club and his wife in their cabin (a second home in the woods), he generously loaned me his TR3a to explore the mountains north of Oslo around Beitstolen and chase him in his TR6 on some great driving roads, many of which are unsurfaced.

In the UK the year started with our first attendance with the club stand at the London Classic car show at the Excel arena. A great turn out from the local London groups in helping Wayne, Sue and myself in operating the stand for what is a four-day event. We had great interest in the club and the cars on display from generally a new audience. Quite a few new members signed up. A well worthwhile visit and something that we hope to repeat in 2019.

Spring saw the return of the Winter Ball after an absence of a couple of years. Again, I organised this at the CASA hotel in Chesterfield such are the demands of my day job now I wanted to have local control over this, so a venue close to me was essential. A great turn out, with good entertainment, fine food and some good driving roads through the Peak district of Derbyshire resulted in a cracking start to the TR season.

The board decided following this that the Winter Ball should move south for 2019 as for a good few years now it's been in the North Midlands it was time for a change. Phil Tucker is going to find a venue for 2019 in the South of the country.

Other UK events attended were the MG and Triumph Spares Day, the joint TR stand with TR Enterprise at Race Retro, our own International at Lincoln although I must admit to spending most of my time in a sleeping bag with a very bad stomach bug at this event. This was followed by what is possibly the biggest event that we attend during the year, which is the classic car show at Silverstone. This year's event was a little disappointing as the organisers who were running out of space stuck the TR Register stand in a funny little out of the way corner away from the main activities and any decent footfall, I hope all members that wanted too actually found us. The final major event of the year was the Classic car show at the NEC where we had good support in operating the stand from local members. Thanks to all members who help man the TRR stand wherever it went throughout 2018.

Activity in all East groups has been monitored through emails received. I can report that all groups have a very active calendar of events all of which are clearly very well attended. Groups closer to home including my own Derby Dales groups have been visited at various times throughout the year. Derby dales have formed a subcommittee to help co-ordinate activities as the years calendar is full throughout the year.

Leicester group will be changing the GL at the next AGM as they now operate a two-year cycle and have to say that it works very well by bringing in fresh ideas and a new approach on a regular basis.

Lincs are a very active club under the leadership of Adrian Lawton. They provided a lot of support and helped greatly at the International meeting at the Lincolnshire show ground this year, a huge thankyou to all those that got involved.

# APPENDIX 3: PROXY VOTING

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Each member can delegate his or her voting power to another person. A person so designated, is called a "proxy" and the person designating them, is called a "principal".

A member will be appointed by the board to be known as the "Proxy Officer" who will be charged to keep account of all completed proxy voting forms and members present at the meetings.

General Meeting calling notices will contain all resolutions and details of supporting statements. The Directors will make clear if they support or do not support individual resolutions and the reasons why.

## **Types of proxy**

There will be two types of proxy votes, specific and discretionary.

Specific is where the principal instructs the proxy exactly how to vote on each resolution.

Discretionary is where the principal gives the proxy a free hand in the way he/she votes.

Proxy voting forms will be designed to allow the principal to define which type of vote they are delegating and if specific which way they want their proxy to vote.

## **At the General Meeting**

At the General meeting all members attending will register with the Proxy Officer and they will be given a voting card.

All proxy holders will register with the Proxy Officer and will be given a voting card.

The Proxy Officer will keep a tally of all proxy votes, those sent to the Chairman and those held at the meeting. Normally for most resolutions voting will be on show of hands.

## **Under a show of hands**

Each member present has one vote.

If the member holds a proxy they have two votes one for themselves one for the proxy.

If the member holds two or more proxies which support the resolution they have two votes one for themselves one for the proxies.

If a member holds two or more proxies they have a maximum of three votes, that's one for themselves, one for the proxies that supports the resolution and one for the proxies that oppose the resolution.

## **Poll**

If a poll is called the Proxy Officer will issue voting slips to all members and all proxies. Proxy holders will get one slip for each proxy. Members and Proxies will then mark their slips and hand them back to the Proxy Officer for counting. The proxy votes held by the Club Chairman will be managed by the Proxy Officer and added to the result of the polling slips. A poll can be called by: The Club Chairman, The Directors, or 5 Members.