



TR Register Devon Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

Held at The Travellers Rest at 8.00pm on Thurs 1 Dec 2022

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome/Apologies for Absence

Alan Burgess welcomed everyone to this years' AGM. Apologies have been received from: Martin Lovell, Derek Hurford, Tony Wittering and Jane Christie.

2. Vote of Thanks

Alan gave a vote of thanks as follows:

- Everyone for coming..
- Paul for his work as Social Secretary this year
- Mark for his work as Treasurer
- Andrew for *In the Garage*
- And a thank you to those who've helped arrange events and activities this year..
- And Fiona, Russell and team of the Travellers Rest for being such great hosts

3. To Approve the Minutes of Last Meeting held on 4 March 2022

There were no issues raised with last year's minutes, therefore were approved by the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report (Mark Radford)

- Opening and closing balance £652.06 – unchanged
- The account has been used successfully to collect deposits for Christmas meals and other events via personal bank transfers.
- Mark has made good use of the Groups 'allowance' for the purchase of items from the TR Shop – more later.

5. Group Leader Report (Alan Burgess)

A mixed year..

- No Willand meetings
- Declining numbers at Travellers' Monthly meetings
- Successful TS2 tour through Devon – limited interest but good support
- An excellent and well attended technical visit to David Appleby Engineering
- A few shows/A number of Sunday lunches/One very well attended picnic
- A special thank you for your input to these events.. Mark (Roger, Peter, Paul, Derek, Jo)
- At this point, Mark and Jo handed out a few TR Register sweat shirts that had been obtained (using the Devon grant) as a small thank you to some of those who had helped through the year.

- We also had the presentation of our 2022 Christie Award, recognising the member who had contributed significantly to the successful running of the club for its members, as voted upon by our members – and the winner was a surprised Steve Williams.



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6. A few words from our Regional Director (Alan Burgess..)

Alan provided a few highlights from his regional role activities, which are summarised below. He has been in the position for just one year but has confirmed he is willing to carry on for another year.

- **5 Year Strategy** members of the management team (MT) have been working on a new 5 year strategy for the club. The findings and proposals so far, have been presented to the MT and are next due to be shared for review and comment, with Group Leaders at the upcoming GL meeting

Driven by key club metrics of numbers, an ageing membership and declining incomes, there are many factors under consideration but include the principle of 'if we do it well, keep doing it'; 'if you can do things better, improve it' and 'if we don't need to do it, don't'. This might also include a refocus of the roles within the MT for a wider representation of activities, such as: Membership, Marketing, Events, International, Motorsports, Technical, Financial and Youth. Further information will be included within future TR Action magazines.

- Staffordshire weekend cancelation and Great British Car Project alternative - On line survey..'Own' events for 2023 Shepton/Fire College options. Malvern 2024.
- Office resource and possible relocation to Gaydon

6. To elect Group Leader, Treasurer and Social Secretary - nominations by midnight 10 February

At this part of the proceedings, we are to elect officers for the Devon Group.

- **Social Secretary – Paul Gibson** standing down from 31 January 2023 due to other commitments.
- **Treasurer – Mark Radford** standing again
- **Group Leader** – Alan Burgess advised that there had been no volunteers and so the Group would be continuing with no GL.

Anyone interested in helping to run the Devon Group in this position were invited to speak with Alan, Paul or Mark.

We then had a room discussion regarding the GL role and what is needed..having posed the questions i) Is GL role too much for one person..? ii) Do we need a committee?, something to reflect the developments at national level

- Reservoir runs were good
- Post events onto website
- Crash Box use website booking – event booking system?
- .. a voice for those with other interests i.e. motorsport activities, trips, technical support, lunches



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7. Members Feedback, Comments and proposed activities for 2023 – discussion

Topics included:

- Programme – in preparation
- 'South' TR Weekend – 2 options Shepton Mallet or Fire Station College - Moreton in Marsh..
- Hope to continue with regular events but more Volunteers are required
- Derek planning Brittany trip in May
- Groups roles - Time to consider over Christmas – please get in touch..
- Likely first activity, monthly meeting here on 2 February but after that..?.

8. AOB – there being no other business, Alan closed the meeting.. but not before he was presented with a card and gift voucher from members to recognise his work as Group Leader and a lovely bouquet for Christine – thank you all!

The meeting was concluded at 8.50 pm.