

Austin Seven Clubs Association (A7CA)

Meeting at Heritage Centre Gaydon on

Sunday 13th January 2013

Welcome

Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting, complete a safety advice and explained the strange layout of the agenda was caused by the different versions of Word we were all using. He reminded everyone to sign the attendance book introduced by Hayden

Attendees & Apologies

These details are still with Hayden at present

Minutes of the previous meeting

These were proposed and seconded by ? and agreed by all

Chairman's Report

Andy reported that since the last meeting he had attended the NEC Classic Car Show where the Midlands A7Club and the Pre-War A7 club had displays. There was much interest in the 7's and other 7's were to be seen around the show.

He had been invited to, and attended the Austin Ex-Apprentices reunion Dinner at the Chateau Impney. They are one of the oldest groups still meeting and celebrating their training. About 150 sat down to dinner and were addressed by their guest of honour; Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club who was an Austin apprentice. The oldest attending was an apprentice in the 1920's.

He had received a certificate from Help for Hero's for the donation that had been made from the sale of street signs at the Warwick event, and passed it to Phil Baildon for the Archive. An article on a Military Tourer was in Military Machine International Mag.

Secretary's Report

Hayden reported on a trip being organised to Normandy by the South Wales Club in August and a trip in a 1929 Tourer to Europe. Details from club, if interested, to reduce costs.

Treasurer's Report

John Wyett explained the details of the balance sheet which is attached at the end of these minutes.

Magazine

Robin had announced his intention of standing down at the end of 2013 and an editor was required but he had approached a possible victim

Web Master

Ilke said she was happy to continue.

Archivist Report

Phil reported that Dave Martin was now helping with the work at Lubenham and he was arranging keys to be available. There was a DVD of the Association Magazines available at £5 inc p&p. The 2 posters were being reprinted and would be the last as the paper had now run out. The 1926 oil charts were now sold out. He told the meeting that Jenny Wilcox had donated a dozen historic trophy and brochures from her late husband's collection. Andy said he would send a letter of thanks.

Register Report

Jim explained the new register was well underway and there were some outstanding problems to over come. He had made major changes to the list of clubs and this had caused some discrepancies. But he hoped to have it available before the next meeting.

Advertising

Hazel continued to be successful in getting Advertising and that there was almost too many for the 2013A mag.

Breakdown Register

There was some discussion as to whether we needed a Register as there were many ways to obtain help via the Insurance scheme and mobile phones. But it was felt that it was sometimes useful to "get" a part and be able to continue your journey. General services didn't carry the parts we needed and just took you home. A volunteer was needed.

AOB

Hadley Book Geoff Roe explained this was coming to fruition and hopes to have it available at the next meeting

Longstone Tyres were producing a 4.00 x 17" tyre

Copies of the first Austin Advocate had been reprinted and were available from Jim Stringer of VAR

On Line Club The voting of the clubs application for full membership of A7CA was For 6 Against 3 they were therefore accepted for membership. Andy commented that there was only a 50% response rate from the clubs.

Overseas Clubs Jim Blacklock told the meeting that there were 5 Australian clubs and 1 in New Zealand and although some other overseas clubs were very small, that maybe we needed a specialist contact for overseas clubs to deal with them. Perhaps there would be a volunteer for the AGM

Australian Books Between them Robin and Phil had managed to get copies of the books published by the Australian clubs in celebration of the 90 years of the A7

Insurance Details John Wyett explained that he was awaiting the policy from the new insurer and would send details to Hayden for the clubs when it arrived.

Dropbox Tim Griffiths gave a demonstration of Dropbox and how it worked and explained that clubs needed to appoint someone to co-ordinate and be responsible for their contact and if they sent him the details who; he would provide them with the link necessary to access it. There were 73 videos and 10,100 photos on it already. Robin said he also used Dropbox to store photos.

Warwick Ian passed the planning for the Warwick rally to Phil to archive, so that we didn't have to reinvent the wheel next time we had a major event.

Event List Robin said the events list included in the Magazine as a loose sheet was not up to date and that alterations were to be included in 2013B and should be sent to him and Bernard Griffiths.

Next meeting : Sunday 14th April 2013 at Gaydon

Treasurers report to the members of the Austin Seven Clubs' Association, AGM April 14 2013

The receipts and payments statement for the year has been circulated to the meeting and has been reviewed independently.

In summary this shows that the Association started the year with liquid funds of £44,282.82 held in our Lloyds Bank current and Scottish Widows deposit accounts, funds at the end of the year amounted to £26,581.65. Overall the liquid funds reduced by £17,701.17 during the year.

The main reasons for the reduction were as follows:

- The net cost to the Association for staging the Warwick 90th anniversary celebration in July 2012. (accounts for the event were given out at the January meeting).
- The cost of sponsoring the "Speedy" at the Le Mans event.
- The purchase of a stock of repro brochures for resale from the archives.
- The production of the DVD of A7CA magazines and replacement of the stock of "Chummy" prints.

- **The insurance costs have increased because of the Directors and Officers liability insurance now in place, but this is offset by changing the main insurer from Zurich to Markel.**

On the plus side, the policy of recharging magazine distribution costs to clubs when magazines are not collected at the quarterly meetings means that there is now no net distribution cost to A7CA.

Advertising and Archive sales revenue were both very healthy and continue to make very worthwhile contributions to A7CA funds and thanks are due to Hazel Gore and Phil Baildon.

Investment income was slightly above previous years, but interest rates reduced from January 2013 and in any event inflation means that our liquid funds have decreased in real terms .

My conclusion is that there is no need to increase subscriptions for full member or associate clubs and there is no need to increase the cover price of the “grey mag” at the present time. If magazine printing costs increase then the situation may need to be reviewed.

2012 was a very busy year for the treasurer and my thanks go to all those who helped with my many requests for information during the year.

John Wyett

A7CA Treasurer

April 2013

Austin 7 Clubs' Association

Financial report January to March 2013

	£	£
		<u>2013</u>
Balance 1 January 2013		26581.65
<u>Receipts January-March</u>		
Magazine sales	291.00	
Magazine distribution recharged to clubs	92.21	
Subscriptions for 2013	20.00	
Subscriptions for 2012 in arrears	5.00	
Advertising	872.50	
Archive sales	324.00	
Interest received	80.42	
Sundry income	<u>123.24</u>	
Total receipts		1808.37
<u>Payments January-March</u>		
Room hire and meetings	175.08	
Printing magazines	2158.00	
Magazine distribution	288.22	
Insurance	1722.50	

Archive costs	75.60
Officers expenses	175.39
Sundry payment	50.00
Total payments	<u>4644.79</u>
Balance 31 March 2013	<u>23745.23</u>
<u>Analysis of Account balances at the end of March:</u>	
Lloyds	2092.08
Santander	0.00
Scottish Widows	<u>21653.15</u>
	<u>23745.23</u>

John Wyett, A7CA Treasurer, March 31 2013

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All overseas debtors now paid

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Accounts yr end 31 December 2012

	£	£	£	£
		<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>
Balance 1 January		44282.82		42475.05
<u>Receipts January-December</u>				
Magazine sales	14909.00		15758.00	
Magazine sales 2011 in arrears	247.00			
Magazine distribution recharged to clubs	1274.30		776.56	
Subscriptions for 2012	445.00		450.00	
Subscriptions for 2011 in arrears	10.00			
Advertising	1875.25		1551.96	
Archive sales	1496.40		208.13	
Binder sales	477.00		70.00	
Interest received	309.46		267.19	
Sale of back numbers	73.55		227.00	
Archive rent PWA7C	1186.00		1186.00	
Warwick rally income	<u>19160.59</u>		<u>1650.00</u>	
Total receipts		41463.55		22,144.84
<u>Payments January-December</u>				
Room hire and meetings	415.16		536.90	
Printing magazines	8953.40		8175.00	
Magazine distribution	1227.46		1838.33	
Insurance	2253.32		1791.55	
Archive purchases	60.00		39.75	
Archive costs	4595.09		4386.83	
Officers expenses	1280.66		889.16	
FHVBC subscription	25.00		25.00	
Sponsorship of "Speedy" at Le Mans	4196.65			
Production of brochures for resale	4620.00			

Website costs	175.00	135.00
Sundries	511.37	378.31
Chummy prints	426.25	
Grey mag DVD	471.00	
Breakdown register		1328.37
Warwick rally expenses	<u>29954.36</u>	<u>812.87</u>
Total payments	<u>59164.72</u>	<u>20337.07</u>
Balance 31 December	<u>26581.65</u>	<u>44,282.82</u>
<u>Analysis of Account balances at the end of December:</u>		
Lloyds	4008.92	9014.04
Santander	0.00	5.51
Scottish Widows	<u>22572.73</u>	<u>35,263.27</u>
	<u>26581.65</u>	<u>44,282.82</u>

John Wyett, A7CA Treasurer, January 2013

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