



THE AUSTIN SEVEN CLUBS' ASSOCIATION

Past Presidents: Donald Doughty, Stanley Edge,
Bert Hadley, Freddie Henry, Bob Wyatt

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Zoom

Sunday 11th April 2021 at 11am

Present

Nick Turley
David Cochrane
Paul Lawrence
Mike Costigan
Chris Heeley
Hugh Barnes
Peter Hales
Ruairidh Dunford
Adrian Payne
David Mawby
Phil Baildon
Harry Hales
Ken Hickman
Richard Bishop
Gill Davis
Andrew Pooley
Paul Maulden
Terry Bonner
Peter Lawson
Mick Ward
David Rock Evans
Derick Sheldon
Roger Ballard
Nigel Barfoot
Roly Alcock
Roger Price
Steve Clarke
Jim Blacklock
Gerald Mullord
Stewart Robinson
Janet Edroff
David Charles
Chris Charles
William Cuddy
Dan Cole
David Gear
Chris Blower
Andy Lowe

Chairman
Vice Chairman / Pram Hood Register
Secretary
Editor
Treasurer
Archivist
Registrar
Advertising Co-ordinator / Scottish A7 / GE
Webmaster
Insurance liaison / Fabric Saloon Register
Historian
South Wales Austin 7 Club
Devon Austin 7 Club
Devon Austin 7 Club
Cambridge A7 & VCC
Cambridge A7 & VCC
Norfolk Austin 7 Club
Essex Austin 7 Club
Essex Austin 7 Club
Tickford Register
VAR
Rosengart Register UK
Dorset Austin Club
Austin Ex Apprentices Association
Hereford Austin 7 Club
On-line Austin 7 Club
On-line Austin 7 Club
Arrow Register
PWA7C
PWA7C
PWA7C (North Herts Centre)
Special Register / Cornwall Austin 7 Club
IT Consultant
Irish Austin 7 Club
Bristol Austin 7 Club
South Australian Austin 7 Club
Bongtree Austin 7 Club / Van Register
Midlands Austin 7 Club

1. Apologies for Absence

Charlie Plain-Jones

2. Introductions

A roll call was conducted, and attendees identified.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as accurate – proposed by David Charles and unanimously agreed.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Officer's Reports

Chairman – Nick Turley

Nick explained that most of what he wanted to talk about involved the Centenary Rally, so he would wait until that part of the meeting to talk about that. The Association has been very active with Zoom meetings and people doing lots of work towards the Centenary, and considering the prevailing conditions with Covid we have managed to keep things moving forwards.

Secretary – Paul Lawrence

My first three-year term as Secretary is completed at this AGM and in view of the fact that there haven't been any moves to impeach me as yet (well, not that I know about). I am happy to stand for a second three-year term. It's a bit of a way off yet but if you have always hankered after the Secretary role then rest assured that your opportunity is coming ever closer.

The Officer posts have been taken care of this year, which we will talk about a little bit later in the meeting but next year the posts of Webmaster, Archivist and Treasurer come around for renewal so please have a think about these roles and helping to fulfil them.

The Treasurer is required with some degree of urgency as Chris Heeley is long past his tenure in the role so please can you make every effort to go back to your clubs to find a suitable and willing volunteer.

There's not a great deal of true Secretarial duties to report today as the planning for the Centenary Event has been taking up most of the 'day job' but I am pleased to say that the Public Liability Insurance for full member clubs has been sorted and finalised in anticipation of some events going ahead this year, which I am sure they will.

Many of you will have heard the sad news that Gerald Lambert, the grandson of Sir Herbert Austin, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 11th February at the age of 86. Gerald had been ill for some time and leaves his wife Jane, whom he was married to for 61 years. Gerald was a friend to many in the Austin Seven fraternity and a letter of condolence has been sent to Jane on behalf of the Austin Seven Clubs' Association. We have also extended an invitation to Jane and her family to attend our Centenary Celebrations in 2022.

At the Association Committee meeting in January, Tim Griffiths kindly led a discussion on the issue of petrol potentially becoming more difficult to obtain for classic car enthusiasts in the future, as we move into an era of electrification. Amazingly, a week

after the meeting the Federation of Historic British Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) announced that they have appointed an Automotive Fuel Expert who will assess and study the impact of changing fuel demands and technologies on the historic vehicle community. I don't think this was as a direct result of our meeting, but I think it illustrates that the issues the Association identify as being important are never far wide of the mark, so well done to Tim for raising that issue with us.

One thing that I think it is worthy of mention, and not wishing to claim this as an Association success as it has been done independently of the Association (although I'd like to think the Association helps to create the kind of environment where this type of development can be encouraged to take place), is that the Heritage side of the 750 Motor Club has been absorbed into the Pre-War Austin Seven Club. Having been a 750 Motor Club member all my life (and very much enjoyed it) I, as many did, voted for the change and was pleased to receive my first Pre-War Austin Seven Club magazine a few days ago. I think it's great that conversations take place across the clubs in order to achieve better outcomes for Austin Seven owners, so well done to all that were involved with the seamless transition.

I, like many of you I am sure, have managed to have a few runs out in my Austin Seven since lockdown restrictions eased a little and hopefully this will continue in a positive direction for us all over the coming year.

Comments: - None

Treasurer – Chris Heeley

Treasurer Report – April 2021

Period January to March 2021

Main expenses came in the form of the insurance renewal. The rest of the expenses are magazine related.

The Archivist has curtailed his recent expenditure on purchases, so little in this respect this quarter.

Cash in Current Account (Lloyds) at 31st March 2020 is £32,276.05 (and includes £7,603.59 in the 2022 event account which is managed separately by David Lucas).

My replacement as Treasurer is somewhat overdue now. If you think that you might be interested in taking over this role, please get in contact. I keep a cashbook on Excel which categorises each cost and receipt so that each category calculates automatically to produce the quarterly summary. The bank account is quite easy to maintain these days with online banking and the mobile phone app – even the majority of cheques can be deposited from the comfort of home. I am happy to support any handover period that you may feel you need. This is an important role within the Association, but you can make your contribution and at times that suit you. The Association exists to pull together all of the various clubs for Austin 7s across the world. Without this role, the magazines would not be printed and posted, the archive would not be secured and insured, and great projects such as the Jack French project and the 2022 event would not be possible.

My usual reminder: Please can you make sure that any cheques are addressed to The Austin 7 Clubs Association. Lloyds sometimes reject cheques that do not match this exactly. **The Accounts for this report can be seen at Appendix 1**

Treasurer Report – January 2021 meeting

Period October to December 2020

Invoicing fell into late September and early October. I am pleased to say that all amounts were paid up without any chasing by me. Thank you to all clubs, you have made my life a little easier and it is very much appreciated.

A reminder (repeat from last quarter's report) – back in January 2018, the Association committee suggested raising the cost of the magazine. Its principal form of income, the cost had been unchanged since the 1970s and we were making a steady loss in the years to 2018. At the 2018 AGM, the represented clubs voted in favour of a staged uplift in cost to £1.50 per copy in 2019 and a further uplift in 2021. Next year the cost of the magazines will be invoiced at £2.00 each. Hopefully, you will all agree that the cost still represents excellent value when compared to shop-bought magazines.

Debtors amount to £0.00 at the end of December.

Significant payments this quarter:

Archive storage for Lubenham was paid in early October. It is unchanged at £3360 incl VAT.

Cash in Current Account (Lloyds) at 31st December 2020 is £30,454.94.

This is a lot healthier than the past few year-ends due to having no debtors, but also the increase in the magazine price. This has brought the Association back to a small overall profit again and better able to weather any near future print cost increases, funding of the 2022 centenary (to a degree) and the retention and expansion of the archive.

The Accounts for this Report can be seen at Appendix 2

Comments:

Nick Turley underpinned the need for us to find a replacement Treasurer for Chris and suggested that clubs may consider putting the job description in Chris's report into club magazine or bulletins asking for volunteers.

Advertising Manager – Ruairidh Dunford

One of my first jobs at the end of last year was to thank trade advertisers and seek business from them for the coming year. One advertiser reduced the size of their advert and this allowed us to offer a new trader space – this was taken up. All existing adverts took up renewal for the coming year.

We have received a small, but steady, trickle of private adverts over the year.

Once again, I am seeking approval from the meeting to raise advertising rates by a nominal 2% for 2022.

Many thanks must go to the team at Brainstorm who deal with our requests for change and redesign very efficiently indeed.

Comments:

The 2% annual rise for advertisers was agreed by the meeting.

Archivist – Hugh Barnes

The last 12 months have been difficult for work on the Archives as a result of Covid, of course. For many weeks, the TSSC complex at Lubenham, where we house the Archive, has been closed and even when it has been open, restrictions on travel and other activities mean that I haven't been able to visit (I live 50 miles from Lubenham). In fact, I have only been able to visit Lubenham 3 times in the past year. The result of this is that the ongoing physical work of sorting, rationalising and cataloguing the collection has somewhat ground to a halt.

However, that doesn't mean that work has completely stopped.

First, and most importantly, we have negotiated a move of room within the complex. TSSC are keen to maximise rental income from sub-let space. The current room we use rather breaks up a contiguous set of rooms at the front of the complex and we are happy to move allowing them to generate greater income and we get a nicely refurbished room as a result. That is set to take place after all involved have had 2 jabs and movement restrictions have eased. Currently, that is pencilled in to happen towards the end of May. As a result of this move, the large collection of Press cuttings that were saved from the Austin Publicity Department clear out in the 1960s by Bob Wyatt, will be able to be housed with the collection instead of being cared for by Stuart Ulph.

Acquisition still continues, though at a lower rate than I would like. I have managed to acquire a few more Brochures and other ephemera but was disappointed to see a set of 65 period photos go at auction for £1600 when I had decided to bid up to £500. Some rather tatty individual copies of The Austin Magazine and Advocate on eBay have gone for varying prices between £30 and £70. Again, I felt a little pricey for me to justify. Both contemporary photos and the Austin Magazines are the two areas I wish to enhance in the collection. However, I do have to be cautious with Archive funds, all have which have come from donations from generous Clubs. I was able to establish a relationship with the grandson of Harold Biggs however, (an early 750MC Secretary) who was selling off his grandfather's photo collection. Sadly, Harold wasn't the world's best photographer, but his photos, poor as they were, captured important moments in 'Club' motor sport before and during the war.

What has been remarkable this year are some of the donations that I have received. From Gavin Boswell, I received a nice Austin schematic drawing of a boat-tailed Tourer that matches some others of a similar series that we already hold. From Andrew Nichols, a couple of fascinating Austin engineering drawings of a 3-speed 'silent second' and 4-speed 'silent third' gearbox clearly marked for a 7 that have never been seen before. Then finally Rick Bishop, of the Midlands A7 Club, provided images of a remarkable photo album of Ral Appleby, a mechanic member of the Austin Works racing team. Many of these photos have never been seen before. For these and others, I am truly thankful. These are all slowly being worked on ready for publication on the Archive Web site.

Finally, I have been doing a few Zoom based Archive presentations for various Clubs who picked up on my offer in the last meeting. I am more than happy to do more of these and would be particularly keen to do these for any of our overseas Clubs.

My tenure as Archivist should come to its end at the AGM in 2022. That would see a tricky point at which to hand over the reins to a new incumbent. What I would like to suggest to the Association is that I formally renew my tenure at the 2022 AGM for 1 further year to see me through the Centenary and be able to bring on board my successor to take the reins in 2023. I would be really like to hear from anyone who was interested in

taking on the role. I would hope that the work I am doing in the Archive at the moment to organise, catalogue and digitise would be complete, allowing my successor to take the Archive forward from a good position. Please do get in touch if you are interested in finding out more about the role.

Comments:

Nick Turley said that for those that aren't too far away from Lubenham that Hugh would be accepting volunteers to help with the move a little bit later on, so if anyone is interested in that they can have a chat with Hugh. Chris Garner is now helping with the Archive at Lubenham. Nick underlined how the Archive work is very important and is a means of providing information as a reference to future Austin Seven generations.

Editor – Mike Costigan

As Editor, I have nothing significant to report – contributions for the magazine continue to trickle in and I have potential articles lined up for use in issues well in to 2022!

Mike's microphone was not working so Paul explained that Mike is prepared to continue for 2022 if necessary, either as full Editor, or as mentoring Editor, but must stress that he will be vacating the 'hot seat' by the end of 2022 at the latest.

Comments:

Paul Lawrence suggested that clubs may want to put something in their club magazines to help to find a new Editor.

Hugh Barnes pointed out that Brainstorm play a big role in professionally assembling the magazine, so the Editor's role is just about the content. Potential Editors should not be put off if they were concerned about the daunting task of assembly of the magazine.

Registrar – Peter Hales

Since the last Association meeting I have received 112 emails which has resulted in 11 new cars being added to the Register and 19 significant updates.

Month (2021)	New Entries	Updates
January	4	3
February	4	7
March	3	9

To help improve the Register I have been standardising formats and data types. This will help filtering and searching of the spreadsheets when loaded onto the website.

It was brought to my attention that there were 146 cars listed as AJ Tourers; given that the factory didn't use the AJ designation I have amended these to AH but included a note in the comments section for traceability.

Again I would like to thank the people that are sending me information about their own car updates or information about cars missing from the Register.

Comments – None

Webmaster – Adrian Payne

RH Insurance have been keeping me busy of late, requesting video links for their wedding business cover, their breakdown cover and their new competition to be advertised on our website and media platforms.

I have uploaded the Centenary Rally details to the Facebook events section. This has generated a little interest in the Facebook community with 310 views, 35 have responded with interest or going comments and 4 have used the link to the Centenary website.

Nobody has responded with events to be included on our Association events page, I'm sure there must be some that have been planned.

Apart from that things have been running fairly smoothly with no issues to report.

Comments – None

Insurance Liaison officer – David Mawby

I have been in discussions with Emma Airey from RH insurance on the following items during the last few weeks:

RH insurance now offer self-agreed value on cars up to £30,000 for a small additional fee. This requires a form to be filled out and several photos sending to the RH underwriters. I have been looking at my cars with Emma and for 19 vehicles this cost £140.

RH breakdown cover includes home service, which means that if your insured classic car breaks down at home and you need to get it to a garage for repair, the RH breakdown cover will arrange to collect your car and take it to a garage of your choice for repair, even if it is 100 miles away for example.

RH breakdown cover is not affected by Brexit and will just work as normal.

RH insurance now offers competitive road cover for an extra charge, for example, this covers rallies involving timed sections on public roads, past checkpoints and within a speed limit. This does not cover off-road stages or special tests on circuits or on private land.

Comments:

Harry Hales asked about the Young Drivers Scheme. David said that he had been talking to Emma about the Young Drivers policies. Once the young driver turns 18, as long as they have got one year's full driving experience on a full licence, they can be added to the policy for no additional charge and drive accompanied by the policy holder, who needs to be in the car. After a couple of years, provided there have been no incidents, accidents or claims, RH will look at allowing the young driver to drive on their own after that. Nick Turley underlined that this agreement is not automatic, it's got to be agreed between the Policy Holder and RH.

Mick Ward said it was good news about the £30,000 self-agreed value. David said that RH wanted to promote this now as they are realising that the cars are significantly increasing in value and that we all want good quality cover.

Paul Maulden asked if the insurance would be null and void if the car had LED lights. David said they he had not been asked that question before and he will ask Emma at RH.

David Cochrane expressed some concern about the '*introduction*', of Rally cover because a few years ago he took great pains to ensure with RH that when he was on a Navigational Rally that he would be covered for that sort of event. They indicated then

that he was covered so is now concerned that he had not been covered previously. David said that Emma has only recently sent him the email informing him of this and the way it reads suggests that David was not covered, he would however try and get clarification from Emma. David Cochrane will send David Mawby the correspondence.

Ruairidh Dunford said that at the time David took the role on conversations were being had with Emma about ‘uniforming’ the Policies for all the Association Policy holders because there was some variance in the amount of cover that people got and asked if there had been any progress on this. David said that he believed Ruairidh was referring to any driver over 25 being able to drive any car. David said that he had some correspondence with Emma about this and it was not something that was offered to all policy holders and all new policies going forward will not have the over 25 any driver cover. Ruairidh suggested that something could go in the magazine to help clarify the situation.

6. Election of New Officers

Secretary Paul Lawrence to remain in post for a second term

Editor – Mike Costigan staying in post but a replacement sought for 2022

Registrar – Peter Hales staying in post

Treasurer – Sought

Above proposals 1st by Gill Davis (and various others) Second by Chris Charles (and various others). Unanimously carried.

7. Presentation of Awards

The Association presents two awards each year.

Ken Warren – Article of Note in the Association magazine

Jon Edgar for his research and numerous articles on the Fabric Trim used in saloons of the late 1920s and early 1930s. He has furthered our knowledge on this subject and his articles have provided a reliable regular contribution over many issues.

Ray Morley Trophy – Sporting Endeavour

Charlie Plain-Jones for his dedication to Austin Seven sporting endeavours, which include:

Managing to successfully organise and run the Back to the Track Event at Curborough sprint course in August despite the complications of the pandemic. Worthy of note here is his unshakable desire to involve younger people in this event and introduce them to the joy of Austin Sevens.

His determination and persistence shown with the Jack French Garage project, resurrecting the garage at the Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum in Calne, Wiltshire.

His general enthusiasm and commitment to Austin Seven Historic Racing Formula, always talking to people and encouraging them.

Volunteering to organise the Centenary Festival at Prescott in the Centenary year where we hope to see Austin Sevens of all shapes and sizes tackling the Prescott hill climb.

8. Interclub Participation at Zoom Meetings

Nick Turley said this was something he was personally very keen on and there had been quite a number of Zoom meetings taking place where a number of other clubs have been invited. At the meetings of the Yorkshire section of the PWA7C they have had up to 86

people at one particular meeting. Ian Hoole of that section has been very keen on inviting all clubs, groups and enthusiasts from all over the place to their meetings. They intend to carry on with the zoom meetings even after the pandemic. A lot of the meetings are recorded so it is possible that those who could not attend the meeting can have a copy.

Paul Lawrence said that in the Cambridge club they'd had Zoom meetings throughout the pandemic where club members have spoken about all manner of subjects. Paul underlined what Nick has said about it being a good thing to continue with even once the pandemic is over, as in many ways it has actually brought us all closer together and it would be remiss of us not to maximise the opportunity.

Paul suggested that we should have a think about how we might have a process whereby we can invite other members from other clubs to come along. He said there was a lot of value in it, not just the entertainment on that night, but it also brings us all a lot closer together and makes us a stronger movement.

Hugh Barnes invited David Grear from Australia to tell us what the experience has been there over the last 12 months and how it's impacted his group. David said they had problems when they were locked down from March to September and they had to cancel all meetings. They provided a couple of Zoom meetings around September and October but unfortunately they were only getting about five or eight people along, when usually their meetings would have about thirty to forty people at them. They are back to operating as normal now, going out on runs and using their cars and back to having monthly meetings again. They have had a re-think about how they do things and one of the things they have done is to encourage a Zoom meeting at their normal general meeting or technical night so that their country and inner state members can have a look and see what's going on, rather than being so remote from them. Certainly, the Zoom meetings didn't work for a normal meeting for them but they are buying the equipment to put at their club rooms so that most people that can't get to a meeting in person can still be part of the club meeting (via Zoom).

Jim Blacklock, not being very familiar with Zoom, asked about the numbers of people that can fit on a screen for a Zoom meeting. It was explained that generally only 25 pictures can be seen on one screen but if you click the arrow on the side of the screen you will be able to see the rest of the people on other screens.

David Cochrane talked about the publication of the meetings and that if he hears about them from Ian Hoole he passes them on to an email list that he has for the Midshires Group in the PWA7C. That works well as it creates a trickle-down effect. The other way of doing it is via Facebook and the Austin Seven Friends Forum although they are open to everyone and not just club members so perhaps that's not the way to go.

9. Centenary Rally

Nick Turley said:

The Centenary Rally has been the main focus of attention and that since our last meeting we have made good progress on various things. We have now got a firm contract in place with the Fire Service College, the costs side is under control at the levels we were looking for in the first place. We have a big team of people now that are working specifically on the Centenary Rally so it's not just down to a handful of people. There are still some task elements that need to be taken on by some of the people in some of the clubs and therefore he would appeal to any of the clubs that haven't involved themselves in something directly with the Centenary to please indicate to Paul that they are willing as a group to look at helping in some direction. They will then be asked to join the team and asked to take on some specific element. Obviously with an event this size, sharing the load is important.

We also have had legal negotiations to provide clarity and advice. One of the things that we had a concern about, which is now being dealt with, is the question of liability and responsibility, which is a big question for those organising the event. We all hope there will be no issues or problems, but we cannot be absolutely certain of that, so we have identified an insurance broker who is extremely experienced in these matters and understands our requirement. We are waiting just now for them to come back with a quotation but what they have initially indicated is containable well within our budget. We do have a budget and the Treasurer specifically for the event (David Lucas) is working to that budget. People responsible for certain aspects of the Rally all know what budgets they have got.

We are hoping that by the Autumn of this year that registrations will become open. This will all be done on-line. You will be able to book in for the event, book accommodation and camping pitches, trailer parking, meal tickets and all that kind of thing in advance.

We know that whilst to lots of people doing something like this is not an issue, there are quite a number in our groups and clubs who will struggle a little bit to deal with this on-line, so we are in discussion about how to help those people or even find buddies to do it for them. We certainly don't want to leave anybody high and dry but we do recognise that there might be one or two members who don't even have the internet let alone a computer. It is important that we are inclusive but at the same time it is also important that we don't lower our sights to a common denominator that lives in the past. It all needs to be done on-line.

As far as the interest levels already are concerned, when I last spoke to Nick Salmon who is dealing with the marketing for this event, I believe that the levels of interest on the website were over 900. (After the meeting it was confirmed we have just topped the 1,000 mark for subscribers to the Centenary newsletter updates).

It is quite likely the event will be well subscribed. There have been some rumours that the event wasn't taking place at that venue or the budget wasn't right, but we have a contract, we know the cost, we have done budgets, it is being controlled and we are hoping to get booking everybody in, in the Autumn.

There is a lot of camping accommodation at the venue and a fair amount of 'hotel' accommodation which is very nice. It is not limitless, and it is likely that all that accommodation will eventually be taken up so we will be publishing lists of other accommodation like bed & breakfasts and hotels for the immediate area.

Comments:

- Ken Hickman asked about risk assessments and Nick confirmed that a process was in place and a team of people looking at it to ensure risk assessments are completed as appropriate.
- Andy Lowe asked about the pricing and if thought had been given to people that want to bring multiple vehicles. Nick explained that at the moment no final decisions had been made but the team are incredibly keen to encourage as many cars to come as possible. People with multiple cars will not be disadvantaged.
- David Cochrane encouraged those that do have multiple cars and are concerned about getting them all there to sign up to the Loan Scheme which is being run by Chris Garner. Nick said that was a good point and that one or two people have already been loaned cars. There are one or two overseas visitors for example who won't be able to bring a car but wish to come to the event and being loaned a car will mean they can take part in the runs and other things that are arranged over the week. The question of Insurance for the Car

Loan Scheme was asked by Jim Blacklock. David Cochrane confirmed that Chris Garner had this all covered and a procedure is in place to make sure everything is covered and people are vetted.

- Gerald Mullord asked if there was a Business Plan to cover the event and if we are going to circulate that to the member clubs at some stage. Nick confirmed that we didn't have something we have described as a business plan but we did have a budget balanced by income against expenditure. Gerald confirmed that is what he meant by a Business Plan. Nick explained that the expenditure has already been identified and the income, in round figures, has been identified but there are details of that we are still working on, as in exactly what is going to be charged. We do have some 'ballpark' figures but there are certain aspects such as sponsorship being worked on by a team of people. Sponsorship will affect the income so, to answer the question we will have what Gerald is calling a Business Plan, which we will probably call a budget, but it's not ready yet to circulate between the clubs. Autumn this year will probably be the appropriate time to circulate it amongst the members of the Association. Nick explained he is very keen the whole thing is transparent to all the clubs and issued in advance so if there were any challenges there would be time to do it before the event.
- Ken Hickman asked if we knew the cost per head. Nick explained that we know some approximate figures of costs per head, but we are not publishing those yet because we haven't finally agreed them. We are fighting hard to keep the cost to the entrance as low as possible because we want to encourage people to come, not on the basis of it being cheap particularly but not to put people off because it's more expensive than they would care to pay. We are extremely keen to keep the costs as low as possible which is why things like sponsorship is so important because the more sponsorship we get the less will be the cost. There is no question of the Association trying to make an income or put money in the bank from this event. The Association is going to spend all the money it can get its hands on, on the event and keep the cost as low as possible for the members.

10. AOB

- Harry Hales asked about John O'Groats to Lands End in the Centenary Year. Nick said that it would be nothing to do with the Centenary Event and as far as he was concerned there was no John O'Groats to Lands End organised. There was a feeling amongst many people that it would be a little dangerous today and the challenge would be to have something that would be an interesting drive but not have the same potential dangers attached to it.
- Janet Edroff said there was a Centenary Euro Tour in May / June 2022 going ahead. Due to an enormous hike in the price of the long ferry crossing they had to re-think their destinations and are now doing the short crossing going to The Black Forest and Alsace. It will be about 900 miles over French Roads. They have set a limit to 50 cars and already have a reserve list but some people may back out due to the health situation, although they are hoping by then it will be ok. Janet said a newsletter will be going out to those signed up in about ten days time, they are just waiting for the Travel Agent to finalise the hotels. Nick Turley asked if the details could go in the magazine and Hugh

confirmed that when it had started to be planned it had gone through the magazine then.

- David Cochrane said that at the time of the next meeting in July we will be allowed out again so will that be a physical meeting or a hybrid of a physical meeting plus a Zoom link. Nick said that would have to be discussed but there were no plans to do that at the moment as we don't want to lose the geographical spread that we have managed to achieve. This doesn't preclude having a physical meeting as well but we've got to give it serious consideration.
- Janet Edroff said that they are hoping that the Beaulieu rally will be going ahead
- Nigel Barfoot of the Austin Ex-Apprentices Association thanks Nick, Paul and the rest of the team for inviting him to the meeting. He has found it most fascinating and stimulated a lot of ideas. He has already written a number of emails to ex-apprentices to see how they might get involved with the Centenary and other things that we are planning. They will certainly be promoting it on our behalf (Since the meeting the Austin Ex-Apprentices Association (AEAA) have joined the Austin Seven Clubs' Association as Associate members.
- Nick thanked our overseas members for attending and hoped they would encourage others in their respective areas to join in future

11. Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 11th July 2021

- **Date and Location of Next AGM**

Sunday 8th April 2022- Location to be confirmed.

Appendix 1

Austin 7 Clubs' Association			
Financial Report 1 January to 31 March 2021			£
Balance 1 January 2021 Current A/C		30,454.99	
<u>Receipts January-March 2021</u>			
Magazine Sales		268.00	
Sale of back numbers		0.00	
Subscriptions for 2018/9		0.00	
Magazine Distribution Recharged to Clubs		0.00	
Receipts Warwick DVD		0.00	
Advertising		0.00	
Interest Received		0.00	
Receipts for Jack French Garage Project		0.00	
Sale of Binders		0.00	
Insurance Payouts		0.00	
Archive Sales		5.00	
Digital Archive Receipts		0.00	
Other Misc Income		0.00	
Production Changes Book		10.00	
Index Booklet Receipts		0.00	
Hiscox Adverts Receipts		0.00	
<u>Total receipts</u>		<u>283.00</u>	
<u>Payments January-March 2021</u>			
Magazine Print and Layout Costs		2,905.88	
Magazine Distribution (postage)		686.92	
Production Changes Book		0.00	
Index Booklet Costs		0.00	
Subscriptions (ie FBHVC)		0.00	
Jack French Garage Project Costs		0.00	
Room Hire for Meetings		0.00	
Binders Costs		0.00	
Insurance		2,419.24	
Archive Costs		0.00	
Archive Purchases		53.49	
Digitisation of Archives Project		0.00	
Website Cost		0.00	
Hiscox Rebated Payments		0.00	
Officers Expenses		0.00	
A7CA contribution to Jack French Garage project		0.00	
<u>Total payments</u>		<u>6,065.53</u>	
<u>Account balances at the end of March 2021</u>			
A7CA Current A/C Balance		24,672.46	
2022 A/C Balance		<u>7,603.59</u>	
Total Balance All Accounts		<u>32,276.05</u>	
<u>Payments Jan-Mar</u>			
Brainstorm 2021 A		360.00	
Jump D&P 2021A		2,090.00	
Postage 2021A Howard Annett		390.92	
Jump D&P 2021A Postage		296.00	
Insurance Routen Chaplin		2,419.24	
Dropbox - Editor		95.88	
Archive Purchase Hugh Barnes		53.49	
Brainstorm 2021B		360.00	

Austin 7 Clubs' Association						
Financial Report 1 January to 31 December 2020			£			
Balance 1 January 2020			28,396.35			
<u>Receipts January-December 2020</u>						
Magazine Sales			19,855.65			
Sale of back numbers			67.00			
Subscriptions for 2018/9			420.00			
Magazine Distribution Recharged to Clubs			0.00			
Receipts Warwick DVD			0.00			
Advertising			3,756.00			
Interest Received			0.00			
Receipts for Jack French Garage Project			0.00			
Sale of Binders			96.00			
Insurance Payouts			0.00			
Archive Sales			2,279.00			
Digital Archive Receipts			0.00			
Other Misc Income (Australia Donation)			300.00			
Production Changes Book			85.00			
Index Booklet Receipts			0.00			
Hiscox Adverts Receipts			0.00			
<u>Total receipts</u>			<u>26,858.65</u>			
<u>Payments January-December 2020</u>						
Magazine Print and Layout Costs			10,520.76			
Magazine Distribution (postage)			2,405.41			
Production Changes Book			4.20			
Index Booklet Costs			0.00			
Subscriptions (ie FBHVC)			30.00			
Jack French Garage Project Costs			0.00			
Room Hire for Meetings			122.72			
Binders Costs			0.00			
Insurance			2,391.23			
Archive Costs			4,830.32			
Archive Purchases			814.16			
Digitisation of Archives Project			0.00			
Website Cost			160.69			
Hiscox Rebated Payments			661.00			
Officers Expenses			8,176.32			
A7CA contribution to Jack French Garage project			0.00			
<u>Total payments</u>			<u>30,116.81</u>			
<u>Analysis of Account balances at the end of December 2020</u>						
Lloyds: A7CA Funds			29,248.89			
Lloyds: Jack French Garage project fund			1,206.10			
2022 Accrual Fund			<u>0.00</u>			
			<u>30,454.99</u>			(plus £7,603.59 in rally specific account)
<u>Payments Oct-Dec</u>						
Archive Purchase L. Sheldrick reimburse			221.48			
Jump D&P Design Mag 2020D			2,090.00			
Treasurer reimb stamps			32.52			
Jump D&P Postage 2020D			296.00			
Mag Postage reimburse Howard Annett			285.22			
TSSC Lubenham Archive Store			3,360.00			
Chairman expenses, Garner (incl Arch purchase)			117.00			
Archive Purchase H Barnes			44.80			
Editor Reimburse Costigan (incl Archive purchase)			70.69			
Website Vimeo Reimburse Charles			59.94			