

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003 (Minutes)

1. Apologies for absence

Mark Tredwell sends his apologies due to the sad news that Dave Brown well known in both the Kent Group and wider TR Register circles has suddenly passed away. SDG will be forwarding a card of condolence.

No other apologies had been received except from Clive Brindle.

2. Receive and Agree Minutes of AGM Minutes 2002

Previous minutes agreed as being a true representation of issues/matter discussed at last years AGM.

3. Matters arising

Arthur Massey raised that he thought it was a little disappointing that the recent inter group event with Goodwood was poorly attended. Ian will contact their Group leader and we will have to look at how we can improve this next time.

Poor turnout generally at this years AGM, similar to previous years too. Ian proposed perhaps we should move the AGM from a Sunday to a normal club night either in Oct / Nov. Agreed by all present that this should be adopted from 2004.

4. Receive reports

- Group Leader – see enclosed report
- Events Co-ordinator – see enclosed report. Chris announced he would be stepping down this year partly due to work commitments. He has enjoyed his 4-5 years in the role but would like the opportunity to hand over the post to someone else. Ian thanked Chris for all his hard work in arranging plenty of successful shows.

5. Treasurers report

See enclosed report. Explained that overall the clubs finances are very good with a balance of more than £180, which is the best for many years. This was despite an overdraft problem with the bank, which was a total misunderstanding and now has been resolved. Club funds will always be spent for the benefit of club members e.g. gazebo. However presently it is not enough to ensure that everyone receives the newsletter for free, but we are mindful of the members who are missing out who don't receive one. The TR Action will have to continue as the way to reach these people for the meantime. A way of reducing overheads was that it could be e-mailed to as many people as possible for free and that this will be encouraged during 2004.

6. Election of officers

- Group Leader – Ian May
- Deputy group Leader – Graeme Mowbray
- Treasurer – Ralph Haffenden
- Events Co-ordinator – Gregg May
- Newsletter Editor – Jane Worsfold
- Elect Committee Member – Roy Hunnisett

7. Group Funding

Raffles have proved worthwhile. Added to this we can claim £150 annually from the TR Register. Ian will be asking the register whether more money could be made available to local group. Another idea suggested by Roy was to try and get some sponsorship and acknowledging this on headed notepaper, banners, shows etc. by putting 'with assistance / help of'. Looking for suggestions or thoughts from others about this issue. John Hopkins suggested specialist car repairers might be interested in this kind of sponsorship. He will approach a company he knows of in Heathfield. Other ideas included purchasing a gazebo which when not used for a show could be hired out. In the past we have also raised funds by purchasing equipment / trailer which can then be hired. We need to get thoughts from our wider local membership perhaps through newsletter, clubnights and web-site.

8. Group Nights

Jane Worsfold had scanned the last two years worth of TR Actions social scene reports of the other clubs to see what they got up to on a typical evening. This was circulated to all in the room and was felt we should circulate it to as many people as possible to get an idea of what people want to do. We have the bare bones of the 2004 calendar for 2004 but we want to add activities to the others that caters for all tastes, involves families and spouses. Suggested get members involved in organising club nights as well as the committee members. Weekend trips also prove popular and we need to extend that next year.

9. 2004 Show Calendar

Possibly too early to discuss specific shows at the AGM as many have yet to confirm dates. Felt we are perhaps over stretching ourselves by trying to do too many shows we need to discuss some key shows that we want to support as a club and leave the others for our members to attend if they wish. Many felt that we should meet at a designated place and arrive at the show as a convoy. This would have the added benefit of ensuring we are all together. Also need a focal point like gazebo (mentioned earlier) and perhaps barbeque. Discuss this further at the next committee meeting and after we have received some feedback from our members. Then detailed information regarding who to contact i.e. Gregg's appointment and shows planned could be circulated on a postcard.

10. Group Web-site

See enclosed report. People did discuss the possibility of setting up E-groups so as soon as web-site is updated everyone registered is e-mailed a notice to inform them. Could be used to send out newsletter electronically. Need to add some more sections like For Sale / wanted etc.

11. Any Other Business

None

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Statement of Accounts

The funds currently available to South Downs TR Group in the HSBC bank account currently stand at £180.77 (see summary below). In March 2003 we became aware that we had incurred overdraft charges due to a delay in obtaining the records from the departing treasurer. Immediate action was taken and within a short period of time we were awarded a refund of almost all charges.

Brief Financial Summary (1st Mar 2002 – 30th Sep 2002)

No change to the balance of **£25.82** throughout this period

Brief Financial Summary (1st Oct 2002 – 30th Sep 2003)

Money In		Money Out	
Balance	£25.82	Xmas	£481.77
Xmas	£432.90	Trophy engraving	£10.00
Cheque from the register	£75.00	Stamps	£56.96
Subscription fees	£42.00	Business cards	£5.00
Raffle takings	£164.02	Website	£57.46
Profits from summer	£55.50	Overdraft charges	£254.34 saunter
Interest	0.06p		
Overdraft refund	£251		
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Total In	£1046.30	Total Out	£865.53

Balance as of the 12th October 2003 = **£180.77**

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Event Co-ordinator report

This year we had 12 events initially highlighted on our event's calendar. These included 2 new shows run by Argus and Friday Ad. The majority of shows were well attended especially towards the end of the summer months. Unfortunately one of our most popular shows the Bexhill 100 had been axed due to problems with sponsorship which was a disappointment for many of our members who have taken part in the past.

We also had members take part in Kent's annual weekender as well as their autumn leaves tour. Many of us also managed to travel to Malvern this year for the International as well, setting up our own specific area within the campsite.

List of shows we attended

- Kent Weekender
- Brighton & Hove motor Club, Stanmer Park
- Argus Summer Motor show, Brighton Racecourse
- Ardingly
- Friday Ad Motor Show, Bentley
- MG weekender, Plumpton
- Battle Abbey
- Shoreham Airshow
- Hellingly

Shows that we did not manage to attend were

- Crawley Classic and American car show
- Amberley (clashed with International this year)

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Nov 2003

Social Secretary report

We now have 40 members who subscribe to the quarterly newsletter. Hopefully in the New Year we hope to give it a new look including colour. We have had a few contributions from members mainly who have items to sell. However we would like to see some more articles from our members to help fill the spaces.

In addition to the newsletter we have tried to ensure that a social scene report has been submitted in the majority of the TR Action's for this year.

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Club Nights in 2003

'What's in the bag competition'
'Mastermind competition'
'Guess the car'
'Continental Car Tours' speaker
'Best presented TR'
'Racing your TR's' talks
Video night

Club Nights/events Other groups have done

Trip to Gaydon
Children in need event
Brewery visit
Quiz against another car club
Treasure /Scavenger hunt
Jag factory / something closer
Darts and domino's
Inviting another group over
Duck racing (rubber ducks
on a river)
New members night
Mystery day trips
Visit to Brands Hatch
Guess the baby competition
Own group regalia
Raid on another club night
Contact and meet other
Triumph groups – TSSC
Dinner on steam railway
Rebuild seminar
British Beer Festival (Olympia)
Coffee and cakes evening
Xmas Quiz
Gymcarna
Pub games night
Golf Challenge
Scatter Hunt
NEC Classic car show
Car boot fairs
Night at the races/dogs.

Other events

Summer Saunter
Skittles challenge
Brighton to London BBQ
Vineyard visit
Visit to Santa Pod
Concourse evening including
barbeque
Karting
French trip
Driving computer game challenge
Ten pin bowling
Formula One visit
Scalextric evening
Gliding evening
Snooker / Curry evening
Photograph evening (old shows
etc)
Picnic run
Pool night
Educational visits e.g. museum
telescopes etc.
Bonfire party
Trip to cobra factory
Fish and chip supper
Halloween party
Skid pan training
Visit to rolls royce
Aston Martin factory
Clay pigeon shooting
Trip to London shows/shopping
Bluebell railway
Trips to castles like Leeds/Arundel