



The 20-Ghost Club Limited
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**MINUTES of the Eighth Annual General Meeting of The 20-Ghost Club Limited
(incorporating the Sixty Second Annual General Meeting of the 20-Ghost Club)
HELD at Harris Manchester College, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TD
at 19.00 on Saturday, 18th February 2012**

PRESENT

Sir John Stuttard (Chairman)
Roland Duce (Director)
Brian Fidler (Director)
Tim Forrest (Director)
Nigel Hughes (Director)
Strone Macpherson (Director)
Nick Naismith (Director)
Brian Palmer (Director)
Graham Tyson (Director)
Jimmy Valentine (Director)
Tony Dyas (Company Secretary)

INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Anthony Armitage, Clive Barham-Carter, Richard Boggon, Ashley Carmichael, Angelika Elliott, John Fasal, Ken Forbes, Allan Glew, Michael Hilditch, Ray Lockett, John O'Dowd, John Redmill, Michael Whitaker and the Chairman of the Australian Chapter, Rory Poland.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

These had been circulated.

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

The Annual Report for 2011 and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2011 were received. The adoption of the Report was proposed by John Marsh and seconded by Sue Taylor, and then approved by the Meeting. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by David Else and seconded by Lenox Jamieson, and then approved by the Meeting.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The following directors were re-elected by the meeting, after being proposed by Lenox Jamieson and seconded by Clayton Banks:

R. J. B. Duce
B. H. Fidler
T. J. Forrest
N. H. Hughes
P. S. S. Macpherson
N. J. E. Naismith
B. Palmer
J. R. Redmill

Sir John Stuttard
G. B. M. Tyson
F. A. B. Valentine

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Brian Fidler was re-elected by the meeting as Treasurer, after being proposed by the Directors and seconded by Janet Valentine.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sir John Stuttard thanked all members of the Committee, individually, for their contribution to the Club's activities and also thanked those who had organised tours during 2011, as well as Tony Dyas, Brian Fidler and Tim & Susie who had arranged the AGM.

Sir John Stuttard made reference to the retirement of Lord Elgin as Honorary President and commented on all the hard work and support he had given the Club in his years in Office. He announced that His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester has graciously agreed to become the Club's next President for a period of five years. He had pleasure in proposing this resolution, which was seconded by Lenox Jamieson and approved by the meeting.

Sir John Stuttard announced that, during the year, the Club was delighted to welcome some very distinguished Honorary Members: Lord Montagu of Beaulieu; Torsten Müller-Ötvös, Chief Executive of Rolls-Royce Motors Cars; Ian Cameron, Chief Designer of Rolls-Royce Motors Cars; as well as Lenox Jamieson and Digby & Marjery Wills, three of the Club's longest serving members.

Sir John Stuttard mentioned that Sue Glew, who looks after the Club Shop items, has sourced a new Club tie, as well as a body warmer and scarf.

There being no other formal business, the formal meeting closed at 7.30pm and the Chairman proceeded to discuss the events programme.

EUROPEAN TOURS & EVENTS – 2012 and 2013

- Annual Spring visit, at the end of April, to the Macphersons
- Followed immediately by a weekend tour of Dorset
- The Irish Georgian tour in Northern Ireland at the end of May
- A day watching polo in Hampshire
- In July, a three week tour of Denmark, Sweden, Latvia, Estonia and Finland
- The Autumn Weekend in Oxfordshire/Warwickshire, with the possibility of some Shakespeare at the newly revamped Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford
- The Re-Enactment of the 1913 Austrian Alpine Trials April

AWARD OF TROPHIES AFTER DINNER

Mileage Trophies

Alpine - Highest Mileage by a car awarded to Tony Dyas

Tony has had a varied year's motoring in his sporting Silver Ghost 2087E. Starting with the Tulip Tour, then off to Ireland, then down to Sussex and Hampshire for the spirit of Ecstasy celebrations, then trialling the London to Edinburgh route and finally surprising the Bentley Drivers Club by using 2087E as a substitute for his Speed Six on a 2,200mile French Tour. In total he achieved 6870 Miles

Woodmansee - Highest Mileage by a Ghost awarded to Tim Forrest

Tim sailed around the country in his large Barker Tourer, much of it with the hood up, which preserved Susie's hair, but did nothing for his fuel consumption! He first did some filming at Goodwood and celebrated the Spirit of Ecstasy centenary in London before setting off to Holland.

He then went on the Prince Henry tour around England, Scotland and Wales, before doing the top gear run to Edinburgh and finally searching for spies in Bletchley Park making a total of 4250 Miles

Small Horsepower - Highest Mileage awarded to Regula and Peter Velvart

This was a very close contest between two 20 HP cars one from 1928 and the other from 1927, both of whom covered just over 7,500 Kilometres. The first was David Else who frequently wins this trophy. He travelled from Wales to Windsor, then to Scotland and then with other 20 HPs over to Normandy before returning to Wales and then setting off to Beaulieu and finally the North of England

Our second nominees were Regula and Peter Velvart from Switzerland, who took their 1927 tourer from their home near Zurich and first set off on a Rally to Sardinia, before returning and then coming to Oxford and setting off with other 20HPs to Normandy. From there back to Zurich for a tour of the Swiss Alps and thence back to Oxford again. Remarkably on his return to Zurich from Normandy, his little 20 did 910km in one day thus earning him the Trophy. The fact that this small horse power car runs so well should be no surprise to us as Tim Forrest tells me that in 1973 it left its base in Devon and participated in the first celebration of the 1913 Alpine Trial. Well Done! As the trophy cannot leave the country David Else accepted the Trophy on Peter and Rogula's behalf

Other Trophies

The Harding Rolls Trophy, originally won by Charles Rolls, was awarded to Andy Wood, for producing the most memorable performance of 2012 with his twin brother Paul, in taking the original 1911 under slung Silver Ghost 1701, from London to Edinburgh through modern day traffic in top gear, exactly 100 years after the car achieved the same feat in September 1911

The Dymock Maunsell Trophy which is awarded to the best driver, was this year won by Georgina Wood who not only drove the family's 1914 Silver Ghost from London to Edinburgh in Top gear, but at the same time managed to navigate and take some fabulous photographs on the move, all the while keeping her mother and aunt happily chatting away on the back seat!

Georgina also won **The Fergusson Wood Trophy** for the best achievement by a member under 35

The Stanley Sears Trophy for Meritorious Service was awarded to Nick Naismith for organising two truly exceptional tours during the year, the first being the Prince Henry Tour and the second being the London to Edinburgh Tour. Both were truly memorable tours and the coverage of the latter in the RAC club's magazine, together with the full report in Octane magazine, greatly enhanced the Club's standing

The Fergusson Wood Photographic Award was given to Tim Forrest for the photographs he either took personally or organised on the Tulip, Prince Henry, and London to Edinburgh Tours

The Phoenix Trophy for Restoration was awarded to Graham Tyson who has persevered with great determination and personal involvement to overcome many obstacles in carrying out a ground up restoration of his 1920 Silver Ghost 97AE to its former glory.

The Brian Wootton Trophy for Most Assistance Given on Tours was awarded to John Ashforth, who drove the support truck and gave tremendous assistance on the London to Edinburgh Tour, keeping the cars serviced and most memorably for draining 80 years of deposits from the fuel tank of one member's family Silver Ghost in the yard of the Bear at Woodstock

Trophies not awarded

The Harry Watson Trophy for Engineering Accomplishment