

The 20-Ghost Club Limited

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MINUTES of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of The 20-Ghost Club Limited (incorporating the Sixty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the 20-Ghost Club) held at Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, London on Friday 26 February 2016

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Sir John Stuttard (Chairman)
Tim Forrest (Vice-President and Director)
Roland Duce (Director)
Brian Fidler (Director & Treasurer)
Ken Forbes (Director and Company Secretary)
Philip Hall (Director)
Rosemary Jeffreys (Director)
Michael Lyndon-Stanford (Director)
Nick Naismith (Director)
Brian Palmer (Director)
John Redmill (Director)
Graham Tyson (Director)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Ashley & Adrienne Carmichael, Michael & Angelika Elliott, Mike Evans, John & Rae Kennedy, Strone & Alex Macpherson, Russell Rolls, Malcom & Clare Tucker and Georgina Wood.

Apologies were also received from the Chairman of the Australian Chapter, Peter Crauford, who sent his best wishes from the Australian half of our Club and, indeed, from all down under.

It was with particular sadness that members at the AGM formally recorded the deaths in the last year of Lord Montagu, Don Meyer and David McPhee. Lord Montagu contributed a great deal to the old car movement in many ways – the formation of the National Motor Museum, the annual Beaulieu Autojumble, as well as the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, of which he was President. Members were proud that he was an Honorary Member of the Club. Don Meyer was a colourful New York bond dealer who, true to his trade, drove his Silver Ghost extremely fast around hairpin bends. David McPhee was a well known member of the Australian Chapter and must have broken the record for the longest time taken to restore a pre-war car – it took him 50 years to bring chassis number 1122 back to life. They will all be missed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

These had been circulated.

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

The Annual Report for 2015 and the Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2015 had been circulated electronically to all Members. The adoption of the Annual Report & Accounts was proposed by Henry Fitzhugh and seconded by Sue Taylor and approved unanimously in the meeting.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The following directors were proposed by Henry Fitzhugh and seconded by John Fasal for the ensuing year and were unanimously re-elected in the meeting:

Ashley Carmichael

Roland Duce

Philip Hall

Brian Fidler

Ken Forbes

Tim Forrest

Rosemary Jeffreys

Michael Lyndon-Stanford

Strone Macpherson

Nick Naismith

Brian Palmer

John Redmill

Sir John Stuttard

Graham Tyson

RETIREMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

The meeting noted that after many years' service on the Committee, Nigel Hughes had stepped down. His role as Database Manager would be taken on by Henry Fitzhugh. Nigel's service to the Club was recognised by the Committee making him an Honorary Member.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Philip Hall was proposed by the Committee and seconded by Anthony Armitage as Treasurer for the ensuing year and was unanimously elected in the meeting. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Brian Fidler for all his work over the last seven years as Treasurer. The meeting endorsed, unanimously, the Committee's proposal that Brian should become a Vice-President. The meeting also noted, with pleasure, the award of an MBE to Wendy Fidler.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked all members of the Committee, individually, for their contribution to the Club's activities and those who had organised tours during 2015.

Finally, he thanked Tim & Susie Forrest who had arranged the AGM and who had, in particular, devised the menu card and collected the trophies.

There being no other formal business, the formal meeting closed and the Chairman proceeded to describe the events programme, as follows.

TOURS & EVENTS – 2016

- A spring lunch at Armsworth Park House on 23 April
- A visit on 5 May to the Hunt House where the 20-Ghost Club's records are stored by the Foundation
- The Irish Georgian Tour of Cornwall between 6 and 9 May
- A two week tour of France, from 17 to 30 May, culminating in a Concours in Biarritz
- A concert, including Mozart's Requiem, at Roland Duce's grand home in Nottinghamshire on 4 June, preceded by a tour of the countryside
- A day at Sandhurst on 3 July, with driving tests, Concours and picnic
- And, finally, a tour of Wales from 9 to 13 October

EUROPEAN TOURS & EVENTS – 2017/8

- A 2 week tour of Northern Spain and Portugal in June 2017
- Other one day events
- An adventurous tour to Poland and Northern Germany in June/July 2018, ending in Potsdam and Berlin with an optional extension to Hamburg and the Hook of Holland

NEXT AGM & ANNUAL DINNER

Venue and date to be confirmed.

AWARD OF TROPHIES AFTER DINNER

Mileage Trophies

Alpine - Highest Mileage by a car was awarded to Mermie Karger who has travelled 3,352 miles in her Silver Ghost SG2442

Woodmansee - Highest Mileage by a Ghost was not awarded this year.

Small Horsepower - Highest Mileage was awarded to Henry Fitzhugh and Rosemary Jeffries in 25/30 GRP49, with 3,496 miles.

Other Trophies

The Harding Rolls Trophy was awarded to John Redmill, for organising two tours of Ireland and being Editor of News & Record for 5 years

The Stanley Sears Trophy for Meritorious Service was awarded to Brian Fidler for his outstanding service as Treasurer of the Club.

The Dymock Maunsell Trophy for the Club's Best Driver was awarded to Anthony Armitage

The Fergusson Wood under 35 Trophy was not awarded this year

The Fergusson Wood Photographic Award was awarded to John Kennedy for his great photographs appearing in News and Record

The Brian Wootton Trophy for Most Assistance Given on Tours was not awarded this year

The Harry Watson Trophy for Engineering Accomplishment was awarded to Mike Evans

The Phoenix Trophy was awarded to Malcolm Tucker for his loving care bestowed on his Silver Ghost