***The 20-Ghost Club Limited***

##### Minutes of an EGM and Committee Meeting held between 14:00 and 15.15 on Thursday 14th January 2021 by Zoom

**Present**

Ken Forbes (Chairman)

Brian Fidler (Company Secretary)

Philip Hall (Treasurer)

Graham Tyson (Membership Secretary)

Sir John Stuttard

Strone Macpherson

Nick Naismith

Doug Magee

John Redmill

Johnnie Gallop (Editor, News & Record)

John Narvell

John Snook

Henry Fitzhugh (in attendance)

Rosemary Jeffreys (minutes)

**Apologies** were received from Fokko Keuning and Ashley Carmichael, who was unable to connect by Zoom.

The **EGM** originally arranged for 13.45 was postponed to 14.00 because some people had been unable to connect at 13.45. The only person attending other than the Committee members was Tom Jones, who had given his vote to the Chairman. The purpose of the EGM was to pass a resolution to approve the amendment to the wording of the Articles of Association proposed by the Company Secretary, and circulated to all members in advance, viz to add the words ‘or in attendance live online by an electronic link such as Zoom’ after the words ‘12 Voting Members personally present’.

**Minutes and Matters arising**

1. The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 24th November 2020 were approved.

*The results of the EGM* were that 31 Members had cast votes in favour before the meeting, and there were none against, so the resolution was passed. The amendment to the Articles of Association will be dealt with by Ken and passed to Brian and Henry and John Narvell for the website: **Ken Forbes, Henry & John N**

*Approval of Report and accounts to 31 October 2020*: There were still two mistakes in the spelling of Rosemary’s name (should be Ms R.A. Jeffreys). Philip had already corrected this and the Report and Accounts were therefore approved. Philip

will circulate 3 copies of the accounts for signature by himself and then to Ken and Brian, for return to the accountants and eventual filing at Companies House**: Philip Hall, Ken Forbes & Brian Fidler**

A question had been raised about the raised cost of Publications, which was up some £9,500 up on last year (page 9 of the accounts); Philip explained that this was attributable solely to the final cost of the Anniversary book.

**Membership Report**

1. Graham reported that there were four new members, of whom one was in the US and two in England and whom he had been able to meet on FaceTime/Zoom. One of them had bought Tim Forrest’s 1924 car. Graham was congratulated on his excellent work.

**Company Secretary’s Report**

1. Brian Fidler announced that he was resigning as Company Secretary for domestic reasons, with effect from the AGM, but would remain on the Committee. John Snook had kindly agreed to take over, and Ken will give him full back-up and support. Brian said that all the documents were up to date. The insurance for matters other than travel had been renewed at no extra cost; the travel insurance had not yet come up for renewal.

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. Philip Hall presented his report. Ken suggested moving some of the sterling to Hoares from the Lloyds bank account (as there was a cost to holding Euros at Hoares), in order to reduce the exposure of the Club to risk, since only £85,000 is guaranteed. This will be reviewed by Philip and Ken, as the Lloyds account is the easiest for Philip to operate and sufficient funds must be left for everyday requirements.: **Philip Hall & Ken Forbes**
2. Philip reported that subscriptions were mostly paid promptly by members in the UK. The Americans were always a bit slow and UK money transfers more complex for them.
3. Rosemary asked whether it would be a lot of trouble to show how much of our Bank holdings was deposits for events. Philip said that it would not, and indeed he used to do this, but that in fact most of the money held by the Club was for events, as the only other income was from subscriptions. This led to a discussion about a matter raised by John Snook, about whether the Club should keep a separate Client Account for Tour funds. It was agreed that this was not actually required, since any funds received from participants could not be considered to be ‘clients’ money’, as they were for events organised by the club and such funds would only be returned to participants in very specific circumstances. Attention was drawn to the club’s ‘Tour Guidelines’. The club acts as travel agent and avoids having to register for VAT under TOMS (Travel Operators Margin Scheme). In answer to a question it was noted that receipts and payments for each event and our are separately accounted for: **Philip Hall**

**News & Record**

1. Johnnie Gallop said that the new issue was due out in January, which those who had seen it in advance said was again excellent. He thanked Rosemary and John Stuttard for their proof-reading.
2. Rosemary reported that Peter Blond had very sadly died of Covid at Christmas time, and asked whether it might be possible to mention this in the next issue. There had been a full interview with him recently (Issue 59) and he had not been a member for very long, so it was perhaps unnecessary to do an obituary. Henry had seen Peter only a couple of weeks, driving his 20. Johnnie readily agreed, and would see how this could best be done**: Johnnie Gallop**
3. Ken will tweak his column to refer to the continuing difficulties with Covid, which mean that we are likely to see further disruption to our programme of events, as discussed below: **Ken Forbes & Johnnie Gallop**

**Club Database and Website**

1. Henry said he had nothing to say, other than that he had continued with progressively handing over the database to John Narvell.
2. John said he was coming up to speed, and commented that when building up capabilities it was important to make sure this was done in the right way.
3. Sir John Stuttard said that he had spent a lot of time indexing photographs from the Anniversary Book and captioning them so they could be used by Johnnie in N&R and others when requiring photos for club purposes. He will pass them to Henry for lodging in the database so that they are safe, and will leave it to Henry and John to decide where to put them and how to make them available to all members: **Henry Fitzhugh and John Narvell**

**AGM**

1. Ken invited comments on his proposed arrangements for the AGM, ie that it should be held by Zoom with all votes and questions submitted in advance. Rosemary said she thought it might be quite popular and asked whether time could be made for drinks and a chat after formal business. This was greeted enthusiastically and it was agreed that there should be a cocktail party by Zoom. Ken also said he would have a look at the letter of invitation to make it a bit softer, so as to encourage attendance. Johnnie Gallop and John Narvell offered the use of their professional Zoom subscriptions, to avoid the 45 min time limit, which was much appreciated: **Ken Forbes**

**The London to Edinburgh**

1. Ken explained that it was intended to put everyone participating in the L to E on the first leg of the Scottish tour, to follow on immediately.
2. Expressions of interest had so far only been sought from Scottish Tour participants and 14 cars had signed up for the L to E. AX201 with P&A Wood will only be doing the Scottish Tour with Sir Michael Kadoorie. Nick said there was scope for 20 or so cars for the L to E, depending on RRMC attendance. They have offered photographic and support crew (Nick and Ken have a Zoom meeting with Mindworks on 22 January to discuss this and the Alpine in 2023)
3. It was agreed to wait a month or so before sending out a flyer, to see how things go with the vaccine: **Nick Naismith**

**Events and tours in 2021 onwards**

*13 March AGM by Zoom*

Voting and log in instructions will be sent out with the AGM Notice and accounts, using a Professional Zoom account, to avoid being timed out after 45 minutes: **Ken Forbes**

*18-20 Apr Mallory Court with Concours and Spring Lunch*

This is unfortunately looking less likely to take place as early as April, given the new strain of the virus and uncertainties about the timing of vaccinations and their effectiveness. However, the hotel is still in business. It was agreed that Brian and Ken would review this in a month’s time and report at the next meeting in March.: **Brian Fidler & Ken Forbes**

*6th-11th May IGS Tour, Derbyshire* John Redmill

John Redmill reported that the IG Committee was meeting this weekend, but this tour looked very unlikely to take place in May, as it involved visiting houses indoors, not to mention travelling with others from the IGS in members’ cars. The IGS would hold discussions with the hotels about postponement and a revised date and report back: **John Redmill**

*11-13 May Lancaster Experience &BBMF* John Snook

It was not clear whether this would be able to go ahead as planned. To be reviewed at the March meeting

*June Habsburg Tour* Angelika Elliott/John Stuttard

This has now been booked for June 2022

*12-15 July New Forest & Beaulieu short tour* Irvine Laidlaw/Johnnie Gallop

It was agreed that this should not be launched to members until the vaccine position was known. To be reviewed at the March meeting.

*4-8 September London to Edinburgh Top Gear Run 5 nights* Nick Naismith

See above

*8-21 Sept and 10-23 Sept 13- night Scotland Tour* Ken Forbes

This could be postponed if necessary to 2022 or beyond, although it was fervently hoped, not least by Ken, that it could take place in September this year.

*Oct. Autumn Lunch Weekend Event?*

To be decided

**2022**

Postponed HabsburgTour Angelika Elliott / John Stuttard

Tour of Wilts, based near Stourhead Johnnie Gallop

**2023**

Jul/Sep? Loire Valley Alain Niepceron / John Stuttard

Jun Alpine Tour for 110th anniversary Nick Naismith + Mindworks?

Graham may arrange a tour around a VSCC event in Anglouleme, c.15-27 September.

**Trophies**

17. Brian Palmer was nominated for the Stanley Sears Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the Club over many years, having organised many events, attended even more and been a Committee member for decades.

18. An email about the mileage trophies had already gone out. Only one response had been received, from Henry Fitzhugh, who reported that he had driven some 2,500 miles in the one car that was still eligible for the trophy. It was agreed that this was remarkable in the circumstances, and that he should be awarded the trophy.

19. It was agreed that the Photographic Trophy should be awarded to Kimberley Hughson for her outstanding photographs.

**Any other Business**

20. John Narvell mentioned that he had been thinking about whether we could make more use of Zoom for the Club members. Examples included sessions on technical topics such as magnetos, Autovac etc, individuals showcasing their car collections, academic presentations (such as a friend at the V&A who was an expert in 1930s designs), by someone from a car museum, and maybe on fashion for cars. This was welcomed enthusiastically, if John was willing to set something up

21. It was agreed that we should have a committee meeting every 2 months to review the position on events. Current information on the efficacy of the single jab alone is limited, but 21days are required to build immunity. The indicated timing for a second jab is up to 12 weeks (+21 days for immunity build up?). The prudent position is likely to be that events will only resume once members have had the second jab.

**Date of the Next Meetings**

21. It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 10th March, by Zoom, at 3pm, in advance of the virtual AGM on 13th March.