

TALBOT OWNERS' CLUB LTD AGM
Saturday 28th November 2020 2.00pm
Virtual meeting held on Zoom

Present: Gordon Higginbotham, Ian Potts, Gill Potts, Heinz Scholl, David Booth, Reno Gatto, Stephen Lally, Guy Gregory, Richard Newby, Frank Haslam.

Viv Fishwick, Director.

Martin Lawrie, Glyn Lloyd, Howard Day, Neil Lucas, Simon Scott, David Roxburgh - Chair.

Minutes

Welcome

Viv Fishwick, Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to David Roxburgh, Club Secretary to run the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence
None recorded
2. Approve minutes of 2019 AGM, as circulated
Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Gordon Higginbotham, seconded by Richard Newby.
3. Receive and approve Report and Financial Statement, as circulated
The Committee, there having been seven nominations for the eight positions, was confirmed. Proposed by Gordon Higginbotham and seconded by Ian Potts.

Howard Day, Treasurer, gave the financial report:

Firstly, very sincere thanks must go to Viv Fishwick who stood down as Treasurer in April 2020.

Viv's contribution to the Club over many years has been enormous.

Secondly, thanks must also be given to David Roxburgh and Glyn Lloyd for setting up the Direct Debit arrangements for the collection of Membership Subscriptions. This was successfully trialed in 2020 and it is hoped most members will use this method to pay their Club subscriptions in the future.

Subscriptions continued to cover the basic costs of running the Club, cost of the magazine, postage, insurances and AGM expenses. However, during the year the Club was very active, incurring additional expenses to stage the outstanding display at Kop Hill, continued development and upgrade the TOC Website, legal fees for advice on the new Club constitution and made a donation to the charities supported by the Kop Hill Climb Festival.

These additional costs were covered, without having to use Club reserves with a small surplus for the year. This was achieved primarily from continued donations from members to the Club which are very much appreciated, the surplus on the Tickford Talbot rescued in the year, profits on the sale of secondhand parts, for which James Fack must be thanked in organizing, advertising income from Lancaster Insurance in the magazine and sponsorship from Footman James towards the cost of the Kop Hill display.

Looking to the current year, due to COVID, income other than membership subscriptions are inevitably down and a small deficit is forecast. However, the Club has adequate reserves and can look forward to 2021 when hopefully normal activities can be resumed later next year.

The Report and Financial Statement was agreed and was proposed by David Booth and seconded by Vivien Fishwick.

2. Company Report

David Roxburgh, Club Secretary, gave the Committee report:

The TOC celebrated its 85th year in 2019 and I hope those original Members would think we are continuing "*the fuller enjoyment of Talbot ownership*".

The first Club event of the year was the tour of New Zealand, a hugely ambitious trip that was very successful. On the home front, the Club visited the HQ of the Veteran Car Club in February. March saw the well-supported AGM at Woodlands Hotel, Leamington Spa followed by a visit to Charlecote Water Mill. The June Tour of Southern Ireland was greatly enjoyed as was the Welsh Marches Tour in July and the Anniversary Celebration of the 1934 Alpine Trial which was held later the same month. Both of our outings to Prescott – Pre-War and VSCC – proved popular, each with its own contrasting appeal. A highlight of the year was the Chiltern Tour and TOC display at the Kop Hill Climb in September, where Talbot was the featured marque. A good Christmas lunch enabled us to end the year on a high.

For the first time, the TOC 'rescued' a car, a 14/45 Tickford Sunshine saloon, to ensure its escape from the crusher. The car has now found a new owner and we hope to see it restored in due course.

The Spares team continued to sell good quantities of second-hand spares and more new spares have been organised.

Archive acquisition seems now to be confined to Facebook where all sorts of Talbot information can be found.

The Magazine celebrated its 100th issue and continues to publish a wide selection of articles from a cross-section of our Members for readers to enjoy.

Our new Club Forum was launched as part of our developing Club IT resource, and the TOC Facebook page now achieves extraordinary readership figures.

Our finances are healthy, with running costs well-covered. We have made a small surplus even though there has been considerable expenditure on Club assets, promotional activity, the website and charity donations.

Membership has still continued to increase, which proves we must be doing something right as many Clubs are losing members.

Much work has been done on the proposed new Club articles which aim to make the running of the Club much more accountable to its Members.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee who have worked hard using their varied expertise to develop our membership value: All contributors to the Magazine, Ian and Gill Potts (spares and proof-reading), Chris Salmon (trophies), Sue Wheildon (regalia) John Dodd (spares and technical advice) and the Spares Committee. And finally, thanks also go to the Directors for their continued sound advice and support.

Special thanks go to Viv Fishwick who has served as Membership Secretary and Treasurer and now retires. I know that the many Members who have contacted Viv over the years have always found her very helpful and enthusiastic—Viv, you are much appreciated.

I know that Members appreciate the time and effort that our Committee members and volunteers contribute to the success, activity and interest provided by our Club and look forward to an active and rewarding 2020 when we are finally allowed out in our cars again.

3. AOB – (questions submitted by 21st November 2020)

It had been suggested to publish the main points of the new proposed Articles in the Magazine for Members' to comment on. An excellent idea and this will be done in the new year.

4. Close of meeting

David Roxburgh thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2.38pm.