

Stourbridge Pre-War and Classic Car Club

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Minutes of Meeting held on 9th November 2023

- 1) **Apologies:** - Steve Low, Dave Price, Geoff Salminen, Geoff Bethel, John Bates, Kevin Birch, Dick and Buffy Chater.
- 2) **Agreed Minutes of Last Meeting:** - Proposed Pete Fox, Seconded John Humphries.
- 3) **Matters Arising:** - Howard apologised for missing Ian Hankinson and John and Alma Humphries from the list of people who gave their apologies.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** - John Lees informed the meeting that the Christmas Bash has been booked for Thursday 30th of November, to commence at 7.30. The food and entertainment have also been booked. The club will purchase prizes for the raffle. John to invite Karen and Kevin as guests. Members have been notified if they are required to pay as numbers are seriously limited. If you have not had a notification about paying, then you have not been successful at getting a place.

The auction night raised £275 which the club is going to make up to £300. The Club committee have proposed £50 to be donated to Tettenhall museum and £250 to the Air Ambulance. All at the meeting approved this expenditure.

The next meeting on the 14th of December, will be a quiz night with nibbles. Members have been asked to contribute prizes for the raffle. The more prizes, the more winners. There will also be a showing of a C.D. from the past, so members come along for a good laugh.

John mentioned the Mid-month lunch run had a good turn out and his wife, Karen, had reported back that the food was good. Also, the Bonded Warehouse weekend had a poor turnout of cars on the Saturday due to the weather. However, on the Sunday there was a far better turnout of cars as the weather was so much better.

The Skittles evening proved to have a good turnout. Kevin was the star of the show, he worked hard all evening. John felt that we could do with more events like this in the future.

The breakfast run to the Down then on to Tettenhall Museum proved to be disappointing with the lack of people turning up to take part. The event itself was good. John is now looking for further suggestions of events we could run in the future.

Chris Lees suggested a run between Christmas and New Year.

Trip to Cosford.

British Iron Works at Oswestry.

A trip to behind the scenes and the engine sheds at Severn Valley Railway.

5) Vice-Chairman's Report: - Dave reminded the meeting that the skittles evening was a great success, and a big thank you goes to Kevin Birch for arranging the event. Dave also notified all present the best team won. (Can't think who was in the team Dave!!!)

6) Secretary's Report: - Howard said that the upper limit for attendees to the Christmas Bunfight on the 30th of November has now been reached. Those successful have been notified.

The Welsh trip booked for the 17th to 20th of May 2024, he has so far been informed of 14 bookings. The farm can take up to 24, so please can we fill those last few vacancies. If you have not been before, please discuss with a fellow member who has been on the trip or even Howard. The cost is approximately £320 per person for 3 nights and is exceptionally good value for money.

Kevin spoke to Howard to inform him that no cars have so far been volunteered for the Restoration Show. They are looking for 3 cars and if some work is required all the better. We would like a pre-war, a post war and a classic car if possible. Please liaise with Kevin or Howard, it is a great weekend.

Howard notified the meeting about John Bates and his time in hospital. He has had a stent put in place to improve his blood circulation. John is now a member of the stent club and is home now making a good recovery.

7) Treasurer's Report: - Income last month was £277 raised at the auction, as this is for charity, I have rounded it up to £300 from club funds. Charity distributions to be agreed at this meeting.

As is traditional, we have donated £50 to prostate cancer UK, in memory of Rod Jones.

I also paid the Squirrel for the skittles evening.

Expenses:-

£487.50 Skittles Evening, £50 prostate cancer

Income:-

£277 auction, £212.50 Christmas Soiree

Accounts:-

Savings:- £3031.56 Current Account:- £1524.20 Cash in hand
£180

October raffle raised £31 Thanks to all who took part.

- 8) Newsletter: - The chairman thanked Yvonne for a good newsletter. Yvonne said she had received several articles from members which makes the newsletter more interesting.
- 9) Webmaster: - Chris said the site, like the newsletter, is reliant on member's input and thanked Arthur and Howard for some photos. Chris is looking into the club films onto the web page.
- 10) Events: - Iris had nothing to mention except the New Year's meeting at the Down.
- 11) Membership: - Geoff Salminen not present.
- 12) Historian/Librarian: - The committee has appointed Geoff Bethel to replace the late Rod Jones as Historian/Librarian. Geoff was proposed by John Lees and seconded by Alan Bateman. This is to be ratified at the next A.G.M. Alan Bateman said that Geoff is also to become a signatory in respect of cheques for the Club.
- 13) Facebook: - N/A
- 14) Any Other Business: - John Lees spoke about Rod Jones's Funeral. There was a wonderful turnout at the funeral, especially from the SPW&CCC. One or two old cars turned up to see him off. John spoke to Rod's son, who reported £850 had been collected in respect of prostate cancer.
Martin Brown is to investigate organising a group space at Weston Park next spring. If interested, please let Martin know.
- 15) Mid-month Lunch: - This will be at the Bell at Trysull on the 22nd of November. Hank will be handing out forms on which you can provide him with feedback from the venues we have so far visited.
- 16) Raffle: - The winner this month was Yvonne Walton

Meeting finished at 9.20pm

New Year's Day Lunch Monday 1st of January 2024

The Down Inn,
Ludlow Road,
Bridgnorth,
WV6 6UA



Phone 01746789539

Lunch is booked for 12 noon.

A reminder the Club party is on the 30th of November at 7.30 upstairs in the meeting room. If you have not already paid, can I remind you to pay Alan **before** the evening.

Editors Ramblings

Dear All,

I am so sorry that the Newsletter/Minutes are so late this month, the Thursday of the monthly meeting the hard disk drive on the computer gave up the ghost. I took it to P.C. World, and they would not send it away for repair, but gave me the name of a repairer in Kiddi. To cut a long story short I collected a new computer from the repairer last Thursday, I tied setting it up the next day, but couldn't hook up to the internet.

After a busy few days, I have finally been able to sit down today (Wednesday) to sort the problems out. I have got things up and running

enough to enable me to word process and access Amazon. I must say I did not look forward to setting up the new computer as there always seems to be problems.

You may have noticed on the front page that Geoff Bethell has taken over the post of Librarian/Historian from the lovely Rod. Geoff will have a hard act to follow, but I am certain he is more than up to it. Welcome to the committee Geoff.

I am not writing a newsletter this month as there is little to say, and this is running very late. Yvonne

Events

November

30th Club Party in meeting room. More details to follow and date to be confirmed.

December

9th REV's at Enville 4pm Carols by Carlight.

14th Monthly meeting, quiz with snacks to follow.

January 2024

1st Lunch at the Down Inn

11th Monthly meeting

13th REVs at Enville