

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8th FEBRUARY, 2017.

Salen Hotel, Salen, Isle of Mull, 8.00pm.

Present: Geoffrey Gallagher, John Clayton, Sandra Clayton, Adrian Fitness, Alastair (Fred) MacLean, Chris Warden, Eddie O'Donnell (Snr.), Norman MacPhail, Allan Cameron and Jenny Reddaway.

1. Welcome

GG welcomes those who present and regretted that numbers were so few.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Diana Baines, Dr Neil Bowring, Ian Parkin, Elizabeth Klinkenberg, Stewart MacDougall, Chris Baker and Jamie Reddaway.

3. Minutes of the AGM on 10th February 2016

These were agreed to be a correct record and were proposed by AC and seconded by SC.

4. Chairman's Report

GG regretted that there had been no auto-test last year and was hoping to put one on before Easter if possible. Looking forward, GG advised that an entry had already been received for the rally time trial and of course the Argyll Rally.

5. Treasurer's Report

Members were advised that the Rally Time Trial lost around £700. It was suggested that, with costs rising, the fee should be raised by £25. The Club had spent considerably more on events and equipment over the year; details were available from Diana Baines who would be willing to answer any queries. Overall the Club's position was healthy enough.

EO'D, referring to Mull Rally, thought that the Club should approach the Guardians for financial assistance. It was reported that the Club had received £1000 from the Guardians to cover the previous two years and there should be another £1000 to come. The deficit on the event arose from the purchase of equipment paid for by the Club. It was noted that the MSA will not give a rebate on consumables such as tape and boards, etc. It was also noted that the Club purchased black/yellow tape in 2016 which has been kept for Argyll Rally use.

AC asked about professional fees. It was noted that DB prepares the accounts and uses Henderson Logie to verify them. Two years ago, the Club gave money to DB for her work and GG suggested the Club should do the same this year; this was agreed

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership in 2016 was 147, an increase of 15 over the previous year. At the time of the meeting 65 people had joined, compared with 77 the previous year.

7. Chief Marshal's Report

Another very busy year with the same rallies covered as in previous years. Much more help from members staking stages ready for Mull Rally this year; thank you, it did make a huge difference, as did the use of the old Council Shed down the pier road. Thank you Peter Stanhope. Rally went really well in atrocious conditions after so much fine weather and a brilliant result for our own John Macrone.

The huge change this year and for 2017 is RALLY FUTURE and SAFETY with the implementation of the directive that ALL marshals should be either accredited or better still Registered. If you are not then on events you will have to be placed with those who are with a ratio of 1 registered to 4 non registered marshals. This might seem a pain to people who have occasionally gone out to help but this is the new format and will not change so if we want rallies to continue it must be upheld. Gone are the days when it was lack of competitors that caused events to cancel now it is shortage of registered marshals. It is a quick and easy task; to comply simply go on to the Mull Car Club web site and follow the link on the front page.

The next big step we are supporting is the pre-registration of marshals online for individual events. This allows organisers to see in advance where any shortages may be and where used has been very successful. An added benefit is the marshal knows what he is doing before the event so they can plan accordingly. This will be used in June for Argyll Rally.

The web site is up to date (thank you, Neil) and the next event on the Island is the Rally Time Trial in Fishnish on Saturday 25th March. I am in need of lots of accredited marshals to man the stage. Same format as last year with a lunch break with FREE burger for all signed on Officials. The stage has been partly cleared and looks so different, also not only has the road been repaired but the Forestry have agreed to build a big new car park for our use which is great news. Thank you to the Mull Foresters for pushing this forward. There will be NO entry to the stage from either the Start or Finish. The event was very well received last year and we hope for the same again this year with a bigger entry. Following which we have the annual DINNER DANCE in the Isle of Mull Hotel. This has been really well organised by Fred and Cathanne and great value for money. It is an event not to be missed, again details on the web site.

Also on the web site is the Calendar of events. Please have a look to see where we are going to this coming year.

Finally after 16 years in this job I announce my stepping down. Thank you for all your support but I am afraid it is now time for someone else to take on the task. I

will be there for whoever needs any help and I will complete what I have agreed to for this year ie Speyside , Pirelli and Argyll Rallies.

Thanks again

John

8. Appointment of Directors

Chris Baker, Norman MacPhail, John Clayton and Chris Woodcock were appointed as Club Directors.

9. Appointment of Club Officials

Geoffrey Gallacher was elected **Chairman**. Proposed by John Clayton and seconded by Sandra Clayton.

Treasurer – Diana Baines. Proposed by Jenny Reddaway and seconded by Sandra Clayton.

Membership Secretary – Fred MacLean with Cathanne MacLean. Proposed by Geoffrey Gallagher and seconded by Jenny Reddaway.

Chief Marshal – John Clayton. EO'D acknowledged that JC wished to retire from this role but suggested that JC remain in this position whilst training someone else up to take over in 2018. JC agreed to this and Adrian Fitness volunteered to be his deputy.

Secretary - Jenny Reddaway. Proposed by SC and seconded by GG.

10. Any Other Business

CW expressed concern that fewer and fewer people were coming joining and taking on roles. A number of events were suggested: autotests ; a treasure hunt and a production car trial and more social events were also proposed.