

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MASERATI CLUB Ltd

Held via Zoom on 13th June at 11.00am.

Present: -

Issue 2

Members of the Committee

Sir Drummond Bone	Michael O'Shea	Jerry Hutton
Graham Wood	Matt Briffa	Andy Heywood
Luq Niazi	Gail Mosley	Tony Willis
Chris Green	Brian Harris	

Attendees: -

John Bennett	Susan Bennett	Peter Holmes
Peter Field	Dick Pole	Mary Pole
Michael Miles	Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles	
Simon Frodsham	Roger Epsztajn	Helen Miles
Jacky Wood	Andrew Hutton	David Timmons

Clare Hutton

Dave Smith – minutes.

Apologies for absence: -

Colin Addy	Paul Clayson	Sean Muirhead
Andy Burgess	Edwin Faulkner	Mark Carpenter
Charles Lumby		

Welcome by the President.

Sir Drummond Bone welcomed all to the virtual AGM [again] and hoped this would be the last one held via zoom. The President then handed over to our Chairman, Michael O'Shea, to continue the AGM.

Item 1.

To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th June 2020 via zoom. These were approved. Proposed by John Bennett and seconded by Peter Holmes. There not being any objections the minutes were adopted.

Item 2.

To receive and adopt the Report and Accounts of the Maserati Club Ltd for the financial year ending 31st December 2020.

Presented by our Treasurer, Luq Niazi, our membership had held up well despite the pandemic and limited events. This Report is available on the Club Website under "Resources." Michael Miles asked why the number of creditors had increased, Luq replied this was due to the N.Yorks Tour deposit, the N.Ireland Tour [now moved] and the Christmas Lunch.

There not being any other questions it was recommended this was adopted by the Committee. Proposed by Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles and seconded by Simon Frodsham, the Report and Accounts were adopted.

Item 3

The Chairman's Board Report: -

This is when the chairman would describe all the wonderful events we enjoyed over the year but alas there were virtually none. We did attend Salon Prive in September and my congratulations to Rob Burnett with his immaculate 3500GT and Michal Roberts with his Indy as the winners of the Maserati Concours. The pandemic caused so many disruptions to families and lives, that the opportunity for Club Events was extremely limited.

Consequently, income and expenditure for the Club was limited to Membership Fees and the essentials i.e. administration of the Club, maintaining the Website, producing the Trident magazines and Newsletters and hosting a few Zoom calls. With no opportunity to hold the AGM nor invest in Classic Car Shows attendance, the Club ends the year with a surplus of £8,931 and this will be maintained as a Current Account operating reserve for reinvestment. Luq Niazi our treasurer has given you a fuller report.

Membership Summary

As a benchmark we began 2019 - with 657 and ended with 694, an increase of 37 members.

With the time delay on actually issuing the numbers we started 2021 with 701 members and ended the year with 704 despite the pandemic an increase of 3 members. Even this is slightly misleading because a number of either non-payers or payers of old amounts were removed from the data base.

We started this year with 711 members and as at 26th May, the current active membership total on the website database stands at 719 including 17 associate members.

Item 4.

The Directors are each required to retire after serving for 3 years and stand for re-election if they so desire. Luq Niazi having been appointed in June 2018 now stands for re-election. Proposed by Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles and seconded by Simon Frodsham, there not being any objections the proposal was agreed.

Item 5.

The Committee retires annually and now stand for re-election as a whole.

Proposed by Sir Drummond Bone and seconded by Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles there not being any objections the proposal was agreed.

The President and Vice President are each serving a 5-year term from June 2018 and are therefore not required to offer themselves for re-election.

This concludes the formalities of the Annual General Meeting.

The President closed by saying he should be in Italy, but things have changed due to Covid. He thanked everyone for their loyalty and attending the AGM.

The Chairman then thanked Dave Smith, our administrator, and one of our longest serving members for taking both the AGM and Committee Meeting minutes for longer than he cares to remember! His is not in an elected position so does not require to be re-elected, our sincere thanks go to Dave for all his work. I would also like it to be recorded in these minutes that all the Committee and Directors do a lot of work behind the scenes for which we are all grateful.

The Chairman, Michael O'Shea, thought it would be uplifting to hear about the Club plans for this year following the cancellation of so many of our events last year so handed over to our Events Co-Ordinator Gail Mosley to brief you on our social events: - Gail said despite Covid restrictions there were plenty of social events this year; there was Clay Pigeon shooting at Bisley, a visit to the Haynes Motor Museum being organised by Chris Green, the London Classic Car Show at Syon Park and the Concours at Hampton Court Palace being co-ordinated by Luq Niazi, the Salon Prive being organised by Michael O'Shea at Blenheim Palace and the Silverstone Classic being organised by Edwin Faulkner. There will be a visit to the showroom and farm of Max Girardo co-ordinated by Gail Mosley, the MC20 Experience in Italy co-ordinated by Sir Drummond Bone and the Gurston Down Hill Climb co-ordinated by Chris Green. The Autumn Meeting in Yorkshire is being organised by David White. Other events in the pipeline are the Cotswold Motor Hub lunch, the Jim Buss Summer Garden party, the Lincolnshire Drive and hopefully the Christmas Lunch.

Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles said the French Trip would be going ahead next year and the details will be on the website in July. John Bennett added that details of the 2022 Autumn Rally, held in North Berwick, can go on the website in August with an August 2022 date.

Details of all these events will appear on the website in due course.

The Chairman then introduced our Newsletter Editor, Matt Briffa, to present his plans for the Newsletter: -

Matt started by saying the website would be re-skinned shortly and we also have the Trident now Edited [again] by Andy Heywood. A positive way to go forward was to change the Newsletter to an electronic copy with minimal set-up costs. The topics would be the same but could include links to other events. The Chairman added that this had been discussed by the Committee, and they thought the time was right for a change.

Both Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles and Simon Frodsham agreed this was the way to go. The Treasurer, Luq Niazi, said the budget for the new proposal would be 50% of the current cost. The Newsletter would still be published bi-monthly but care must be taken not to "double-up" with the website. Matt suggested producing an electronic copy for comment.

Helen Miles said an electronic copy could be printed off if you wanted a hard copy. The Chairman asked if this would initially be on the website, Matt replied it would be e-mailed out separately. Luq Niazi suggested if it was sent out as a pdf it would be easy to print out if needed. Roger Epszajn suggested that this might limit functionality as a lot of members would use a mobile phone to read it.

Following this discussion the change to an electronic Newsletter was approved.

As there was nothing else on the Agenda the Chairman asked if there were any comments or questions: -

Marie-Elisabeth Deroche-Miles said well done to the Committee for not changing to the "Maserati Owners Club", a lot of other Clubs in Europe were also against this. The Chairman said our current stance was to do nothing as we are not an owners club.

The President closed the meeting at 12.00hours thanking all for attending and hoping for more motoring in the future.

Dave Smith

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