

Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club - Great Western Section
Minutes of the 35th A.G.M.
11.30 am Sunday 31st January 2021 by Zoom

Present: Valerie Smallwood Chairman Russ Herbert Committee member
John Ball Vice-Chairman Margaret Ball Secretary
Keith Taylor Treasurer

Members via Zoom – Nicholas and Suzanne Finch, Anthony Spender, Malcolm Tucker, Malcolm and Sandy Hobbs, Tom and Fiona Clarke, Mark Griffiths and Roland Billson, Antony Channing, Mary Saunders, Alec Jacobs and Jackie Herbert.
By telephone Peter Morris and Sue Lloyd.

1. **Welcome** - Valerie welcomed members to this our first Zoom AGM. Due to technical issues David Wyld, Chairman of the Board of Directors, joined the meeting later by telephone.
2. **Apologies:** Neil and Jean Sturgess, David and Alison Mallinson and Stephen Grey-Harris. Due to joining technical problems apologies were assumed from Ted and Viv Carver, Reginald King, Terry Unwin, Richard Dallimore and Steve King who were unable to connect.
3. **Approval of Minutes** of the last AGM held 5th January 2020 – previously circulated
Proposed by: Russ Herbert seconded by: Suzanne Finch
ALL IN FAVOUR:
4. **Matters Arising: Apprenticeship Scheme** – Russ reported we have been running our Apprenticeship Scheme for 5 years and have presented awards to 5 apprentices. During this time several other apprenticeship schemes have been created – so the Committee has agreed not to continue. On behalf of the section Valerie thanked Russ and Keith with their helpers, for their most successful efforts and her thanks were appreciated.
5. **Chairman's Report** – Valerie noted that since the inception of the Great Western Section, she has been involved with the Committee, taking various roles, sometimes just as an advisor. (She had suggested the title of Great Western Section at the inaugural meeting). For the past decade Valerie has served as Chairman and as a committee has never experienced any disagreement. Just a great deal of fun. She is stepping down as chairman at this meeting.
Russ thanked Valerie and requested that the “Minutes record the thanks of the section for 35 years of harmony with Valerie’s assistance.”
6. **Secretary's Report** – Margaret thanked fellow Committee Members for their support and work during the past year. We are hopeful that many of our plans may be revived.

11 new Section members during the year – hope to meet them. Sadly, we have lost Wendy Parfitt and Michael Broadbent, also Julian Coates who was a 40year member and with his Bentley attended one of our first Section Events – a Restoration Run organized by Nick and Suzanne. We last saw him at Bowood in 2019 and he and Rosie were at our Shepton Mallet prison visit in 2018. This month I was especially pleased to welcome Eleanor and Robert Heck, Julian’s daughter who has taken on his car.

Congratulations to Jean and Neil Sturgess on their wedding and thanks for Neil’s work as a Committee Member. Thanks also to Reg King for all he has done, especially organising regular Aston Martin factory visits, plus so much more, a proper thank you will be in the next Newsletter.

As we had no volunteers for the role of webmaster, the GWS Website will not be updated, however, Margaret hopes that John might take it on when improved Broadband reaches Kenn. She mentioned proposed events carried forward from 2020 plus two proposed 'socially distanced' Picnics - Russ and Jackie at Painswick and John and Margaret at Kenn.

She sent her best wishes to the New Board of Directors wishing them every success in the future.

7. **Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Accounts** – Keith explained the accounts, virtually approved by Suzanne Finch. In the circumstances, very healthy. The Committee is planning a 'free or greatly subsidised event' for our members when we can.

Proposed by: Malcolm Hobbs

seconded by: Jackie Herbert

ALL IN FAVOUR:

8. **Election of Committee** –Valerie handed over to Suzanne and the Committee 'stood down.'

Suzanne took the Chair – Vote of thanks to retiring committee.

Members standing for re-election – John Ball, Margaret Ball, Ted Carver, Russell Herbert, Valerie Smallwood and Keith Taylor – all were duly elected.

Proposed by: Mark Griffiths

seconded by: Malcolm Hobbs

ALL IN FAVOUR:

9. **General Club matters** - From the Chair, Valerie expressed our thanks to 'wordsmith' Malcolm Hobbs as a 'secret weapon' who assisted Suzanne and Malcolm Tucker with their deliberations concerning the problems at Hunt House. Suzanne then explained that GWS, having studied Board Minutes, had been appalled by the disarray at THH, which eventually led to a General Meeting in October and now the new Board of Directors of RREC Ltd. Our thanks go to Malcolm and Suzanne for providing lots of copy for circulation to our members and explanations of the situation.

David Wyld, Chairman of the Board of Directors of RREC Ltd

At this opportune moment David Wyld, Chairman of the Board of Directors of RREC Ltd was able to join the meeting by telephone. His first words were greeted by applause and a warm welcome from Valerie.

David spent the next 50 minutes, getting to know the members, explaining a lot of background, and answering questions. So far, he has only met one other member of The Board personally, all other communication has been by telephone or Zoom. David is looking forward to meeting members and invited us to email him with any queries. His contribution to the meeting was greatly appreciated and the desire to meet reciprocated.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Followed by a Committee Meeting to elect Officers of the Section for the coming year.

Russ Herbert – Chairman
Keith Taylor - Treasurer

Valerie Smallwood – Vice Chairman
Margaret Ball - Secretary