

# **THE MINI SEVEN RACING CLUB - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES : 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Mini Seven Racing Club (a company limited by guarantee) Company number 05519135 (England and Wales)**

**At The Chiltern Hotel, Waller Avenue, Dunstable Road, Luton, LU4 9RU  
The meeting will commence at 11.00 hr.**

31 People were attending at the start of the meeting (29 voted)

## **AGENDA :**

**1** The Annual General Meeting of The Mini Seven Racing Club  
Nick Cooke (NC) opened the meeting, introduced the committee and explained the reasons for changing the venue and date change. Apologies received from; Jeff Carter, Ralph Saunders, Ian Deviny, Patrick Deviny, Paul Clarke, Bert Davis, Gareth Hunt, Liz Dawkins, Alan Dawkins, Malcolm Keat. NC reviewed the year so far and congratulated Jeff Carter for an excellent article in MSN and thanked Nathan Burge, Max Hunter & Andy Hack for their support of the test at Rockingham. NC also thanks to Dunlop (6 free tyres), Rockingham circuit and also to Richard Williamson for providing data for lap records on the website and Steve Whitely for his continued management of the website. Mark Smith's company (ITS, a business ISP) will take over sponsorship of Pole Position Award, Mark explained the services his company can provide and benefits to members. Corgi will be reducing level of free models in the future, which will reduce the income from Corgi. Mark Sims has sold 7 of the 9 rounds to specific 'round sponsors' and hoping to sell the remaining 2 rounds soon. Trophies will be sponsored by Brit insurance – organised by Paul Simmonds.  
NC requested anyone who hasn't yet paid for The Annual Awards evening to do so, as the level of the loss was unacceptable. Pat & Steve King will no longer produce Pitlane magazine, which has been an excellent publication and we need to find someone to take over magazine production.  
Finally thanked all those people who work for the club free of charge and specifically Stuart Hunt (Pistons), Mike Garton (Cams), Alan Dawkins (Race day activities), thanks in advance to Graeme Davis (championship table for 2008).

### **i. Financial statements**

JP presented the financial statement which shows just under a £500 loss and specifically mentioned issues with non-payment of testing fees and Awards Evening tickets by some members. Although the accounts nearly break even, any members who owe for testing and tickets were requested to pay up. JP explained the detail of expenditure and income for 2007 and also the budget income and expenses for 2008. The expectation is a breakeven for 2008.  
There was a discussion concerning the Awards Evening losses and a suggestion the ticket price was too cheap and people would be happy to see a small increase to ensure a break even. General feeling that around £40/person would be acceptable and the need to ensure everyone has paid before attending.

**Proposal 1:** Adoption of Financial Statements :

Proposed by : Dick Hunter

Seconded ; Graeme Davis

For : 29

Against : 0

### **ii. Appointment of auditors**

**Proposal 2:** Appointment of RH Chancellor & Co as auditors for the year ending 31 December 2008

Proposed by : Mark Sims  
Graeme Davis  
For : 29  
Against : 0

**iii. Election of Executive Committee members for 2008**

**Club Chairman:** Nick Cooke

Proposed – Jeffrey Parish  
Seconded – Colin Peacock  
For : 24

**Championship Co-Ordinator:** Dave Older

Proposed – Colin Peacock  
Seconded – Mike Jackson  
For : 25

**Competitions Manager:** Mike Jackson

Proposed – Andy Ruthven  
Seconded – Colin Peacock  
For : 25

**Financial Controller:** Jeffrey Parish

Proposed – Mike Jackson  
Seconded – Dave Older  
For : 25

**Commercial Manager:** Colin Peacock

Proposed – Dave Older  
Seconded – Jeffrey Parish  
For : 25

**Drivers' representative (Mini Se7en):** Andy Ruthven

Proposed – Mike Jackson  
Seconded – Nick Cooke  
For : 25

**Drivers' representative (Mini Miglia):** Mark Sims

Proposed – Mike Jackson  
Seconded – Colin Peacock  
For : 25

**iv. Proposals for amendment to the By-Laws of the Company:**

a. The day to day operations of the Club shall be governed by an Executive Committee, elected annually by the Club. The Committee will consist of the following posts :

- Club Chairman
- Commercial Manager
- Competition Co-ordinator
- Membership Secretary
- Financial Controller
- Representative of the Mini Miglia Class
- Representative of the Mini Seven Class

**Proposed by Graeme Davis**

**Seconded by Paul Clark**

For : 17  
Against : 10

b. The day to day operations of the Club shall be governed by an Executive Committee, elected annually by the Club. The Committee will consist of the following posts.

- Club Chairman
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- Membership Secretary
- Financial Controller
- Representative of the Mini Miglia Class

Representative of the Mini Seven Class

The representative for each class must be Full Racing members of that Racing Class. The representatives of the Mini Miglia and Mini Seven class are to be elected by the Full Racing members of their respective classes only.

**Proposed by Graeme Davis**

**Seconded by Paul Clark**

For : 8

Against : 17

## **2 Official launch of the 2008 Dunlop Mini Challenge**

Colin Peacock presented plans for the 2008 season (presentation to be published on the website). In addition to M7RC social plans, the club will be invited to Mini Challenge social events (Curry night, band, BBQ etc.). There was a discussion concerning involvement in the Goodwood revival meeting.

Action : NC to investigate being part of Goodwood revival.

## **3 Question and answer session / Any other Business**

There was a discussion on arrangements for ATD and AGM which concluded to combine ATD and AGM and hold on a different date to awards evening.

Graeme Davis requested a method for updating driver's details on the website.

The perception of being put at the start and finish of programme was also discussed.

End.