

Scottish Sporting Car Club

A G M 22nd March 2023, at 7.30pm
held online by Zoom call.

Board members present; Robert May (Chair), Alistair Reid, Stewart Paton, Julian May, Brenda McRae, David Robertson, Andrew Park, Bruce Lyle, Emily Carr, Iain Carr.

Members present; Peter Girvan, Pete Weall, Charles Turner, Belinda Braithwaite, Jen Hyslop, Keith Butler, Grant Gibson, Martin Maccabe, and others totalling 17 ordinary members.

Apologies from; Grainger Robertson, Jim Baillie, Carson Brown.

Introduction and Welcome

The Chair of SSCC, Robert May, welcomed all to the 83rd AGM of Scottish Sporting Car Club. Minutes of the previous AGM from March 2022 were proposed by Iain Carr and Seconded by Bruce Lyle.

Adoption of Accounts for year ending 30/November /2022

The Club made a small loss, due to a low entry for the Sprint. Keith Butler found a typing error. Capitol a/c should be £16,998, not £17,998. With apologies, Alistair Reid will correct this figure. The accounts were approved, proposed by Keith Butler (subject to this amendment) and seconded by Andrew Park.

Appointment of Directors

One resignation, from Kenneth McRae. Due to retire by rotation – Bruce Lyle and Robert May. Robert as Chair thanked Kenneth McRae, saying he had given invaluable service to SSCC and assisted in getting us into the 21st century.

Bruce Lyle will gracefully come off the Board, to maintain his role as Club President.

Robert May – proposed by Andrew Park, seconded by Emily Carr.

Robert is delighted to have Andrew Park (already a Board member) as Deputy Chair.

Finally, failing any other nominations, Robert invited any member with an interest to speak with him to encourage their attendance at Board meetings.

The Year's Report for 2022 given by Robert May, as Chair.

Over last year, we ran a number of events at Ardeer and at Forrestburn. We ran a successful, high quality Sprint, and will be running a 2023 Sprint on a newly tarmaced Kames Circuit. SSCC are taking a leading role in the MS-UK Streetcar initiative. Social events have successfully returned to the club calendar.

General comments and questions from members:

Linda Braithwaite – asked for complete dates calendar. Now to be on our updated club website calendar and made easy to copy. Julian and Andrew have been updating our club website and club tech generally.

Bruce Lyle – suggested a Spring Run with simple navigation. The Club does have a “fun run” on 17th June, from the Trossachs to Doune Hillclimb event, all welcome.

Julian – our Anniversary Run which included other clubs, collapsed due to other clubs backing out. A re-vamp for 2024 is hoped for with a mix of social and targa style multi-venue autosolos.

Andrew Park – we are still looking for further venues for autosolos, so please pass suggestions to the Board. Several suggestions made, some to be followed up. Silverburn (expensive), football stadium carpark, (St Mirren in Paisley), old Volvo site in Irvine (Bruce will ask), Safari carpark in winter closed season, Grant's in Edinburgh used by Autocycle Union, Inveraray Castle coach park (in winter), Connell airstrip near Oban.

David asked for "streetcar" to be explained. Robert laid out the idea of an advertising campaign by MS-UK linking to local clubs and targeted at grass roots events. SSCC will benefit from referrals of local interested individuals.

Bruce – mentioned "motorsport month" starting with Jim Clark Rally and including around a dozen Scottish events of all types targeted at spectators and students.

Request for dates that don't conflict with other Clubs, hopefully with better response for next year through SAMSC.

Thanks were expressed from Robert to the 17 members and warm thanks to all the management team, with hopes for a successful 2023.