



## MINUTES FROM MEETING 06-10-2019

Meeting start 10.22

LOCATION: Griffin Room, Chalton House, Luton Road, Chalton, Luton.

APOLOGIES: Mike Hayman, Phillip Wardle, Astra Owners Club, MIG,VX4/90, Bedford Enthusiasts club, FD Register, Mad Vauxhall, Sara North (DSG).

ATTENDEES: JOV, Kadett C, Opel Manta, MVOC, Club Calibra, Chevettes N Kadetts, Viva Owners Club, Vauxhall Drivers Club, Club Vox, Cavalier & Chevette Club, Vauxhall Victor Owners Club, Cresta Club, Astra Mk2 Owners Club, Mk1 Astra Owners Club, Droop Snoot Group, Viva Drivers Club, The Viva Outlaws, Astra Mk3 Owners Club, Mk2 Cav Club, VOC1903-57, Vaux-web, Opel GT club, Autobahnstormers, Shaun Broadbent, Stuart Lindborg, Giselle Coy, Anne Norris, Russ Vaughan

Opening comments from the chairman thanking everyone for attendance. Noted that Secretary was absent due to breakdown en route. At this point, Giselle Coy Was Proposed as temporary secretary to make a quorum for the meeting to be valid. Voted 24 For, Nil Against. Carried Unanimously.

Apologies read out and noted.

Housekeeping, fire exits, and muster point noted.

### 2019 NATIONAL RALLY.

Thank you to the organising committee for all the hard work that was put in by everyone. Thank you to everyone who attended. The VBOA is not in any Debt from the rally. There is a debt to personal individuals on the committee. It was asked if the funds for the rally could be separated from the VBOA bank account. This was agreed that it wasn't a good idea. We were asked what the total cost of the rally was. Chairman explained that total cost was around 40K. the outstanding debt is around 5.5K. the bank balance at the start was around 8K. after the rally, total bank balance £800. Are the lenders happy to let the debt roll until 2020? This was confirmed as accepted by the chairman. Vice chairman asked if we need to hold 8K in the bank as this seemed to be a concern. It was stated that we are a not for profit organisation and as such there is no need for an 8k bank balance as this could be misconstrued as profit and make the association liable for tax.

The Chairman explained that the info he was giving was as much as he knew due to the absence of the treasurer.

Complaints about the rally were as follows:

Toilet paper, rain,



## MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Chairman pointed out that things have evolved from pre internet, forum, social media. Our parts day has gone by the wayside due to social media. Tom and the committee have pulled the membership criteria apart and felt that it needs updating.

The definition of a club is that, a group of people that pay a fee for benefits due to being a member. All clubs need to have a members list and contact details for all members, all clubs wishing to apply must have a minimal committee of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Potential clubs cannot be solely Facebook based. This is just a Facebook group that only talk on Facebook and do not attend meetings or shows as a club. What we are saying is that if a club meets the whole criteria for joining the VBOA then you do not necessarily have to have a website. The chairman pointed out that when the VBOA was formed there was no internet, therefore it was impossible for potential clubs to have a website. The evolution has now moved to the point where Forums are not used as much, and the Facebook page is where most of the information is.

The need for Liability insurance has always been a grey area. Clubs need insurance for shows they are attending. This can be either annual or show by show. The VBOA are not talking about anything other than liability insurance as a prerequisite to join the VBOA. If as a club, you sell parts then that is a separate issue and not governed by the VBOA. The Constitution will state that if as a club you sell spares, you will need appropriate insurance for that. The onus for other insurance lies solely with the club.

All overseas clubs can apply in writing or by video presentation.

Non member clubs can attend the VBOA rally as a guest club prior to application as long as they have valid insurance to cover the event.

We agreed that these changes will be finalised and then voted on at the April meeting.

## CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION / AGM

Chairman explained that by having the AGM/ voting in April could possibly put the association in jeopardy. If a show organiser is voted out at the AGM and decides he / She no longer wants to be involved in the show, this could be a danger to the VBOA and the National Rally. We are suggesting that we move the AGM to October. The vote was taken, and it was carried unanimously.

We need to limit the number of meetings from 6 as is currently set in the constitution to either 3 or 4. It was put forward that we have 1 meeting in October along with the AGM and a pre-show meeting in April annually. If any other meetings are needed, then we can call a meeting with 21 days' notice.



## 2020 NATIONAL RALLY

Date change to 10-11-12 July due to the F1 Grand Prix. The reasons for this are down to Northamptonshire policing, logistics including the A43 being a one way street in to Silverstone and finally, our resources, i.e.: Toilets and shower blocks are all hired out to Silverstone.

All hotel bookings will be taken by the VBOA therefore there is no issues with the hotel rooms being booked early.

We will retain the toilet/ shower cleaner as we did last year.

Do clubs want a temporary toilet on their own stand. This is available if wanted at a cost of £70 per toilet. Some clubs liked this, some clubs didn't. we will have this as an available option to all clubs. Please book your toilets directly with the VBOA.

We suggested putting all toilets in one area, however, the majority voted to stick with the same toilet layout as this year.

Everyone was happy with the autojumble but said it lacked a number plate / show plate stall and a detailing goods stall. This is being worked on and we intend to grow the autojumble next year. We have already had the heads up that more auto jumbler's will be in attendance next year. We will also try to encourage craft goods and non-car specific stands. People would also like performance goods like Paul Roose etc.

Site navigation and signage was poor this year. We will address this and signs from the A14 and the A45. There will also be arrows directing people into the place locally. We will also have better signage within the site.

Some club stands were too small, and some were too large. We will address this and there will be some changes to the layout. This will be in the benefit of all clubs. We need as accurate a number as clubs can give us regarding numbers as this will be in everyone's interest. Viva Drivers and 1903 agreed that they do not need camping pitches on their stands. 1903 asked if they could be sited next to the Bedford Enthusiasts club.

The Motorsport costs were £7000, we took £500 income from it. We are looking at other options for the motorsport, we will also be moving the ticket sales from the gate to the arena. We will not make any decision on what we do regarding the motorsport without putting it to the meeting.

More choice in food and drink stands would be welcome. This is something we are working on. Mainly fish and chips, pies, sausage rolls, toasted sandwiches, coffee and slush puppies.

There were people reported as playing on the live runway and running around aeroplanes that were parked. There were two incidents, one on the Friday and one on the Saturday. We had absolutely no idea who these people were on the Friday and therefore we could not react to this. We mentioned it at the morning meeting and asked all reps to ensure all members were aware that there was no access to the airside. On the Saturday 3 children were caught on the taxi way. These were pointed out to the VBOA by security. I approached the parent of the three children, and he told me that he hadn't seen them, and he was keeping an eye on them.

It was asked by several reps if we were going to do anything about it for next year. Several clubs proposed that the club that the members children belonged to should be banned. It was agreed that there is a fence there and no one should cross that line. It was eventually voted that the family



involved should be banned for 2020. This was carried on a unanimous decision. It was proposed that we state on the booking form that any club members found on the wrong side of the fence will be ejected from site and the club are banned for the following year.

The PA system didn't reach the top end of the site. Would it be possible to run speakers to the top end of the site? The committee agreed that we would look at the costs involved. We are also looking at an option of an event radio station.

Entry costs will be updated for 2020. The new costs will be 3-fold. Per car, per person, per camper. The charges for this will be £5 per option.

Show Car £5

Person entry £5

Person camping £5 per night.

This is a fairer way of pricing for everyone attending and as we are on a live airfield, this gives us accurate data should there be a disaster.

There will be no charge for under 16s

Early bird booking 20% discount on all bookings except the hotel until 31<sup>st</sup> December.

The VBOA have block booked the hotel and have been able to secure last years prices. We also have a VBOA phone where telephone bookings can be made.

Receipts for booking will be used as your ticket and will be exchanged for wristbands that will be fitted by the gate staff. It was agreed that there will be different coloured wristbands for different days etc. any damaged wrist bands will be exchanged for a new one.

All clubs will still receive 1 free weekend entrance ticket for the show.

We have still got some plaques available.

The event will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> from 09:00. It is a full 3 day show

There will be children's entertainment again and we are trying to grow on this. There will be a discount weekend ticket for this.

The plaques and stickers will be available online in the shop or available on the gate.

## NEW WEBSITE

The new website will go live this evening. Ticket sales and hotel sales are in the shop and this will be open as soon the shop goes live. Stuart explained how the ticket sales works and stated that there is a new VBOA phone number for any queries.

Can we create a link so that when someone books a member ticket it sends an email to the club? This is something we can do. If there are any website issues, please use the phone number on the website and they will be dealt with.



Club abbreviations cause issues. It was agreed that we will always use the full name of all clubs moving forward. There are 3 clubs missing from the member club list on the website. This will be rectified asap

AOB

We are always looking for volunteers for the show and if anyone would like to get involved please contact the committee.

We are looking towards editing a VBOA newsletter sent out to clubs. We would welcome any ideas for a name for the newsletter. Hopefully along the GM, Vauxhall Opel Bedford lines. We intend to feature a different member club in each edition, and we will be asking for articles.

New Zealand Vauxhall club are looking towards joining the VBOA and have sent us a copy of their newsletter to see what they are About. The chairman went through the bimonthly newsletter and the member clubs agreed there and then that we can accept the NZ Vauxhall club as an international member club. The chairman agreed that he will send an email the President and welcome the club in to the VBOA

We are looking for any photographs of this years VBOA national rally as we are building a slide show to display and advertise the VBOA at the NEC classic car show. Please send any pictures to [info@vboa.org.uk](mailto:info@vboa.org.uk) or post them on the Facebook page. Any pictures of the event will be accepted except for photographs of an ill mater

The VBOA has a discount code for NEC tickets if it is wanted please use the code CCC9520

To replace the now defunct spares day, there is a Vauxhall spares day and car show at whitewebbs museum, Enfield on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Costs are £5 for entry and £5 to sell in the autojumble. Stuart will put something together on the VBOA website for everyone to see.

we are looking at putting an event calendar on the VBOA website and will welcome all event information from members.

We are hopefully intending to attend more shows as the VBOA in 2020. All club members cars are welcome to display with the VBOA

Do we need a VBOA Chat group for all reps to stay in contact? We will investigate the option of a member group reps forum within the new website or a WhatsApp group type of thing. It was suggested that a WhatsApp group at the show is a very good idea.

It was asked about an update regarding trade club. There was also a query about parts lists and archives. The chairman agreed that he will speak to Vauxhall for an update.

It was brought to our attention that there is a scam doing the rounds from a company called international Fairs Directory. If you sign up to it there will be a fee of £1200. The Chairman suggested that it would be a good idea to contact Alison at Clarion if anyone receives any correspondence regarding the show.

It was requested that we gave Daniela the Vauxhall Marketing staff member a round of applause for her hospitality and this was carried out.



John Knight has achieved a goal of 60 car shows in his 60<sup>th</sup> year and again, a round of applause was given.

The chairman thanked everyone for their time and the meeting was called to an end,

3hrs 18minutes