

Minutes of the North American MGB Register
2005 Annual General Business Meeting
held on October 22, 2005
at the Ramada Inn, Towson, Maryland

- The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by David Deutsch, Chairman.
- There were about 25? (see sign in sheet) members present for the meeting.
- Introductions
David asked for everyone to please stand and introduce yourselves. Please tell us what club(s) you belong to. There is a sign in sheet being passed around, please make sure that you sign it.
- David gave the attendees information on the background of the club and stated that NAMGBR was founded in 1990 as a member-run organization, said the AGM represents what NAMGBR is all about: To be an organization for the members, by the members. He noted that the MGB Driver is back on schedule and the organization's finances are in order, and summarized by saying "I can see we're going to have a good run if we continue to run as we have been."
- Motion to accept the minutes as written and waive being read? Motion made by Rick Ingram, and seconded by Bob Zimmerman. The motion passed.
- The meeting began with reports from the officers as found below. Everyone from the floor was asked to be recognized by the chairman prior to speaking. Also, they were asked to state their name and local club for the record.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS AS PRESENTED

Vice-Chairman's Report by Richard Liddick

Wow, other year has come and gone. This year has seen the addition the following new North American MGB Register affiliated local chapters:

MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Centre – Denver, Colorado
East Tennessee MG Drivers Club – Talbott, Tenn
British Car Club Midlands Centre – Columbia, South Carolina
Gold Coast British Sports Car Club - Pompano Beach, FLA.
Central Ohio MG Owners Club – Dublin, Ohio
Michiana Brits – South Bend, Indiana

In addition to the above, we have one club pending approval – Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol of Lincoln, NE has applied and is short of the required eight NAMGBR members for approval. They are trying to round up a couple more NAMGBR members and hopefully will have them soon.

On the issue of receiving updated info from the local chapters after numerous requests, I still have only received a handful. I have taken to reviewing the list of officers in the newsletters I receive and updating the info with D. Zimmerman and Rick Brown. I also check websites for new info. There are also a number of local chapters that are no longer in good standing, lacking the required eight NAMGBR members. I have found that one way to get the local membership back up and get updated info from those that drop below the required eight NAMGBR members is to inform them that they will not be eligible for insurance coverage under our policy until they get the eight members required to be a chapter good standing. As requests for coverage under our insurance come in, the status of the local chapter's NAMGBR membership is checked with the help of D. Zimmerman for compliance. One method that has helped get the club back in good standing is to suggest that the club buy the memberships and give them away as prizes. It's cheaper than buying insurance coverage for their event.

In addition, during the course of the year I have been working with David, Sue & D. on the daily running of the Register.

One of my other duties has been NAMGBR's representative on the MG Council. This has involved travel to Grand Rapids for a MG Council meeting and a number of lengthy phone conference calls. As many of you aware, MG 2006 All Register event is scheduled for next June 21 to 25 in Gatlinburg, TN. Things are shaping up great for the event and the issues that some of you may have heard of regarding the division of the proceeds from this event have been resolved in what I think was the best deal available to the Register.

Secretary's Report by D Zimmerman

Membership numbers are stable, with 1,619 members currently in good standing. She noted that most membership losses happen after the first year, when new members for whatever reason decide not to renew for a second year.

D noted that the club is saving about \$1,000 a year by no longer sending new membership cards to members each time they renew.

Renewal reminder postcards are sent out about a month before membership is to expire, with a reminder card one month after the renewal date.

D noted that \$22 of each member's \$30 dues goes to the cost of having the MGB Driver printed and delivered, with the remaining \$8 going to administrative costs.

Questions from the Floor:

- There was a question from the floor about the history of the membership numbers. D noted that the most members NAMGBR has ever had was around 1,834, which was the year after the very successful national

convention in Indianapolis. It was noted that membership runs around 1,600 to 1,650 through the course of the year, but that NAMGBR has yet to ever hit 2,000 members.

- Rick Ingram noted from the floor that the North American MGA Register and the New England MG T Register each have 3,000 or more cars registered, but that they are clubs that have been around a lot longer, and that are run by self-appointed boards "in perpetuity." He also noted that the MGA Register registers vehicles, not members, at that all cars taking part in its annual show must be NAMGAR registered.

Treasurer's Report by Sue Deagan

The financial state of the register is in a better position than last year. Overall we increased our bottom line by \$10,269.28.

Reasons for increases and/or decreases:

- Membership Dues increased \$19,392.56 over last year.
- Regalia Sales increased \$1,795.90 over last year.
- Event Profits increased \$2,906.00 over last year.
- MGB Driver - Switched Driver Layout in July/Aug 2004 issue of the driver from Ideal Images to BGA Studio/Charles de Bourbon which is a decrease of \$875.00 per issue of the driver.

Expenses increased from \$7,012.25 from last year. Biggest areas of increase were:

- MGB Driver increased \$4,847.87. We produced 7 issues of the driver compared to 6 issues previous year.
- Postage increased \$1,571.02. Timing of when receipts are sent for reimbursement from secretary
- Mutual Aid Directory cost of \$2,803.50 was printed as a separate publication. Last year part of MGB Driver.
- 2nd Telephone Line for Secretary of \$2,014.56 had not been submitted for reimbursement since April 2002. Receipts have been caught up thru August 2005.
- An email and return receipt confirmation letter was sent to past treasurer Jerry Kohlstein requesting previous year's financial records be sent to me.

I have presented reports to Executive and to the membership (via the Driver) as required by the constitution and by-laws. The financial records are available for any member who would like to review them.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED

MGB Driver Editor by Robert Rushing

Everything is going fantastic for the staff of the MGB Driver at this time. We are fully on schedule and have been receiving a lot of quality material from our membership. Charles de Bourbon has been doing a brilliant job as our Production Coordinator. He deserves most of the credit for making each issue of the Driver "pop". The Sep/Oct 2005 issue was printed in color and has received a lot of positive comments. It is hoped that we will be able to do another color issue for the March/April Driver as well as the annual convention issue next Sept/October.

We have found that a six week lead time helps us be able to get the issue together and to the printer so that it reaches our members by the first week of the month the issue is due. With that in mind, our new deadline schedule for 2006 will be:

Jan/Feb issue - November 15, 2005
Mar/Apr issue - January 15, 2006
May/June issue - March 15, 2006
July/August issue - May 15, 2006
Sept/October issue - July 15, 2006
Nov/Dec issue - Sept 15, 2006

I would like to request that all Register heads & coordinators submit an article if you haven't done so in a while.

I'm also looking for more input from Midget owners within the register along with pictures, classic ads, and other things that might be of interest

Advertising by Mike Penecost

Michael Pentecost has announced his intention to step down as advertising coordinator, although he promised to stay on the job until he can be replaced. The advertising coordinator's job is to keep track of the billing, and to actively pursue new advertisers. NAMGBR's goal is to sell enough advertising to have the ads pay for one issue a year, although we are not quite there yet.

Publicity by Richard Liddick

This year I sent e-mail notices to the MG Owners Club and the MG Car Club of our annual convention. I also e-mailed this information to various car clubs for publication in their newsletters.

I posted information about the convention on the MG Enthusiast Club Website.

With the help of Robert Rushing, Kim DeBourbon and Charles DeBourbon, I put together a write up for the convention that was published in the MGB Driver.

In addition to this, I continued to promote the Register in my conversations with other MG owners at the various events I attended and handed out membership applications at our local show in September.

Discussion

“Promoting NAMGBR is every member’s job,” said Deutsch. “This is your club. We’ve gotten a lot of new members and positive feedback at shows we’ve attended. But we have to get people away from the idea that this is a magazine subscription.”

There was some discussion of coming up with new ways to reach out to the affiliated chapters, to make sure they have NAMGBR membership forms to give to their new members and are distributing them in their registration packets at their shows and in their newsletters.

Technical by John Twist

When, nearly a year ago, Mr Chairman, we all learned of the sudden and unexpected death of the late Captain Robert Mason a week preceding Valentine's Day, the important post of Technical Coordinator was rendered vacant. Captain Mason had held this position, dutifully submitting technical queries and responses to the MGB Driver editor throughout his long service, for nearly the life of the North American MGB Register. Writing from his home in Fairhope, Alabama, the Captain gave studied answers to the many and varied questions posed by the members of this organization. The vacancy thus created wanted and needed an experienced author who could follow in the great footsteps left by Captain Mason. Not a week following his passing did I offer my services, in a short note to your President, to the organization offering those services I could muster to fulfill the need. I had, some years past, held nearly the same position in the American MGB Association, that of Technical Chairman, and from my contributions, not exclusively but in large part, to that organization they continue to sell a thick technical book. Your President responded quickly and emphatically, accepting my offer.

It is my responsibility, now, although no direct instructions were given, to provide a question and answer column in the MGB Driver, as well as to write frequent technical features. I do not edit my frequent Q&A's which are sent not only to the editors of the MGB Driver, but to a number of other MG publications as well. It is the editors, then, who choose a particular MGB query and my response. I have, since my investiture in this position, offered at least two technical features on relatively esoteric developments in the MGB. More are partially completed or structured.

I must add to this report that I also field telephone calls which, because of time constraints, I do not, cannot, type up for publication. Members of the North American MGB Register can find me waiting for their questions at my shop, Monday through

Friday, 1-2pm EST. On occasion, if the question is difficult or the answer involved, I will, willingly, ask the enthusiast to call back during the evening.

Few queries arrive via the USPS. It may be interesting to note that twenty years ago nearly all the queries arrived in letter form.

It is interesting to note that this important and critical service to NAMGBR members is not advertised thus on the club website; in fact, while technical advisors Bob Daniels, Glen Towery, and Norman Nock are listed with telephone numbers, nary a mention is made of my position or services on that page. There is, however, a longer page including some of my technical contributions, found later in the website.

I neither expect, nor have I planned, for any changes in this position, but will, to the best of my ability, continue to serve the members of the North American MGB Register with personal technical assistance. Yet, I would hope, of course, to be able to provide more, lengthier, and, perhaps, more interesting technical feature article for the MGB Driver.

Service Recommendations Bruce Wycoff

Greetings to the members of the North American MGB Register and the host club, MGs of Baltimore

For the first time since 2001, we have published a stand-alone version of the Service Recommendation List, renamed MAD or Mutual Aid Directory.

Although, there were some rocky times in the production and distribution of the booklet, I'm happy to say that the reaction that I received from the membership has been very positive.

The biggest problem that I encountered was a mis-communication with the printer of the directory. After originally quoting a price for printing, they revised the printing quote after seeing the sample. The net result was an increase in the printing cost of \$1,000 dollars.

I had the original three companies resubmit their quotes for the project to insure that the pricing was correct and we were going with the lowest bid.

After returning from MG 2005 in Olympia, I approved the proof from the printer and we were underway with the production and distribution of the booklet.

After receiving the invoice, I made arrangements with the printer to pay the total over a period of months due to the original quoting snafu. Meeting with Sue, it was determined that the total could be paid in full.

In addition to the printed booklet, a PDF version has been created that can be downloaded from the web site. I have been in contact with Rick and we can upload as soon as approved.

In closing, although there were problems and I'll take full responsibility for these, the experience learned through this process will aid me in the next version of the MAD booklet.

Discussion

There was some discussion about the wisdom of giving this valuable information away for free on the website, where it would be available to non-members, and it was recommended that the club ask webmaster Rick Brown about the possibility of protecting it with a password, which would change every other month and be made available to members through the MGB Driver.

Regalia by Elvin Bishop

No Report Submitted however, David reported NAMGBR has bought out Triple C's stock of NAMGBR regalia, and has key fobs, lapel pins and some grill badges, in addition to shirts available for order, using Jeff Zorn of the Little British Car Co. as intermediary. New grill badges are to be made in an octagon shape, although with the same design.

It was recommended that the club put a regalia page up on the website, as well as have a regalia catalogue page in the Driver.

Website Coordinator by Rick Brown

No Report Submitted

Concours by Rick Ingram

Concours competition at MG 2005 in Olympia attracted about a dozen MGs, seven of which were present on the show field. I was again pleased that it required no "recruiting" to fill the field (although there is no minimum or maximum number of participants required to offer judging). I was somewhat disappointed of the number of the "no-shows", but as I previously stated, that's okay as sometimes enthusiasts misunderstand just what Concours involves.

I had a great crew of judges who were NAMGBR members from East Coast, West Coast, and Midwest/Mountain states. (Enthusiasts from Australia also observed our judging format and intended to take some of our program's format back home!) Participants were all from the West Coast with the exception of the owner of the MG who took "Top Point MG", who brought his MGB LE in from River Ridge, Louisiana. (And yes, as far as I know, this MG remained safe from the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.)

All participants received a "Concours Participant" dash plaque in addition to a wall plaque designating "Honorable Mention", "Award of Excellence", or (in the case of the winner) "Top Point MG". The host club did a great job in selecting the design of the trophies awarded to this class; I thank them! Another very nice touch was the presentation of this year's Concours class winner, the MGB LE of Bill Harris) on the

banquet room floor near the concours MGB of Paul and Kathy Hanley on Saturday night.

Names of the participants and the judges have already been published in a previous edition of this magazine, so I will limit this report to giving them once again my "*Thank You, Chap!*" for participating and volunteering in Concours competition this year.

I have been involved with Concours judging since 1994, and it is time for me to pass the torch on to another enthusiast willing to take it to the next level. I know that the foundation laid during my tenure on the footing dug by the previous coordinator, Dennis Trowbridge, will develop into a program that will be the envy of other "marque/model" specific organizations.

It's been an interesting ride. Thanks for the memories.

REGISTRAR'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED

MGB, MGB Limited Edition & 1967 MGB GT Special by Marcham Rhoades aka Ken Smith. – Although these are three separate registers the report was presented as one.

We currently have a total of 2589 MGBs on d/base.

These comprise of 2003 Roadsters
586 MGB/GT

Within those categories are:

266 Limited Editions
114 1967 MGB/GT Specials
12 Factory MGB/GT V8's (non-"spurious"!)

We have registrations from all the contiguous United States, Canada, and several European countries including Germany, Denmark and the UK.

The earliest car which we have details for is GHN 3/L102 the first MGB built in May 1962, and the last in numerical order is a U.S Limited Edition GVVDJ2AG 523000. However, this car was built in August 1980 but we have on record an MGB built in October 1980 a week before the factory closed down. This is a UK "Last Edition" MGB/GT GVGEJ1AG-Pewter in color.

I am still somewhat disappointed by the number of cars which have been registered. We are talking less than 0.1% of the calculated number of MGBs out there.

I would once again urge members to send details of their cars to me, as 25 years on since the factory closed on October 22nd 1980, time dims the memory, and every facet of information on our MGBs is vital to maintain the history and characteristics of what is still, Britain's most popular sports car.

We are always interested in receiving news of members MGBs and photographs to be featured in the pages of the *MGB Driver* In addition we welcome your queries on what goes where and how you can obtain certain items. We may not be able to answer them all but we'll give it a good go!

Midget by D. Zimmerman

I have had well over 2000 Midgets and Sprites come our way. We have also been looking into possibly having a National Midget Meet, with 2011 being the 50th anniversary of the Midget. Of course this would have to be held in a small town. We will continue to check this out and keep the Register posted.

19741/2 MGB by Steve Harding

No Report Submitted

MGB V-8 by Dan Masters

No new registrations. There was a meet in Terre Haute this year, and the 2006 meet will be held in Tennessee, just before the MG2006 convention.

MG1100 / 1300 by Scott Williams:

Hello all, sorry I'm unable to attend the AGM this year. In the last year, I've received much less email from the NAMGBR website link. In the previous year I had received many emails asking questions about restoration and parts availability. On a positive note, It seems that some of the same projects are still underway and nearing completion. I think others have found that MG 1100 restoration takes longer than one would hope and it delays us from getting our cars on the roads more than we ever expect. I'd like to take my time here to compliment the Driver coverage of the Olympia event. Since I couldn't attend, it was great to be able to see how it went through the published photos. If there were a contest for club publications, that issue would surely win!

Talk is already in the email pipeline about next year's event and having a group of MG 1100s attend from all parts of the US. I also hope to write more articles for the Driver. I have one on tap and have more in mind. In the meanwhile, since 1100 owners are spread so far apart, I'm working on my MG 1100 virtual photo gallery that I'll have online soon for NAMGBR 1100 owners.

Pull Handle Registrar by Bill Barge

The **Pull-Handle** sub-register of the **North American MGB Register** is still growing. Since the 2005 AGM, we have added nine early MGB's to the pull-handle list, bring the total number of registered Pull-Handle MGBs to 187.

This past year, I received fifty pull-handle related questions. Forty-six of these were via e-mail, three via snail-mail, and one by a phone call.

I have very much enjoyed hearing from the many enthusiastic pull-handle owners. The wealth of information they possess on these original MGB's is almost overwhelming. And as we have more articles published in the *Driver*, I expect to hear from more non-registered pull-handle

100,000 Mile Register by Jai Deagan

More than 135 cars in the 100,000-Mile Registry. No requests for 200,000-Mile plaques this year.

Original Owners by Bill Hawkins

The Original Owners Register has 78 members. This is by nature a slow growing group. Either you are a original MG owner and you want to be recognized, or you are an original MG owner and you do not see the need to let anyone else know about it. I wish there was a way to get a few more folks "off the fence", but given time some may come around. With sad regrets I must announce that original owner Ferd Anderholm passed away last December. His son will keep his MGB in the family, and I think that a great thing.

Hammer & Tongs by Phil Smith

No Report Submitted. However, there was some discussion that most members may not know what this is. This is a separate registry or group for people who use their MGs as daily drivers and drive them more than 5,000 a year, or in endurance rallies.

Conventions and Regional Meets by Tony and Lynne Burgess

This year's NAMGBR Annual Convention was held in Olympia Washington and was sponsored by the MG Car Club, Northwest Centre. Our thanks go out to this group of dedicated volunteers who gave their time, energy and financial contributions to make this a successful event. Approximately 150 cars participated in the four-day event in a very picturesque portion of North America.

The show's events included several self-guided tours, tours to Mt. St Helen's, a Rainforest to Ocean Tour, South Sound Tour, tour to the LeMay Museum, a wonderful BBQ at an Indian Reservation, Saturday's car show at the hotel and Saturday night's banquet. Unfortunately, the boating extravaganza was cancelled due to mechanical problems with the boat. The show's organizers did substitute another driving tour in its place however.

Following NAMGBR guidelines, one quarter of the show's net proceeds (\$156.44) was donated to the NAMGBR general fund. The MGCCNWC elected to donate the remaining three-quarters (\$469.31) to the Automotive Historical Institute, which is a local foundation that focuses on bringing younger enthusiasts into the British Car fold.

Upcoming Events:

MG2006 will be the All Register MG event in Gatlinburg, TN hosted by the NAMMMR, NEMGTR, NAMGAR, NAMGBR and NAMGCR. There are currently approximately 450 people registered for the event of which 270 are fully paid.

MG2007 - we are currently finalizing details for the 2007 show in the Sonoma - Napa Valley region of California.

MG2008 – Philadelphia has expressed an interest in this show.

MG2009 – The Rocky Mountain Club in Denver has expressed an interest in this show.

2005 Regional Meets - None

Discussion

- Rick Ingram spoke on the up coming All Register event at Gatlingburg. June 21 – 25, stated that over 200 people have pre-registered. Over 1000 cars are expected.
- John Twist, from the floor, said there should be a push to publicize the conventions in the national magazines. He also wondered if any smaller, regional NAMGBR meets were planned, which he thought were especially a good idea when the national meets were at a distance from a lot of members
- Deutsch noted he was happy to have national convention locations already set for the next couple of years. “The fact that we now have plans for meets through 2009 is very, very encouraging,” he said. “It used to be like pulling teeth.”

Introductions of candidates for Chairman and Treasurer.

- Outgoing chairman David Deutsch, having served his two-term limit, noted how great it was to have two people interested in the top job. “It’s been very difficult to find people who wanted to be officers in this club,” he noted. “Now we have two who want to be chairman.”
- Rick Ingram noted from the floor that this was the first time since 1993 that there were two people running for chairman.
- The two candidates, Bruce Wyckoff and Richard Liddick, were each introduced, and each delivered brief remarks on their personal histories with MGs and the North American MGB Register.
- Susan Deagan, running unopposed for a second term as treasurer, also spoke briefly.

Collections of ballots and proxies for the elections of officers.

BREAK (15 minutes)

Awards Presentation

Chapter of the Year - Awarded to the MG Car Club – Northwest Centre for hosting the MG2005 event in Olympia this year

Enthusiast of the Year - Candice Cole

Good Samaritan of the Year - Awarded to David Deutsch, for his innumerable efforts coming to the aid of members and their cars.

Newsletter of the Year - Awarded to “Classical Gas,” the newsletter of the Canadian Classic MG Club, Vancouver, B.C., Wolfgang Rao, editor

Special Award – A Dennis Wharf limited edition MGB print presented by Richard Liddick on behalf of the Register to David Deutsch for his many years service to NAMGBR

OLD BUSINESS

On behalf of the North American MGB Register, Deutsch officially accepted the Nuffield Trophy, presented to the club for 2005 by the MG Car Club of England. The large silver trophy is awarded each year to a worthy MG Car Club affiliate in the United States. According to Rick Ingram, this marks the first time the trophy has been awarded to an affiliated register instead of an MG Car Club local chapter. NAMGBR will have possession of the trophy until next year’s recipient is announced, and will contact J.C. Taylor to make sure the valuable cup is fully insured while it is in NAMGBR’s possession.

NEW BUSINESS

- MGB Driver - Expenses, schedule, advertising, future for the Driver. David Deutsch mentioned again that the MGB Driver is back on schedule, and that next year the hope is to print two color issues, on a schedule of one color, two black and white, one color, two black and white. The goal, of course, ultimately, is to be able to afford color printing in every issue. He noted that the club needs to keep boosting membership and advertising and regalia sales in order to achieve that goal.
- Another goal is getting the club’s affiliated chapter information up to date, and letting them know NAMGBR wants to help promote their events and support MG ownership. “We want to help everyone enjoy their MGs,” Deutsch said. “We’re here to let them know they have support, that they’re not in it by themselves.”
- Charles de Bourbon, art director/production coordinator of the MGB Driver, asked what the policy was on local clubs reprinting material from the Driver. He was told that clubs have permission to reprint as long as credit is given. It was suggested that he include a notice to this effect in future issues of the Driver.

- Tony Burgess, convention coordinator, asked that the wording of the bylaws be changed to schedule the Annual General Meeting on or after Oct. 22 of each year. (As worded now, it says "after Oct. 22," making the 2005 AGM in non-compliance, technically.)
- Burgess noted that the scheduling requirement of the annual convention also needs to be changed. As stated now, the convention must be held not before the third week of June or after the second week of July, permitting only a four-week window. He suggested this time frame be expanded one week either way, allowing a six-week window, which would permit more flexibility for host clubs trying to negotiate prices in popular resort areas which may have other events already booked. The stipulation that the scheduling of the NAMGBR event not conflict with the other national MG register events should remain.
- There was general agreement to both suggestions, although no action was taken, pending a review of the existing by-laws and a proposal for new wording.
- Affiliated Chapters requirements
We will be working on getting all of the Affiliated Chapters up to date and current with all requirements.
- Yearly Membership cards for renewing members
As of January 1st 2006, only new members will be receiving a memberships card, with the month and day of expiration on it. All renewing members have been issued a card with the month and day, as they have renewed during this past year. All expiration information is printed on your label of the MGB Driver every issue.

ELECTION RESULTS

The election of a new chairman for the North American MGB Register for 2006-2007 was not without its controversies.

There were 28 ballots submitted from affiliated clubs, with 17 voting for Bruce Wyckoff as chairman and 11 voting for Richard Liddick. (Susan Deagan was unopposed for a second term as treasurer.)

The sitting executive board, with Liddick abstaining, proposed to cast votes on behalf of the 40 or so clubs which did not return their ballots.

Zimmerman and Deutsch stated their belief that the executive board was authorized to vote the unreturned ballots, based on the following wording printed on a proxy sheet that was mailed out to the clubs with the ballots:

"If no ballot/proxy is received, we authorize the executive committee to vote on our behalf in the best interest of the Register and its membership."

On the authority of that sentence, Zimmerman and Deutsch announced their intention to cast all the unreturned votes for Liddick, saying they believed this was in the best interest of NAMGBR,

Protests from the floor were lodged by Rick Ingram, John Twist and Tony Burgess, who said such potential executive control over the election was not the intent of the organization's constitution.

After much spirited discussion, it was agreed that the problem lay with the circuitous logic of the proxy statement. As written, the proxy sheet requires a signature to be submitted on a statement that authorizes the executive committee to vote on the club's behalf if no such statement is signed and submitted.

Apparently this wording has existed on the proxy statement for years, prior to the existing executive board's terms, but has never been put to test in a contested election. It was agreed among those present that new proxy statement wording should be researched and put into place before next year's election and the current wording would be removed from any future ballots.

Deutsch apologized for the misunderstanding, saying he had read the language on the proxy and had understood it to mean the executive board had the authority to vote the unreturned ballots. He also apologized to clubs to whom he had talked to before the election with the understanding the executives would be able to cast their vote without having to have a submitted ballot or proxy.

Twist made a motion that the "hard" votes be accepted as received, and it was seconded. The club list was called, and those clubs represented at the meeting voted unanimously to accept the election results as determined by the ballots actually submitted by the clubs.

Thus, Bruce Wyckoff was elected to serve as North American MGB Register chairman and Susan Deagan was re-elected as treasurer, both to serve through October 2007.

2006 AGM

2006 Annual General Meeting is pending. Once we receive a confirmed date and location we will let all clubs know.

Final Business

We would like to thank Richard Liddick and the MGs of Baltimore for hosting this Annual General Meeting and we encourage all to plan on attending MG2006, June 21st to 25th, 2006 in Gaitlinburg, TN

There being no further business, Deutsch adjourned the 2005 Annual General Meeting at about 5:00 p.m.

