



FCA AGM 2017-01-29 Minutes

Welcome

Ian welcomed all attending members at 11:45

Apologies

Apologies received from;

- Carlton and Jeff Willetts, due to a recent death in the family
- Deon Viljoen, away
- Cobus van Dyk, overslept

Reports

Chairman

Thanks to all the members that stayed with the club after a very difficult start to the year, however all ended well with the club continuing quite stable and decent attendance at events.

Some might call it "interesting", perhaps we can take a boring year for a change.

We started 2016 in a bit of disarray, as Dalena's illness and subsequence passing really threw a spanner in the works, and drew attention to the vital role our club secretary plays in the smooth working of the club. "OuKoo" Cobus stepped into the role left by his late wife, rather bravely and perhaps a little too soon, given his loss and it is with heartfelt thanks from all club members for the work he has put in.

We had our usual series and mix of events, with the Joint Alfa / Ducati / Fiat Valentine's Picnic setting a new higher tone, both in co-operation and attendance, seems that it was well liked. This year's event will be good too, please book, sorry no late comers. This year is at The Collection, in Garsfontein.

The Giro was great at Alpine Heath, with quite a party. This year is a big one for Fiat being the 60th Anniversary of the Fiat 500 Nuova's Launch and we plan 2 event, trip to Italy to celebrate with the Italian 500 Club, the 50th had 1400 500's from all over the world. The other event will be the Giro near Parys, we have 44 rooms booked, it is an easy drive for 500's even, and we will take the opportunity to celebrate the Topolino's 80th, 1 year late, and of course the modern 500's 10th anniversary. No excuse not to be there.

Fiat Chrysler and Arnold Chatz have continued to solidly support the club through thick and thin, and we are now starting to get to see some new Fiats emerging, with the flag waver being the Abarth 124 Spider, the Tipo shortly and several others.

Our thanks go out to those that support us and hope that they have a much better 2017 than 2016.

Treasurer

The club remains in a sound financial position, with funds being applied to member's events notably; The 2016 Valentine's Picnic, very well attended and shared with Alfa and Ducati.

The combined Alfa and Fiat Rally

The annual Giro, again decent attendance and enjoyed by all with R22,000 raised for charity.

Motor Sport

Gary and David Gilson came second overall in the SARRA Rally Championship and won the classic section with their 131.

Some members participated in the Zwartkops track day organised by the Alfa Club Pretoria and supported by Arnold Chatz.

Various Fiats continue to hold up the flag in classic racing.

Membership

Has continued to remain stable, but growth plan needs addressing, see below.

Hansie to find out from Cobus what has happened to membership cards and the licence stickers.

Fiat Liaison

Ian maintains contact with the Fiat Chrysler SA and Arnold Chatz management teams, to ensure we are aligned and support each other.

SAMCA

Continues to be a valuable part of our affiliation giving the club and members access to Motor Sport SA, Group public Liability insurance scheme, group classic car insurance as well as a common voice for enthusiastic motoring to the authorities.

Examples have been on the proposed regular testing for vehicles over 10 years old, number plate sizes, and many others.

Committee 2017

New Positions

While the current committee will stay on, vacancies and new positions are required to be filled;

- Branch Chapter Committees esp. KZN and Western Cape
- Support to assist Cobus with the secretarial and membership
- Registrar Champions esp. 500, 600/850, X1/9, Twin Cams, Cub & Topolino
- Social Media (Facebook and WhatsApp) and website

Calendar 2017 & 8

Version 3 of the club calendar to be redistributed.

Next Event

Alfa / Ducati / Fiat Valentines Breakfast

The Alfa Club are organising the event this year and this will be at "The Collection" in Garsfontein, Pretoria on the 12th February. Details on the Web-Site and Facebook

General

No other items brought up under general and the meeting closed for lunch at the Cullinary Table.