



**MINUTES OF CLUB80-90 SYNCRONAUTS
1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**held on
SUNDAY 4TH JULY, 2004
at
LLANIDLOES**

Present:

Clive Smith	Chairman
Mark Williams	Vice-Chairman
Thomas Cowley	Secretary
Jenny Sippings	Treasurer
Andrew McClements	
Jenny Leonard	
Matt Sandal	
Jake Stephens	
Steve Edwards	
Aidan Talbot	
Terry Newell	
Jerry Bright	
Geoff Brookes	
Fritz Yarwood	
Ian McGilvary	
Russel Johnston	
Jeffrey Lamb	
Andrew Shearlaw	
Euan McKendrick	
Richard Gates	IOW marshal
Steve Darch	IOW marshal
Russell Thomson	IOW marshal
Rob Turner	IOW marshal

Clive Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/04 Apologies for Absence

None.

2/04 Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a rundown of how Syncropendence and the Club 80-90 Synchronauts came to be. He remembered Mark Williams (now Vice Chairman) posting on club80-90 Syncro forum, wanting to try his Syncro in its natural environment, discover its renowned abilities and gain some off-road driving skills – maybe others had the same desire? This created some interest and Thomas Cowley (Secretary) posted that he was already using his successfully for 4x4 trials and driving Green Lanes, suggested a few ways we could all try our vehicles out on the rough. It seemed maybe one or two others in the country might be too. The Chairman said he and Mark started a search for advertised sites, wanting to find a venue where any Syncro owners could be invited, maybe to have a formal gathering of club Syncro owners.

Mark soon found several possibilities, and one stood out as special – somewhere we could be alone and have the site to ourselves, a hill farm site near Llanidloes. Thomas, having first hand experience of 4x4 events and the Syncro, was asked to recce the site, and together with the Chair's partner, Jenny Sippings (now Treasurer), this was done one Saturday in April, meeting the land agent and all coming away with a very positive impression.

The Secretary's opinion was paramount and he agreed the site was ideal for a first group gathering of UK Syncros so it was decided to go ahead and meet the challenge of organising an event for July 4th, subject to being able to provide adequate liability insurance cover for the land owner and the committee.

The Chairman reported an immediate expression of interest from Club80-90 members and unexpected support from non syncro owners to attend and see these vehicles in action. Thanks were expressed to all members of the committee for late nights, hard work and persistence in carrying through all the tasks required to make Syncropendence a reality. This required, he said, forming a club (Club80-90 Synchronauts) so that MSA affiliation could be obtained and here the Secretary deserves special thanks for formulating the Club Rules and gaining that affiliation within a very tight timeframe.

The Vice Chairman is to be thanked for taking on general PR duties, keeping everyone motivated and on message as well as designing much of our artwork. The membership cards and event passes he produced are sure to be kept as fond reminders of a marvellous weekend and a first for UK T25 Syncros en masse!

Thanks go to the Treasurer for managing the accounts and administration of ticket sales, creating the web pages promoting the event and producing the Welcome Pack, something that participants and spectators alike hopefully appreciated.

The Chairman said he remembered a lot of emails and phone calls - indicative of what is involved in co-ordinating such a venture, especially in a short time. He had tried to inform VW Commercial Section several times as well as VW Sport/Race personnel with no success.

Finally he said, the Treasurer and Vice Chairman had just visited the landowner and paid for the rental of the site. And was pleased to report that they were well received and there seemed every likelihood that a request to use the site again would be met favourably.

The Chairman wanted to express the club's gratefulness to the IOW 4x4 club marshals, Steve Darch, Rob Taylor, Russel Thomson, Richard Gates, Molly (the best 4x4 dog in the World) who together with the Club Secretary, set a fine example for the future their obvious professionalism, task design and safety advice arrangements. We hope they enjoyed the event as much as the participants and the feeling was that we couldn't have run this first event without them.

Finally, the Chairman said that the enthusiasm, support and good company from non-participant spectators, was much appreciated by the Committee and played no small part in making Syncropendence 2004 an event to that would be remembered by all who came.

3/04 Accounts

During formation of the club, the Treasurer and Chairman set up a Business Bank Account at Abbey National, there being required any two signatures from the 4 committee officials for withdrawals.

At this early stage the Treasurer could only say that the club looked like breaking even on the event. The final expenses of affiliating to the MSA, forming the club and some other small costs incurred were still not available. Thanks were expressed for those who gave their time or materials gratis, whilst creating the club and organising its first event.

4/04 Future Events

Suggestion for future events – a repeat of Syncropendence, making it an annual early summer event for club80-90 Synchronauts. Others suggested trying the site out during more inclement seasons!

5/04 To receive any nominations for officers/committee members

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Aidan Talbot	
Andrew Shearlaw	
Euan McKendrick	

6/04 Election of officers and committee

All those nominated in 5/04 above were duly elected.

7/04 Any Other Business

The Secretary suggested an informal meet on the IOW in August, which he would organise under the club aegis and base the event around his family's farmland. Initial response was very favourable.

The Vice Chairman was asked to cultivate his relationship with the landowner and his agent, in view of the ideal nature of 'The Hill' for such events. The Chairman asked that the on site cottage should, if available, be included in any future bookings, making the event more attractive to a wider audience, or possibly made available for volunteer helpers.