



Minutes to the 2nd Annual General Meeting

Fiscal Year 2020

Meeting date, city: 2021-03-31
ZOOM Conference

Time: 8 pm – 09:30 pm (GMT+1)

Participants

Management (complete) Christine Abbott, Chair
Patrick Vogt, Secretary
Florian Schlueter, Treasurer
Edward Westenberg, 1st Auditor
Jan Tell, 2nd Auditor

Delegates

Ian Bruce, Kent Sevens UK
Colin Smith, Lotus Drivers Club UK
Thomas Göttgens, Caterham Car Club DE
Dirk Zimmerschied, Lotus 7 Club Deutschland

Guests

Gert de Haan, Chairman Super Seven Club NL
Rudolf Traffelet, Chairman Lotus Seven Owners CH
Andreas Seydell, 1. Vorsitzender Caterham Car Club

Absent:

Paolo Granelli, Lotus Seven Club Italia
Neil Barker, MK Sportscars Official Owners Club UK

Agenda

#	Item	Responsible	Time, min
1	Welcome, and introduction to the voting procedure	Chair	5"
2	Minutes of founding meeting	Chair	1"
3	General annual report	Chair	10"
4	Secretary annual report	Secretary	3"
5	Treasurer annual report	Treasurer	3"
6	Auditors report	1 st Auditor	2"
7	Proposal regarding bylaws by the Management Team	Chair	tbd
8	Proposals regarding bylaws by the members	Chair	tbd
9	Nomination of the candidates for the Management Team and Auditors	Chair, all	5"
10	Budget 2020	Treasurer	2"
11	Activities 2021	Chair	2"
12	Sendoff / distinctions (tbd)	Chair	tbd
13	Voting and election by internet by using the online voting platform	Secretary	1" 10"
14	Presentation of the results	Secretary	5"
15	Miscellaneous, end of AGM	Chair	5"



1. **Welcome, introduction (Chair)**

The Chair Christine Abbott welcomes all participants to the 2nd AGM of the International 7 Network shortly after 8:00 p.m.

According to our Bylaws, the invitation to this AGM was sent on time on February 6, 2021 at 07:00 pm (GMT+1). No applications or candidacies have been received.

This AGM has a quorum. Presenting delegates with voting rights are 8, the absolute majority are 5. In the event of a tie, the chair has the casting vote.

It was originally planned to carry out the votes and elections for Item 13 at the end of the AGM using a voting platform. However, due to a lost password, this is not possible now. Under Item 13, voting and elections were openly and individually directly at the AGM by calling up names.

The delegates listed below are entitled to vote:

Christine Abbott (not a Club delegate, but as MT Chair with voting power)

Ian Bruce (delegate Kent 7)

Thomas Goettgens (delegate Caterham Car Club)

Florian Schlueter (delegate Lotus Seven Club Deutschland)

Colin Smith (delegate Lotus Drivers Club)

Jan Tell (delegate Lotus Caterham Seven Club Sweden)

Patrick Vogt (delegate Lotus Seven Owners Switzerland)

Edward Westenberg (delegate Super Seven Club Netherland)

Paolo Granelli and Neil Barker are absent.

2. **Minutes of founding meeting (Chair)**

The minutes of the first AGM (founding meeting) can be reviewed by everyone on the website.

3. **General annual report (Chair)**

In this this period we have seen many changes and challenges, however always keeping our mission insight that is to unite member clubs so we can **do better things together** for our members.

3.1 How it all began

The start of the I7N goes back to the International 60th anniversary event in the UK that the Lotus 7 Club UK, Lotus 7 Club Germany and Lotus Seven Owners Club Switzerland organised Working together was enjoyable and productive so months later we sat down with a beer in the Swiss Alps and reflected on what we achieved and thought why stop here?



Many emails and zoom calls later and with Clubs from Italy, Netherlands and Sweden joining we finally established the network sitting over a beer in Amsterdam, elected roles for the Network and agreed the formal organisation would be in Switzerland under Swiss law.

3.2 Administration

Following the formal creation of the Network over the last year there were a number of administrative tasks to complete including the formal documentation under Swiss legislation, and the creation of a bank account.

3.3 Sponsors

We were clear from the start the network would not incur the member clubs in any expenses and that we would seek sponsorship to cover costs of a website and newsletter. We would like to register our thanks to our sponsors with whom we would not have been able to do as much as we have done.

Redline
Kumschick Sports Cars
Soft bits for Sevens
Scenic Car Tours

3.4 Website and Logo

With the International co-operation of Sweden (logo) and Switzerland for website design we have started to complete the website with areas being populated such as service points for cars, routes, etc.

3.5 Newsletter

The first monthly newsletter was in March 2020, with 3 or 4 articles a month from member clubs. We try to achieve a mix of features to appeal to all: touring, workshop, history and people. The list of individual subscribers is increasing each month and active readers have reached over 2,000.

3.6 Facebook

A Facebook site was created and is a place where people can access our newsletter, the team have also posted the newsletter on all member club facebook and those sites that are Seven and Lotus or Caterham related.

3.7 Events

Most of the time of the team was designing and promoting International meetings and then having to cancel them due to the pandemic. As it looks likely that travel restrictions will be in place throughout this sevening year we are now planning 2022. Who would have predicted that 2 years of international meetings would have been cancelled?. However, we are hopeful for 2022 with some events already being planned.



3.8 Member Clubs

We were delighted to welcome four new clubs to the network, Caterham Car Club Germany, MK Owners Club, Lotus Drivers Club and Kent Sevens. We were saddened to receive the resignation of the Lotus 7 Club UK who felt the International 7 Network did not meet their own strategic aims.

3.9 The Future

The management team is elected every year to allow all member clubs to take an active part in the management of the network. This is important to us all that we represent our clubs fairly and equitably. All those on the team are able to stand for election for a second term although we actively seek to rotate some. The exception is the Chair who retires from that role annually however is permitted to take on another role. This year the second member not seeking re-election is the Treasurer

I have been both honored and delighted to have been the network's first chairperson and of course will always be a great supporter of all the Clubs in the network who exist to provide the best services they can for their members, so they in turn get the most fun from their cars. I know that the management team look forward to working together support each other in this joint endeavor.

4. Secretary annual report (Secretary)

The Secretary is responsible for the Website, the Newsletter, the Club register and the Club paperwork.

According to the MoU, we miss the Bylaws of the following Club members (updated)

Kent 7
Lotus Caterham Club Sweden
Lotus 7 Club Deutschland
Lotus 7 Club Italy
MK Sportscar Official Owners Club

The following members are also requested to put the I7N logo on their websites and to link a link accordingly:

Lotus Drivers Club
Lotus 7 Club Italy

The secretary offers the members to add a reference to the I7N newsletter to their website. For example with one sentence: "Subscribe to the International 7 Network newsletter, which appears once a month". This sentence can then be linked to the page <https://www.international7network.org/newsletter>.



The secretary allows members to share their own club news, be it about upcoming meetings, interesting members, or vehicles.

5. Treasurer annual report (Treasurer)

Patrick presented the annual report on behalf of Florian.

International 7 Network: Earnings statement for 2020

Costs				Revenues			
Expenditures				Income statement			
	4000 IT, Internet, etc.	354.89			3000 member fees	-	
	4010 Purchasing merchandise	-			3010 Advertising revenue	1'005.29	
	4020 Purchasing diverse	-			3020 Merchandising revenue	-	
	4030 Expenditures MT	-			3030 Sponsoring revenue	-	
	4040 Expenditures diverse	5.00			3040 miscellaneous revenue	-	1'005.29
	4050 Expenditures Bank	46.90	406.79			-	
	profit	598.50	598.50			-	
	Total		1'005.29		Total		1'005.29

International 7 Network: Balance as of 31.12.2020

Assets				Passive			
Floating capital				Passive			
Cash, Bank				short term debt capital			
	1000 Cash register	-			2000 Commitments	-	-
	1010 Bank	598.50	598.50		profit	598.50	598.50
		-			Total		598.50
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There are no big explanations for this. The I7N made CHF 1005.29 in sales, had total costs of CHF 406.79, resulting in a profit of CHF 598.50. The profit also represented the value of all assets.

6. Auditors report (Auditors)

Edward Westenberg is presenting the Auditor report.

Audit report
(Based on Art 69b Swiss civil code and the association's statutes)

According to the order placed with us, we have audited the annual financial statements and balance sheet on March 20th 2021 and determined the following:

- The balances of the bank accounts and the cash register match the balance sheet.
- The postings and documents were checked at random.
- The assets and liabilities are correctly valued and reported.
- The accounting complies with the articles of association, the bookkeeping is organized properly and clearly.
- The net annual profit is CHF 598.50 with total assets of CHF 598.50.

Based on the results of our audit, we request the General Meeting to approve the 2019 - 2020 annual accounts of International 7 Network and to discharge the responsible bodies.

We recommend that the general meeting allocate the annual profit of CHF 598.50 to the association's assets.

Soos, the Netherlands.
March 20th 2021

The Club Auditors

Edward Westenberg
IP Auditor

Arif Tell
2nd Auditor

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2nd ADM I7N
Cécile Döbber

Patrick Velt



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7. **Proposal regarding bylaws by the Management Team (Chair)**

See the details in the invitation letter.

Article 4 (Membership) Bylaws: The association consists of

- Members (current version)
- Individual members (new)
- Affiliated members (new)
- Honorary members (new)

The chair explains the details, which can be read in the invitation. The delegates and guests start a lively discussion on the various new categories of members. The proposed category of "individual members" attracts particular attention. The chair explained the reason for the proposal. There are individuals who are members of an affiliated national club themselves, but this club has structural problems, for example. Then the person can sign as an individual member with a membership fee and without voting rights.

Most of the delegates argue that the proposed category of individual members does not fit in with an association made up of club members. This line of argument is also used in part with honorary members.

Article 8 (Membership) Bylaws:

The previous formulation on the voting procedure is appropriate. However, in connection with the corona pandemic, the Swiss legislature has proposed a better wording, which is proposed to the AGM as follows: "Digital voting is possible. The Board concludes by laying down the relevant provisions.

No delegate took the floor on this subject.

8. **Proposal regarding bylaws by the members**

No applications were submitted.



9. Nomination of the candidates for the Management Team and the Auditors (Chair)

At the time of the AGM, the following candidatures have been submitted:

Chair: Edward Westenberg, new, Super Seven Club Netherlands
 Secretary: Patrick Vogt, to date, Lotus Seven Owners Switzerland
 Treasurer: Colin Smith, new, Lotus Drivers Club
 Social Media: Ian Bruce, new, Kent 7's
 1st Auditor: Jan Tell, to date 2nd Auditor, Lotus Caterham Club Sweden
 2nd Auditor: Dirk Zimmerschied, new, Lotus 7 Club Deutschland

Resignations:

Christine Abbott, past Chair.
 Florian Schlueter, past Treasurer
 Edward Westenberg, past 1st Auditor

The outgoing chair explains that every delegate in our club should once take on a role on the board. This is the only way to ensure that all interests are fairly represented.

10. Budget 2021 (Treasurer)

Patrick presented the annual Budget on behalf of Florian.

Budget 2021

Account No.	Description	earning	cost
3000	Member fees	100	
3010	Advertising	1000	
3020	Merchandising	500	
3030	Sponsoring revenue	500	
4000	IT, Internet		500
4010	Merchandising		500
4050	Bank expense		60
	sum of earnings	2100	1060
			1040
	Total	2100	2100

The budget is a snapshot from last December. The main goal is not to generate any losses with the network. There are no requests to speak.

11. Activities 2021 (Chair)

The network is expanding with a number of clubs currently in the process of submitting applications to join, we are exploring more services such as joint purchasing of regalia, membership cards and route maps provision. Already we have in plan a tour of Sardinia, Loan Historique (both events postponed from 2020 and 2021) and the Swiss International (again postponed from this year).



We are also forming stronger links with Race against Dementia the charity Sir Jackie Stewarts founded.

12. **Sendoff**

Christine says goodbye to the outgoing Treasurer Florian and honors him in connection with the development of the idea of an "International 7 Network", through the establishment to the organization of the club management. Florian will give up all of his previously held offices by the end of the year in order to devote himself more to politics.

Edward and Patrick say goodbye to Christine Abbott, who developed the idea of an International 7 Network and initiated it. Christine has done a very valuable job in all areas during her time. Even as Chair of the Lotus 7 Club UK, she showed extraordinary interest in what was happening outside of England and was extremely productive and successful during her time as our Chair.

Christine will continue to be available to us as a consultant with special tasks even after her resignation. Our statutes permit this in accordance with Section 9 Paragraph 7.

13./14. **Voting and Elections/results**

Due to a lost password on the voting platform, votes and elections are carried out with a name call. However, to preserve public anonymity, only majorities are counted in the minutes.

Question: *Do you want to approve the formation minutes?*

Answer: YES: 8 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0

Result: The formation minutes are approved.

Question: Do you want to discharge the Management Team for the past financial year (the Management Team has no voice on this question)?

Answer: YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0

Result: The Management Team is discharged.

Question: Do you want to accept the annual budget for 2021?

Answer: YES: 8 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0

Result: The annual budget 2021 is approved.



Bylaw change Article 4

Question: Integration of individual members

Answer: YES: 2 NO: 5 ABSTENTION: 1

Result: The I7N has no individual members.

Question: Integration of affiliated members

Answer: YES: 8 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0

Result: The I7N has affiliated members.

Question: Integration of honorary members

Answer: YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 3

Result: The I7N has honorary members.

Bylaw change Article 8

Question: Change wording

Answer: YES: 8 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0

Result: The delegates can now vote and elect digitally.

Election of the Chair

Edward Westenberg was elected with 7 to 0 votes.

Election of the Secretary

Patrick Vogt was elected with 7 to 0 votes.

Election of the Treasurer

Colin Smith was elected with 7 to 0 votes.

Election of the Social Media Officer

Ian Bruce was elected with 7 to 0 votes.

Election of the 1st Auditor

Jan Tell was elected with 7 to 0 votes.



Election of the 2nd Auditor

Dirk Zimmerschied was elected with 7 to 0 votes.

15. End of AGM at 09:30 pm

International 7 Network

2021/03/31

Christine Abbott
Chair

Patrick Vogt
Secretary