

# ***Minutes of the first BDC of WA meeting held at Toad Hall Bentley Bar.***

***Convened by Dennis Lingane***

***Present: BDC members Peter Briggs, Maurice Brockwell, Noel Semmens, David Shephard, Dennis Lingane.***

***Apologies: Jeremy Green, Julian Walter.***

*Meeting opened at 7pm .*

*Squire Lingane agreed to chair meeting, take minutes, and official photograph.*

*Lord Whimsy Briggs agreed to keep wine glasses full.*

*Mail in: Letter from Bill Port, Bentley Drivers Club UK, encouraging the formation of a WA chapter of the BDC.*

*License documentation for BDC of WA.*

*Chairman Lingane reports: There has been a deal of interest in forming a BDC in WA because of the increasing number of Vintage Bentleys arriving in the state.*

*However, another club with a new constitution, monthly meetings and subscriptions was considered too cumbersome for a small club focusing on quality not quantity.*

*So the simple answer is to form a chapter under the umbrella of the International Bentley Drivers Club Federation.*

*This would cost a mere \$2 a year for the club to have a license agreement with the UK club and Bentley Motors to enable use of the Bentley emblems.*

*However this would necessitate the members of the BDC of WA being financial members of the mother club.*

*The club caters for all Bentleys from Cricklewood to Crewe.*

*The strategy for WA would be to run as a social club with members gathering a few times a year to share their enthusiasm for the marque.*

*The WA chapter would have an ad hoc committee that would set a calendar of events that would enable Bentley enthusiasts to gather on special occasions.*

*Six events a year was considered sufficient.*

*The Classic Car Show, British Car Day and an AGM ((BBQ style) were three obvious events. There would also be three runs a year including a request for a MkVI-Rtype register run.*

*David Shephard requested clarification on joining fees and it was noted that annual membership of the UK Club was 50 pounds Stirling and joining fee 32 pounds.*

*It was unanimously agreed a social BDC of WA be formed and a public meeting be called of all BDC members and potential members at a date to be agreed.*

*Packet Leader Brockwell offered free use of the Moon and Sixpence Stables.*

*Brockwell also volunteered to put his immense lease and license talents to use and examine the documentation from the BDC and report.*

*Lord Whimsy Briggs appealed that the club would put emphasis on fun.*

*“There are a lot of serious clubs in the movement and they have their place,” he said. “But Bentley people around the world are fun loving. I would like us to emulate that here in WA. We should turn up with scarves flying, wearing ‘funny’ hats and clothes.*

*“We need to put some old fashioned style back into our motoring. We need a little bit of theatre.”*

*This brought a round of “hear hear” from the meeting.*

*But a suggestion that each end meeting end with a rendition of “Faith of our Fathers” by Packet Leader Brockwell and Commodore Semmens (as displayed on British Car day) was roundly abused with unprintable invective.*

*The point was made such public outpourings could single members out for litigation under some public nuisance Act.*

*Lingane read a proposed circular informing interested parties of the proposed public meeting.*

*This was cleared for public distribution.*

*The meeting ended at approx. 8pm and the group gathered for an official photograph under the Bentley Driver’s Club bar sign.*

*The Gentlemen then rejoined the Wives Club and enjoy the food and wine provided by Bon Vivant Lord Whimsy and his able wife Robin.*

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