



CLUB REPORT

16 February 2020

1. **Members:**
Current member count is stable at 704 members at 31 December 2019 (2018: 722), no significant changes and largely stable – small decrease despite the tough economic conditions.
2. **Finances:**
Financially strong although struggling to get new sponsors on board in this tough economic environment.
3. **Club formalities**
AGM to be held 3 March 2020.
Constitution unchanged – see attached.
Committee is unchanged as follows:
Colin van Son – Chairman
Craig Withers – Vice-Chairman
Bernard De Gouveia – Treasurer and Race Series Chairman
Gerhard Botha – Committee Member
Rupert Giessing – Committee Member
Robin Sadler – Committee Member
Daleen Sadler – Committee Member
Varish Ganpath – Committee Member
Dylan Martin – Committee Member
Mpho Diloru – Committee Member
4. **Club Events:**
See attached calendar for 2020. Following low turnout for the last couple of years we have dropped the annual club weekend away and have replaced it with an Amazing Race / Poker Run for 2020.
5. **Highlights from 2019:**
One of the highlights from the 2019 calendar year was to build on our exposure at the 2 yearly BMW M Festival. In 2017 we provided a classic and rare BMW display on the Saturday and hosted our annual Concours d’Elegance on the Sunday. We originally wanted to showcase our BMW Car Club Race Series which is the biggest single marque grid (number of cars average around 30) in South Africa and regularly one of the biggest grids in the country. Unfortunately in 2017 BMW didn’t have budget for it. Thankfully in 2019 in addition to the classic and rare BMW display on the Saturday and the Sunday, we also showcased the BMW Car Club Racing Series with a race on the Saturday and the Sunday. Unfortunately the race was rained out on Saturday afternoon following a cloudburst but ran early the next morning at 7am followed by race 2 at 5pm. The spectators loved

it and BMW SA was very impressed and in future want us to be a feature race during lunch time where there are even more spectators around.

One of the value added benefits we added was to include up to 2 classic and rare BMW valuations for club members each year that they can use for insurance purposes to insure a car for an agreed value rather than the current trade or retail value. A number of members have joined the club for this benefit and now benefit from the other activities and events the club has to offer.

6. **General**

We have an investment account to generate interest on surplus funds.

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