



ANWCC Minutes of Meeting
held 8th August 2023
at the Kilton Inn



Apologies for Absence:

Gordon Pirie (RLO), Karen Spencer (Buccaneer, Slaithwaite & Lindholme), Tracey Smith (Secretary/Accrington MSC), Roy Holder (Hagley & District Light Car Club Ltd), Maggy Bateman (West Cumbria Motor Sports Club), David James (North Humberside Motor Club), Jon Cordery (BRMC), Jim Spencer (Treasurer), Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC), John Coe (Blackpool and Fylde Land Rover Club), Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator, North Wales CC) Richard Murtha (Lancashire Automobile Club), Jonathan Armishaw (AMRO) and Russ Henstock (Knutsford and District Motor Club).

Present were:

Helen Fox (Wigan DMC), Steve Southall and Gareth Roberts (Broughton and Bretton MC), Martin Fox (Wigan DMC), Paul Kelly (Boundless by CSMA and U17MC(NW)), Steve Johnson (Boundless by CSMA, Accrington MSC and U17MC(NW)), Steve Kenyon (Garstang and Preston DMC & F1000), Paul Goodman (MGCC NW), Chris Winstanley (Longton DMC), Eric Cowcill (PAN), Eddie Parsons (Wigton MC), Mary Parsons (Wigton MC), John Buckley (Glossop & District CC), David Gregory (Quinton MC), and Roger Hopkins (Knutsford & District MC).

Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman/Stockport 061/Motor Sport (North West)/2300 Club/Ecurie Royal Oak), John Harden (Vice-Chairman and Liverpool MC), Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC), and Maurice Ellison (Press Officer/Clitheroe DMC).

2023.42 - Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting. Mark also welcomed John Ryan (Safety Director-Motorsport UK) and Jonathan Jackson (Head of Rallies & Cross Country- Motorsport UK).

2023.43 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Paul Goodman.

Actions from the previous meeting:

2023.23-MSUK Report. Claire Kirkpatrick to raise concerns about equipment expiry dates to MSUK-COMLETE.

2023.23-MSUK Report. Mark Wilkinson to raise equipment expiry dates at Council and Regional Committee-COMLETE.

2023.23-MSUK Report. Claire Kirkpatrick to invite new Rallies Executive to future ANWCC meeting-COMLETE.

2023.26-Club Safeguarding Officer. Tracey Smith requested a list of ANWCC clubs without licenced CSO from MSUK but was informed they are unable to provide this information.

2023.27-Role of the Regional Associations. Tracey Smith to ask clubs why they do not engage with their Association-COMLETE. Awaiting feedback from clubs.

2023.38-Training. Eric Cowcill to ask MSUK for progress on the new Deputy Stage Commander and Stage Safety Officer training courses at the Scotland Hydro XE event-COMLETE.

2023.44 - Matters Arising

Club Safeguarding Officer- Safeguarding training for Club Safeguarding Officers is on the MSUK training plan but has not yet been finalised. MSUK do not have a list of CSOs and has asked the Regional Associations to ensure all clubs have either their own licensed CSO or access to a CSO from another club. To help make the CSO role easier, Alan Page is co-ordinating CSO training for northern clubs. We have asked that our Regional Training team is trained to deliver this module to give us more flexibility and the ability to reach out to our clubs, identify those who need to recruit into the role of CSO and deliver any training needed.

2023.45 – Motorsport UK (MSUK) Report

John Ryan introduced himself and provided a snapshot of his 25 years at MSUK. John reported that the Blue Book will be published in the same format as previous years for 2024 however the revised format referred to as National Competition Regulations (NCR'S) will be released in full for 2025. In 2024 Motorsport UK are seeking some events to trial the new NCR format.

Regulations for disciplines are being looked at to see if they can be standardised. Paul Goodman asked if this could include the Championship regulations. John stated that focusing on the regulations would make it easier for coordinators to standardise their Championship regulations.

MSUK are lobbying the Government to make sure the internal combustion engine has a place in the future.

Lifeing-asking FIA to put together a proposal to life seats etc for 10 years – it is almost happening. Possibly looking at a low-cost Impact Data Recorder (IDR) in the seat which is linked to a small box elsewhere in the car which can record G-forces and create an alert when the maximum has been exceeded. Motorsport UK have resisted the mandatory implementation of safety devices such as FIA bag tanks as mindful of the budget control for competitors.

There was a discussion around circuit & karting and a return to full scrutineering. The trial for Circuit Racing and Kart Racing allows for a reduction of mandatory safety scrutineering at a minimum of 25%.

MSUK are looking to identify any venues used for motorsport that are at risk of not being available. They are also asking circuit owners for a lesser hire rate for club events.

Motorsport TV – MSUK is looking for videos from Club events to include in its coverage.

Tyres-the maximum 10 tyres available to any one car for events came from Forestry Commission and pressure from local authorities to reduce cost and possibly be greener. Manufacturers can make tyres last longer so perhaps they should be encouraged to.

A structure of who does what and their email address (which can easily be found on MSUK website) was requested.

Jonathon Jackson stated that one of his aims is to clarify ambiguous regulations – see latest proposed regulations changes for Targas and vehicle classes. The deadline for responses has been extended until 21st September. Should members wish to contact Jonathon directly, his email address is rally@motorsportuk.org.

2023.46 – Written Reports

The following written reports were received for the minutes:

Rescue & Recovery

Jonathan Armishaw reported that a rule change has been passed by MSUK without following the consultation process. Rallies Committee have made changes to the requirements for Recovery units on events that allow any 'recovery' unit could now be used without checks on suitable equipment, training and insurance cover. However, most importantly, it means the Rescue units which they work alongside, will be without the trained personnel who support them when incidents happen on events where extra trained personnel are required to help casualties, support cut-out operations, and general fetch & carry support. AMRO member's view is this is a retrograde step. AMRO has written to MSUK objecting to the change and proposing an amendment. AMRO has not received a response.

Route Liaison Officer

Gordon Pirie reported a busy 3 months regarding authorisations for SV stage rallies, tours, treasure hunts, scatters and historic events including a number of clubs visiting across RLO borders. No issues to report. There are a number of black spots to add to the list.

Championships

Dave Thomas reported that 2023 is going quite well, although registrations are down 10% from last year. Last year saw a big upsurge as we recovered from Covid so a small drop this year is not of great significance. Total 281 championship contenders, last year ended on 317. 85 championship events to date, with more to come.

There are still some instances of clubs not informing Dave Thomas when regs are published and entries open. Dave will add an event to the "Events Info" section of our website if he sees it, but does not follow club websites or their Facebook pages. If your event is not listed then please check that you have informed Dave Thomas.

2024 calendar - submission form will open in September. Clubs will be provided with the form links directly. The calendar is updated weekly and published on our website.

2024 Regulations - have been drafted. There are no planned championship rule changes. Speed Championship - scoring needs attention; there are many classes with just one or two starters resulting in the class winner scoring a straight 100 marks, regardless of whether or not that contender is fastest of the day, or slowest. Suggestions for a system that gives a fairer result are welcomed.

SD34 Motor Sport Group - following the successful liaison with SD34 MSG with this year's Speed Championship we are looking to extend this approach to our other championships in 2024. SD34 and ANWCC have over the last 15 years worked together successfully for grass root motorsport in the North West. This will not affect the ANWCC Championships; SD34 will run Challenges within the ANWCC championships and will present awards to their successful competitors. The Challenges will include all ANWCC qualifying events organised by SD34 Group members (all of which are ANWCC members). Our regulations will reflect this liaison. SD34 will have separate rules and regulations. Contenders must register with SD34. It is anticipated that working together will result in more contenders for both organisations. The proposal has been sent to all officials of SD34 and Dave is seeking approval from ANWCC to write our championship regulations accordingly. Draft 2024 regulations are in the "Regulations" section of our website (left-hand menu), with final ratification made at our November meeting. MSUK permits will then be applied for.

MSUK Rally Regulation proposals for 2024 – consultation on detailed regulations for Targa rallies and a defined set of classes for Stage Rallies (new regulation R50) which MSUK state must be followed. Dave reported that MSUK claim there are 115 different classes over 8 championships. Clubs organising stage rallies are advised to read these proposals carefully. Dave stated that he personally sees it very difficult to include the 13 classes (plus a further 13 for Historics). The rule allows for amalgamation but does not seem straightforward due to FIA engine size classifications. Association championships are permitted to remain unchanged and therefore no changes are proposed. If clubs wish to use different classes, entry lists must show the engine size to allow the correct championship classes to be allocated.

Website-comments received that our website looks dated. Dave asked what other delegates thought? The website is up-to-date, often within hours of an event finishing. The home page provides links to forthcoming events, latest results, championship charts and a variety of other information. Please let Dave Thomas know if anyone has any constructive comments.

Training

Stage Commander - training will be modular which will enable the Deputy Stage Commander and Stage Safety Officer modules to be delivered to the relevant parties separately. Once the Stage Rally Safety Requirements (SRSR) version 6 is released later this year the roles of the Deputy Stage Commander and Stage Safety Officer will be defined and the training relevant to that.

Acquired Rights scheme-anyone who is at present doing the Stage Commander job and has done for several years should apply for Acquired Rights as this is intended to recognise their skills. Deadline for applications under this scheme is 31st December 2023.

Secretary's Report

Correspondence-proposed MSUK rally regulation changes have been circulated to all delegates for consultation.

British Motorsport Training Trust (BMSTT) has rebranded and is now the British Motorsport Trust (BMT). Details of what grants are available and how to apply are available at <https://britishmotorsporttrust.org/grants/>.

Tracey Smith attended the ANEMMC general meeting on 17th July as a guest.

MSUK Club Marketing webinar-[recording available on the website](#).

GDPR-ANWCC Privacy Notice has been updated to reflect changes to information sharing. Copy available online. 2024 competitor and club registration forms have also been updated-when submitting information (such as personal email addresses) for 2024 registration, clubs should ensure they are sharing information that they are authorised to do by their members.

LARA-North Yorkshire Council is seeking new volunteer members to join the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum. "Managing Motor Vehicle Use in the Countryside – A Good Practice Guide to Traffic Management on Unsealed Public Roads" has been published. LARA and the National Motorcyclists Council have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding.

Marshals Monthly Prize Draw-the winners were:

- May – Rob O'Brien (Warrington & DMC)
- June - Paul Cross (Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC)
- July - David Mitchell (Liverpool MC)

2023.47 - Regional Committee

Environmental & Sustainability will be a new standing agenda item for future meetings.

Clubs are encouraged to use the Carbon Calculator tool. Information is available from the Club Toolkit at <https://www.motorsportuk.org/clubs-organisers/club-toolkit/becoming-a-sustainable-club/> Jess Runicles is the contact at MSUK to assist clubs wishing to attain Sustainable Club accreditation.

MSUK undergoing a discovery process for new website – reporting to Board 4 September. Tender document expected in the new year. Removing historic documents and resolving naming convention format on old website to make searching the website easier.

Motorsport UK TV – Branden Begg is asking clubs what they would like to see being broadcast on there.

2023 awards – nominations open 31 August and closes 31 October. There are awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the following categories:

- Club of the Year
- Sustainable Club of the Year
- Organising Team of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

MSUK Development fund – only received 4 applications this year and funding has doubled. Clubs are encouraged to contact the Club Development team club-development@motorsportuk.org. For example, the cost of a new club website has recently been funded. See appendix 1 attached to these minutes for more information.

StreetCar – would like some Cross Country & Trials clubs to sign up to the charter.

MLO are looking to meet in person in late August, with 3 Heads of Forces – DIO/Landmarc

Women in Motorsport – looking to increase participation across the sport-competitor survey has just taken place.

Girls on Track Facebook Group – not limited to track sports-any females are welcome to join.

Looking to host a Stage Commander 1 day training event – October, December & January.

Updated SRSRs will be published November 2023.

Stage rally car tracking mandatory from 2024, but will not replace primary systems (previous car, tracking radios).

2023.48 - Meeting ended at 22.30 hours.

2023.49 - Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th November 2023 via Zoom.

The following actions are summarised from the meeting minutes:

Minute	Action	
2023.50 – Written Reports (Championships)	Suggestions for a fairer scoring system for the Speed Championship to Dave Thomas.	All
2023.50 – Written Reports (Championships)	Comments on proposed ANWCC regulation changes to Dave Thomas.	All
2023.50 – Written Reports (Championships)	Comments on ANWCC website improvements to Dave Thomas.	All