

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2011

ATTENDANCE

Accrington (Steve Johnson), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Derek Machin), C&A (Jim Jones), CSMA (Steve Johnson), David Brown (Karen Spencer), Garstang & Preston (Steve Kenyon & Terry May), Kirkby Lonsdale (Bob Milloy), Knutsford (Graham Raeburn), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (John Harden & Ron Hunt), Motor Sport (North West) (Mark Wilkinson), MG (David Rainsbury & Paul Goodman), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Quinton (Paul Maxwell), Rhyl (Baz Green), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Bob Milloy & Mark Wilkinson), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Bill Turner), Wigan (Martin Fox & Tony Ralph)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Ron Hunt (Vice Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championships Coordinator), Derek Machin (Training).

Apologies were received from Brian Howatson (Clwyd Vale), Mike Ashcroft (Aintree), Katy Mashiter (KLMC, Cumbrian Rover Owners), David Bell (Lancashire AC), Martin Nield (Lancashire CC & MSNW), Kris Killip (Druidale), Kevin Ikin (Whitchurch), Mike Harris (BARC & Wallasey), Gordon Pirie (Warrington & MSNW), Eve Fisher & Graham Bray (CSMA, AMSC, SD34), Shaun Hulin (Wormhough)

WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the second meeting of the evening.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2010 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Derek Machin and seconded by Eric Cowcill.

MATTERS ARISING

- SD34 – have joined, however heard nothing with regard to the championships.
- Sport England – Jim Spencer reported that he's had a good meeting with Rob Jones/Cheryl Lynch and may be attending Pall Mall on 08/05/11 or next one for a presentation.
- Derek Machin asked whether we'd heard anything on tyres, Bob Milloy replied that they are still mumbling!
- Bob Milloy reported that we have received a statement from Aintree Circuit Club – Appendix A.
- Cadet Marshal – Karen Spencer reported that she has been speaking to Jon Binns and speaking to Cadets to see how they want to be perceived, more than happy to wear a different coloured tabard – Derek Machin replied that himself and Mark W will take forward to the next Marshal Working Group meeting on 24/03/11.

MSA REPORTS

AUTOTEST

- Not met since our last meeting.

RALLIES

- No minutes available.

COUNCIL

- Sprint Classes – Production / Specialist Production will be aligned.
A bulletin has been sent out as some classes were missed out of 2011 Blue Book
- Rule changes are now on MSA website and not Motorsport News – keep looking on the website!
- All clubs should by now have received a Spill Kit
- Seminars – Clerks/Stewards are happening at the moment.

REGIONAL

- Next meeting 23/02/11.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Promotional flyer received from Kernow Oils for Spill Kits that they are selling.
- Minutes received from East Midlands Association (12/10/10)

- 2010 MSA Company Report and 2009 Group Financial Statements
- Minutes received from West Midlands Association (03/08/10)

EVENT INVITATIONS

- ERO - Oak Leaf Stages – 27/02/11
- Stockport 061 – SMC Stages – 10/04/11
- Stockport 061 – 061 Road Rally – 21-22/05/11
- Lindholme – Danum Road Rally – 16-17/04/11

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Under 17 Car Club (North West) – have been accepted by MSA, therefore accepted by ANWCC
- Lampeter & District – previously been members, cheque has been received – accepted by ANWCC
- Now gives us 95 fully paid member clubs.

TREASURER

- Paid out £320 for a college bill that was booked by Mike Farnworth and will receive a rebate from Training Trust. Mark Wilkinson replied that he already has the cheque!!

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- So far we have 182 registered contenders which is 30 up on last year and 10 events have run so far. Average age is now 46; a few years ago it was mid 30s!
- Now have a Production Car Autotest championship for juniors.
- Do still have date clashes – please check calendar on website and let DVT know of any changes
- Marshals fund is going well, but will still accept donations!
- Marshal Draw:
November – Stephanie Parrett-Swift – High Moor
December – Stephanie Parrett-Swift – High Moor
January – Paul Cross
All receiving £25 cash.
You've got to be in it to win it...
- Rally of the Year voters – Paul Gray will receive a £25 voucher
- Derek asked if we are the only association to be promoting a PCA for Juniors? Steve Johnson confirmed. Derek suggested there's an article for Katy for Motorsports News, website etc...
- Bob reported that Mike Vary "Alifabs" approached us at the awards presentation, will donate: £100 cash to youngest championship contender to compete on an event, not sorted out qualifying criteria yet. £1000 would like to spread between 8 organisers for example; Mike is looking for it to be more administrative as opposed to competitors.
- Graham Raeburn (on behalf of Knutsford) – Rally of the Year 2010 was awarded to a rally without an MSA permit, we need to be careful in definition, best championship event of the year would work for example.

FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER

- No report

VENUE LIAISON

- Nothing to report

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Stockport training on 29/01 we were beating ANCC in the numbers, but we had 20 no shows so didn't manage to beat them in the end!
Guest on the day was Marshal of the Year – Barry O'Neil who came to see how we ran the day and he went away suitably impressed.
- Dates for 2012 -
28/01 – Stockport
29/01 – York
21-22/01 – MSA Rescue Unit Training
- All dates are on ViM website, with electronic registration.
- Rally marshal grading scheme is changing in 2012 and is with ADL for an update on plastic registration cards along with being annual to September

A further report can be found in Appendix B

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Been busy of late with NEC and school visits, started February the same with a weekend on North West Stages in Motorsports Village, very good format and worked well

MSA FLO

- No report

MSA RLO

- Gordon Pirie reported to Bob that if there are any problems we will hear about them – so no news is good news!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Karen Spencer gave a report on the recent (12/12/10) Women in Motorsport festival that will be run every 2 years, workshops were very useful, interesting to talk to other disciplines.
More information can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-in-Motorsport/149860978399333>
More details on the Women in Motorsport committee can be found on the dedicated page on the MSA website, the link being <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/contentCategoryView.asp?category=596>
- Martin Fox reported that Wigan DMC have moved their rally date to 09/10/11 at Three Sisters, which now leaves their date of Monday 02/05/11 and any interested motor clubs should contact Three Sisters direct.
- Paul Goodman reported that there is a new exhibition centre next to Trafford Centre – on 26/27 March there will be the "North West Indoor Classic Car Show" held there – www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk for anyone interested in having a stand.
- John Harden reported on the potential loss of Curborough – the whole application has been withdrawn by developer as of 02/02/11, which is good news.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9 May 2011

Monday 8 August 2011

Tuesday 8 November 2011

Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QX. (www.toftcc.co.uk)

AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

Venue Liaison Officer

Press Officer

Training Officer

Go Motorsport

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business

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APPENDIX A

For the attention of Bob Milloy, ANWCC Chairman and Mark Wilkinson, ANWCC Secretary:

Statement on behalf of Aintree Circuit Club, issued by the Committee

We wish to draw your attention to the minutes of the ANWCC General Meeting, held on Tuesday 9th November 2010 / page 3 / Aintree Liaison Officer:

With reference to discussions with Mike Ashcroft during your meeting of Tuesday 9th November 2010, we would draw your attention to the following:

The minute which reads:

"Aintree Circuit Club has requested dates direct but have been told no other dates are available"

and in particular the minute which reads:

"...however ACC don't feel this is right..." etc,

Whilst not having any issues with regard to the accuracy of the minute in reflecting the discussion on the night we believe that the final outcome does not reflect the current policy of Aintree Circuit Club and furthermore we also believe that perceptions in debates around the use of the Club Circuit reflect badly on our organisation and at times generates unnecessary friction with other parties.

In order to address any misunderstandings and for future clarification in relation to the matter of the allocation of dates on the Aintree Club Circuit, the Committee of Aintree Circuit Club wish it to be known that at the present time Aintree Circuit Club has no interest in obtaining a date on the Club Circuit, whether an existing date or an additional fixture.

We also do not have any issues over the existing allocation arrangements of available dates by Aintree Racecourse Management Company to any one Club or another.

We trust that the above statement will help to resolve any misunderstandings in relation to this matter.

Many thanks and kind regards,
Colin Brady
Hon. Secretary
Aintree Circuit Club

APPENDIX B

Mark,

Given my still croaky voice, thought that I'd put pen to paper so as to help you when doing the minutes.

Training Officers Report

29th Jan = the annual Stockport training day. Whilst initially we had more applicants than Sunday's ANCC equivalent day at York, with some 20 people not turning up we were down to 59 attendees, with the 20 being in the process of being contacted so as to ascertain why they didn't attend.

Of the attendees, only 11 advised that they'd heard about the training via their Motor Club, significantly down on previous years, so the opportunity for improvement again here.

Following on from 2010, when Jennifer Larking (FIA Institute) attended, this year we had Barry O'Neil (2010 JLT MSA Marshal of the Year <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newsarticle.asp?chapter=210&nid=1378>) and Nigel Bannister (MSA consultant working with MSA Training Review Committee) as observers, both suitably impressed.

Forthcoming training days within the ANWCC area being:

19/20th February – Oulton Park (Race)
11th March – CSMA (North West) at Accrington (Rally)
13th March – BRMC, open to all, at Derby (Rally)
10th June - CSMA (North West) at Accrington (Rally)
TBA Sept - CSMA (North West) at Accrington (Rally)

Provisionally agreed 2012 dates being:

21st /22nd January – North West MSA Rescue Unit training and Assessment (Lancaster)
28th January – ANWCC Rally Marshals Training (Stockport)

29th January – ANCC Rally Marshals Training (York)

More generally

- All 2010 MSA funded marshals training days have the online application option pioneered by ANWCC several years ago
- There will be a new MSA Rally Marshals Grading Scheme announced shortly
- During late April the MSA will announce a comprehensive change to their Marshals Registration Scheme across all disciplines, with the migration to a competitor style plastic photo id card and annual renewals during September rather than the traditional end of year when Competitors and Officials renewals occur
- This year's Autosports Show also saw a MSA Training Organisers meeting to announce significant changes in the way that MSA funded training will be provided by existing MSA Lead Trainers and Instructors. The 'impact' to clubs being marshals training sessions for 2012 can only use MSA approved materials/modules.

Hope this helps

Regards,
Derek Machin
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Assoc North West Car Clubs - Training Officer
MSA Licensed Training Instructor