



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2011

ATTENDANCE

Accrington (Steve Johnson), Aintree Circuit (Michael Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Jan Baddeley & Derek Machin), C&A (Jim Jones), CSMA (Steve Johnson), Cumbria Rover Owners (Katy Mashiter), David Brown (Karen Spencer), F1000 (Steve Johnson), KLMC (Katy Mashiter & Bob Milloy), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (John Harden, Ron Hunt), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MGCC (David Rainsbury & Paul Goodman), MS(NW) (Mark Wilkinson), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries (Eric Cowcill), Quinton (Paul Maxwell), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Team Duck (Karen Spencer & Jan Baddeley), Under 17 (Steve Johnson)

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

Apologies were received from David Bell (Lancashire AC), Martin Nield (Lancashire CC & MSNW), Eve Fisher & Graham Bray (CSMA, AMSC, and SD34), Steve Kenyon (Garstang & Preston), Nigel Bayley (ERO)

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting.

Bob Milloy welcomed Mr Allan Dean-Lewis (ANWCC President & MSA Head of External Affairs) (along with Mrs Dean-Lewis!) to the meeting.

Couple of notices prior to the meeting:

Mike Ashcroft rang to say Peter Riley had passed away, unfortunately had nasty bout of bowel cancer. Our thoughts are with Peter's wife and daughter at this time.

Congratulations to our Secretary Mark and Sarah-Jane Dunhill on their recent engagement.

The minutes of the May 2011 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Karen Spencer.

MATTERS ARISING

- Sport England – Jim Spencer reported that he hadn't had a meeting yet, but exchange of emails has happened so a steady progress.
- Bob Milloy reports that the Junior PCA was discussed at Regional and still progressing.
- National Motorsport Week 2012 – 30/06/12 – 08/07/12
- Lithium batteries – was raised at Regional and now taken to Safety. Eric Cowcill commented that John Symes has it on his agenda and will be increasing the urgency because of safety and disposal issue.
- We were 2nd on Inter Association Stage Rally – pipped by 1 point!

MSA REPORTS

ALLAN DEAN-LEWIS

- Would like to thank the Association for the sympathy card received from the Association on behalf of member clubs, following the recent passing of his Mother.
- Entries Jan-Apr 11 on previous year are down 1%, as are the number of events run. Timed road rallies – events up 117% and entries are up 98%.
- Still giving away money – Club & Rescue Development Funds, now also got Officials Development Fund to assist those people from off-shore islands & remote parts of the country.
- 2011 seminars were targeted at licensed officials, handouts are now on website. Thanks to Jan & Derek for compiling analysis reports. 2012 will be aimed at Club Officials – potentially looking at the registration (not licensing) of Secretary of Meeting and Competition Secretary so we can target these people.
- Motorsport Safety Fund website – now have marshalling "apps".
- Miles Booker has moved on, been at MSA for 3 years and not going to be directly replaced, but there will be changes throughout the team.
- Women in Motorsport – Associations need to MSA know of anyone and potentially to be a Committee Member – Bob commented that he would like anyone that feels themselves suitable to come forward.
- Marshals Registration – forms are about to go out for yearly registration.

- Internationally – Tanzania, Malta & Kenya have all requested our help; Greg Symes & Team Academy are going over in a few weeks. Just had an approach from Russia ahead of 2014 grand prix (built 3 tracks in last year and got another 4 in the pipeline)
- Club of the Year & Marshal of the Year – closing date is 01/10/11 (12 months prior, not Jan to Dec).
- MSA Press Release 02/08/11 – MSA Executive has requested that members of both Rallies Committee and MSC consider R48.10.6 All rally stage cars must be fitted with seats that are FIA homologated.
Post Meeting Note – MSA Press Release 15/08/11 can be found in Appendix A.
- Discussion ensued over the “life dates of seat belts”.
- MSA Insurance are now self-insuring through captive; rebate to clubs will be less as paying less up front in insurance premiums. Don’t expect reduction, as only paying higher-level claims so over time should stop premiums increasing dramatically.
- Karen Spencer asked if running as Stage Commander and put a report in to Clerk of Course, get asked next year to be Stage Commander and nothing has happened, where do you go? ADL commented that Clerk of Course is main point of contact, if not then MSA Steward and if no response from them then MSA Chief Exec and it would be filtered down. Jim Jones suggested contacting the Club Chairman initially to give them chance to rectify.

AUTOTEST

- Last meeting was 30/07.
- Finish lines on some events are getting a little “iffy”, there needs to be 20m of safety.
- Request from Devon club suggesting dropping the age to 12. Safety Panel are checking re insurance.

RALLIES

- Change of colours of flags – changing from red to yellow and will be deployed by an identified marshal.
- Subjective route notes – DVDs, selling on etc
- Karen Spencer has been asked if pace notes could be allowed on single venues again, to allow for practice prior to events that do use them?

COUNCIL

- Last meeting was 14/06/11 – last one to get any changes in before 2012 blue book.
- Location of safety cut out switch
- Battery powered cars will be allowed in own class.
- 1B tyres not allowed in autotests
- Rallies – non competing vehicles parked in appropriate place at least 30m, previously in a safe place.
- All committee minutes are on www.msauk.org, bottom left of screen and don’t need to log-on. In your interest to periodically review this as have 3 month window to comment re rule changes.
- Karen Spencer asked re the retirement age of Scutineers? ADL replied that all age references had to be removed due to ageism, but if any concerns do please let us know, same with MSA Stewards.
- Jim Spencer commented that wet suits are allowed in hill climb and sprints, not allowed in racing.

REGIONAL

- Fixture list is progressing, but not quite there, can now multiple load events.
- Batteries – technical department are investigating.
- Next meeting is 17/08/11.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- MSA Magazine – Summer 2011
- MSA News – July, August 2011
- Forestry Commission Allocations Applications 2012 – Ludlow Castle and Sixty & Worcs MC
- Press Release from LARA re 14/28 day rule under threat
- MSA Regional Committee Meeting Minutes – May 2011
- Minutes received from:
 - AWMMC – May 2011
 - WAMC – July 2011
 - EMAMC – April 2011
 - ANCC – April 2011
 - ANECC – April 2011
 - ACSMC – June 2011
 - ANICC – May 2011

EVENT INVITATIONS

- Lincoln Green Stages Rally 2011
- Danum Rally – Lindholme MSC – 24/25 March 2012
- Lincoln Green Stages Rally – Lindholme MSC – 8 September 2012

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Team Duck, Marshals Co-operative. No objections, voted en mass to accept.

TREASURER

- Now have 98 clubs, of which half have paid subs (47 to date)
- If club does have events in the calendar, need to ensure you've paid your subs to maintain competition rights.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 1 club has had events in Jan, Mar, May & July and then £5 has been added each month for missed payments, currently at £100 and CC'd Club Secretary who has acknowledged and now registered events for 2012, still awaiting payment for 2011 events.
Derek Machin suggested we withdraw any championship points until paid..
Bob Milloy commented that any events for 2012 go to back of pile, any future events won't be registered until paid up.
Post meeting note – club has now paid all fees due, so no further action required.
- 284 contenders (278 last year)
- 96 events with 48 to go
- Quite a few events are getting cancelled and then not telling us.
- ADL commented that in 2010 between Jan-Apr 162 events were cancelled, same period in 2011 it was 108
- 2012 forms are now on website and already got calendar clashes, but now got criteria for selection.
- Seniors age will increase to 50 from 2012.
- Will be called "Road & Navigational Rallies" Championship for 2012 onwards.
- Jim Spencer suggested that we also had a Speed Championship, combining Sprint and Hillclimb events, stipulating that you must compete in both disciplines.
- Marshals – getting a lot of claims, and also some spurious claims which are being investigated.
Fund for this year is nearly £1000.
May – Beth Fuschter – Myerscough
June – Gareth Williams – Bala
July – Paul Cross
- Awards Presentation – 11 February 2012 @ Holiday Inn, Manchester Airport. Suggestions for guest speaker to DVT please.

FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER

- No report

VENUE LIAISON

- Will be removed from Agenda for next meeting.
- ADL suggested "New Venue Seeking Officer"

PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing to report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Stockport will be held last Saturday of January and York will be held last Sunday. There will be no fire handling practice. Accrington hold fire training, so will be directed there.
- 13/05/12 – Witton Show – on the job mentoring will be available.

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Progressing well. New leaflet in production by Richard Egger.
- Lets Go Karting – funding has now been stopped by MSA, but tracks may still be offering it independently.

MSA FLO

- No report

MSA RLO

- No report, therefore assume all is well.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Ormskirk Motorfest – marshals are required, please contact Mike Ashcroft.
266 entries so far, may be more by time of event.
Mersey Travel are supporting and have put posters in 78 stations.
- Derek Machin commented that he has a nomination for both COTY & MOTY:
Club – BRCA (ADL commented that they wouldn't qualify under current regulations)
Marshal – Cath Simpson (ADL replied that with supporting documentation, would be considered)
- DVT – Daily Post are now doing weekly reports in the paper.
- Forms for clubs to add a section about the club, will be listed below member club name on www.anwcc.org, please use it!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 21 November 2011 – Cheryl Lynch will be in attendance (MSA Race, Speed & Kart Executive)

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

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

Association Minutes Received

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

Press Officer

Training Officer

Go Motorsport

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business

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APPENDIX A

MSA confirms stage rally seat regulations for 2012

The Motor Sports Association (MSA) has confirmed a new regulation to take effect from 1 January 2012, governing the type of seat that is permitted within stage rally cars.

The new regulation (to be read in conjunction with R48.10.6) is as follows:

R48.10.6.1

For any vehicle issued with an MSA Competition Car Log Book prior to 1st January 2009, the requirements of R48.10.6. are satisfied until 31st December 2012. This is provided that the seat(s) have previously been FIA Homologated and in addition the seats have the appropriate seat mountings in accordance with R48.10.6.

Date of Implementation: 1/1/12

The effect of this new Regulation is that for the 2012 season, competitors will not be mandated to replace seats that have previously been FIA homologated.

The proposal has been circulated among members of the Rallies Committee and the Motor Sports Council in the past week and has subsequently been exceptionally approved by means of an electronic vote.

Colin Hilton, MSA Chief Executive:

“This issue has generated substantial correspondence from competitors and a considerable amount of debate at Regional Association meetings in recent months. The MSA makes no apology for its commitment to improving safety within motor sport and there is complete agreement that standard production car seats have no place within stage rally cars. This new regulation will achieve that and will allow a further 12 months to consider how best we move forward in the future which, being mindful of the current economic climate and the interests of existing competitors, seems entirely sensible.

“Much of the debate has been fuelled by the absence of definitive data to indicate whether the lifing of parts by time is the best possible way of ensuring safety. We need to look carefully at the research available and perhaps commission new studies, before arriving at a conclusion that is substantiated by fact. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in bringing this debate to a pragmatic conclusion; I believe that it is a good example of the governing body listening to its members.

“Finally, I would like to reiterate that the responsibility for the safety of a competitor lies exclusively with that competitor. The MSA reminds everyone that just because items are within their ‘life’, does not automatically make them safe. The MSA continues to advise competitors to take all possible precautions to keep themselves and others safe in the course of their motor sport activity.”

Background information

The current regulations for a rally car issued with a Competition Car Log Book (CCLB) prior to 1/1/09 do not specify any details regarding the type of seats to be fitted other than a requirement for head restraints and that the seat should not tilt, fold or recline independently. This means that, for cars under the CCLB pre-09 regime, standard production seats, provided that they are in good order and with a serviceable locking mechanism, would be permissible.

The FIA introduced homologated seats in 1998, so homologated seats have been available for 13 years. Regulation R48.10.6 was introduced three years ago at the time of the K37 review, giving a three-year warning that by 1/1/12 all rally cars would have to be fitted with seats that hold a current FIA homologation, which would mean seats that are no more than 5 years old.

The new regulation ensures that from 1/1/12 all rally cars will be fitted with seats that are currently or have previously been homologated by the FIA, but does not mandate that seats with previous FIA homologation must be replaced by currently homologated seats.