



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS,
HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Accrington (Steve Johnson & Graham Maxwell), Aintree (Michael Ashcroft), BRMC (Derek Machin), BRSCC (NW) (Mike Harris), Buxton & District Land Rover (Phil Hunter & Matt Thompson), C&A (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), CSMA (Steve Johnson & Graham Maxwell), David Brown (Karen Spencer), F1000 (Steve Johnson), Fylde (David Grady), Garstang & Preston (Steve Kenyon & Terry May), Lancashire & Cheshire (Martin Neild), Lancaster (Maurice Ellison), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (John Harden), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MGCC (Paul Goodman), Motor Sport (NW) (Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Team Duck (Karen Spencer), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Mike Harris & Bill Turner)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Dave Thomas (Championship Coordinator), Derek Machin (Training).

Apologies were received from Ron Hunt, Eric Cowcill, Katy Mashiter, Sue Sanders, Ken Wilkinson, David Bell, David Rainsbury, Tom Dooley, Jim Spencer, Eve Fisher & Graham Bray

WELCOME

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

MINUTES

The Secretary reported that the header of the 2011 minutes reported the year as 2010 when in fact it should have been 2011.

The minutes of the February 2011 AGM were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Steve Johnson and seconded by Bill Turner.

MATTERS ARISING

Nothing that won't come up through the meeting Agenda.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Bob Milloy reported that the world motorsport scene situation is normal; closer to home we've had new winner, the championships have done well and clubs are generally coping well; the culmination was last weekends awards presentation (up on last year with 200 attendees), we were joined by two directors of MSA – Mr & Mrs Allan Dean-Lewis and Mr Rob Jones who both enjoyed their time there.

The Rally of the Year was won by the Manx Autosport Chris Kelly Memorial, and they were there to collect their award. The ADL Scroll of Excellence was awarded to Tristan Dodd who is a loyal supporter of the Association and junior events. It is now two years since our move to TOFT and please accept our apologies for changing the days and thanks to TOFT for their continued hospitality.

We have seen an increase in member clubs and have now reached 100 clubs and would like to thank all new clubs for their support.

Thanks to all the Association officers for their sterling efforts throughout the year.

We look after our customers, we have managed to retain the Marshal of the Year and third place Club of the Year in our patch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mark Wilkinson reported that he would like to re-iterate his comments from 2011 that as most of the Association business is now completed electronically – we need to be kept aware of any member changes within your clubs and also to email addresses.

Thank you to all the marshals, competitors, attendees at the meetings and hope you all have a good 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Eric's absence, Mark read out Eric's report:

'At face value the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2011 do not look good with a figure of £2694.94 being excess of Expenditure over Income – in other words a trading loss compared to the previous year's profit of £423. However I am not at all worried as will be explained in a few moments.

Subscriptions and Registration fees both for competitors and events are pretty much on a par year on year – competitor registrations being just a little down. A significant difference though is in the income for the awards night which shows only £414 being received instead of over £2000. This is explained by the fact that the awards night held in 2011 was very early and much of the income came in the 2010 financial year. This year's awards do is a lot later and comparatively little income had been received before 31 December – hence the difference.

Much of the remainder of the income is similar to last year. Once again we were only responsible for the administration of one training day at Stockport instead of the 18 or so administered in previous years. The figure of £320 for the training day at Stafford relates to an event run in May 2009 where the venue had to be changed at the last minute. The original venue was free of charge whereas the revised venue incurred a hire charge. We (myself, Jan Baddeley, Derek Machin) were not aware of this at the time for it was all arranged by Mike Farnworth. However to compound the matter much of the correspondence for this was sent to an old address of Mike's hence we did not become aware of it until mid way through 2011. Our President ADL very kindly managed to ensure that this was refunded to us along with the Stockport training day money so we as an Association did not lose out.

The figure of un-presented cheques relates to marshals fund money that Dave Thomas had paid prior to the year end which had not been passed through the bank.

Regarding expenditure, increasing use of the e-mail and internet is significantly reducing costs of stationery and postage though some does remain. Entertainment of our guests at the quarterly meetings was a little higher but it is essential to remember that we probably get more MSA visits than most other Associations and that during 2010 we did not incur too much entertainment cost and the 2011 figure is similar to that in 2009. The cost of the Awards night last year was significantly higher than previous. Also we supported teams in more Inter Association competitions than we have done for a while so incurring further costs. Most other expenditure is on a par with previous years.

As is usual, the administration side of the Association has been very efficient – the room hire for the year being equal to just one meeting at our previous home. I can therefore see no reason to recommend any change in the subscription that Clubs pay once again. The competition side still remains buoyant but careful consideration of costs is required and I know that Dave Thomas has this in mind, both in terms of the cost of awards donated and the awards function. I am therefore confident that the competition side will continue to be self funding.

I therefore recommend acceptance of the accounts.'

Eric Cowcill

Karen Spencer commented that the "Computer ancillaries" are high given the amount of email usage. Dave Thomas replied that this is counterbalanced by contribution towards printing and postage from North Wales Car Club. The accounts were proposed by Steve Johnson, seconded by John Harden and accepted by the meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- **From the Department of Useless Information:**
- Total competitors 287 (2010 was 278) up 3.2%
- Average date of birth 16 May 68 which equates to 42y 7m (age at 1 Jan) - compared to 2010 where the average dob was 21 Jul 68 which equates to 41y 5m, so the average age (which should remain constant) has gone up by over a year!
- Seniors (over 45) totaled 135 being 47% of the total number of competitors for 2011 (2010 was 112 being 40%) so more oldies coming out to play.
- Juniors (under 25) totaled 44 being 15.3% in 2011 (2010 was 39 being 14%) so more youngsters coming out to play.
- 255 of the 287 (89%) are happy to get info from the web, this compares to 87.8% in 2010 so going up.
- 101 of the 287 (35%) were not registered the previous year, this compares to 38% in 2010 so slightly down
- Total events 143 (120) up 19.2%, mainly due to many being triple events - Autotest/Autosolo/PCA
- Rally championships strong except for the Historic Stage championship.
- Autotests down but Autosolos a big success.
- Junior PCA new championship, off to a reasonable start despite the licensing restrictions.
- Trials and Sprints well supported, Hillclimbs not so much with lack of venues - fortunately Loton and Barbon have come in to replace Baitings and Scammdonden.
- Rally of the Year announced last weekend - Chris Kelly Memorial, run on the Isle of Man. Top Forest rally was the Trackrod, top road rally was the Dansport in Derbyshire, top Historic Road was the new Tour of Clwyd, Top Historic Stage was the Quinton.
- Marshals fund just topped £1000 with the £25 monthly awards and the balance shared out amongst the top ten at the end of the year - the winners (three-way tie) each received £92.
- Big thanks to the championship stewards who were called upon to deliberate on a couple of points raised, their answers prevented any further problems!
- Awards presentation held successfully last weekend with 180 attendees.
- Marshal fund has just topped £1000, thanks to BRCA for the donation of radio controlled cars for Juniors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Milloy briefly handed over the Chair to Mark Wilkinson for the election of Chairman.

The following nominations have been received:

Chairman	Bob Milloy
Vice-Chairman	Ron Hunt
Treasurer	Eric Cowcill
General Secretary	Mark Wilkinson
Championship Sec.	Dave Thomas
Training Officer	Derek Machin
Press Officer	Katy Mashiter

The above officers were elected en mass and proposed by Bill Turner and seconded by John Harden.

Additionally, the two MSA appointments continue:

RLO	Gordon Pirie
FLO	Kevin Witton

MOTIONS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 2013 – date will be advised nearer the time, Toft Cricket Club

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