

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2013

ATTENDANCE

116 (Rod Pierce), 2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Accrington (Steve Johnson), Aintree (Michael Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Karen Spencer & Derek Machin), Buccaneer (Karen Spencer), Buxton LRC (Matt Thompson), C&A (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale (Gayle Hughes-Davies & Brian Howatson), CSMA (Steve Johnson), ERO (Mark Bailey & Chris Cornes), Fylde (Jason Hilton), Garstang & Preston (Terry May & Steve Kenyon), Gemini (Bill Wilmer), Glossop 4x4 (Greg Longson), Hagley (Jim Spencer), Kirkby Lonsdale (Bob Milloy), Knutsford (Mike Vokes), Lancs & Ches (Martin Nield), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MG Car Club (Paul Goodman & David Rainsbury), Motor Sport NW (Chris Cornes, Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle (Eric Cowcill), Selby (Mike Vary), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Team Duck (Karen Spencer), Under 17 (Steve Johnson)

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

Apologies were received from John Harden (Vice-Chairman), Katy Mashiter (Press), Ron Hunt, Ken Wilkinson (S061), David Bell (Lancs Auto), Tom Dooley (BRSCC NW), Nigel Bayley (ERO), Graham Forrester (Wigton), Judy Warriar (Stockton), Chris Tomley, Derek Reynolds, Teresa Wood (Epynt), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe), Bill Turner & Mike Harris (Wallasey), Brynmor Pierce (Broughton & Bretton), Emyr Hall (Bala), Daniel Orme (Rotating Ferrets)

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed John Symes (MSA Technical Director) and all delegates to the meeting.

The Secretary, Mark Wilkinson, informed the room that Matt Thompson (Buxton & District Land Rover Club) had been missed off the list of attendees at February 2013 minutes.

The minutes of the February 2013 General Meeting were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Chris Cornes and seconded by Steve Johnson.

MATTERS ARISING

- Bob Milloy confirmed that the increase in subscriptions will apply from 01/01/14, but will be informed in the renewals process in July/August 2013.
- Sport England – Bob Milloy took to the Regional meeting and is now in the hands of Ian Davis (MSA Regional Executive) and will be drafting some words, ultimately will go to Council – moving in the right direction.
- Glossop 4x4 were present (and apologised for missing the February meeting) – Greg gave the room an overview of their club.
- Event City – 4/5 clubs were represented there and thought would be worthwhile ANWCC being there in 2014. Steve Johnson commented that there was 13,000 footfall over the 2 days.
- Map 116 – there has been a meeting; DVT reported that North Walian clubs tend to talk to each other, it's the non-MSA events that cause the problem.

MSA REPORTS

JOHN SYMES – MSA TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

- Looks after venue and licence inspections, claims investigation, accident reporting.
- Spends approximately 1 day a week on insurance/legal matters. A fatality takes 60-80 hours and there are on average 2-4 a year. Litigation – a case can last 5-8 days.
 - Steve Johnson had asked questions to John beforehand – John answered:
 1. Why does the MSA require Crash Helmets to have fire resisting material? Can Europe Standard motor bike helmets not be used and if necessary with fire resisting balaclavas?
FIA have done a lot of research and have concluded no.
 2. As costs and the life span of these items is putting most off rallying, many are still wanting to use seats in rally cars that have not been involved in crashes do you have an update for club members?
Unfortunately, I don't have any figures to disclose at this stage.

AUTOTEST

- Steve reported that a select few were in attendance at the last meeting, and the main topic of discussion was the size of the venue, if the test site is over 200m x 200m then it's classed as a sprint

RALLIES

- No report – meeting held today.

COUNCIL

- Eric gave a brief overview of the March meeting which is traditionally one when not so much routine business is conducted.
- Some of the items that came up in Council had already been touched upon by John Symes during his comments,
- Namely Lifting of Seats and Retained Risk Retention both of which are still under discussion. Also Race Committee are still wishing to make amendments to the track limits rule - most people accept that the FIA wording is perfectly adequate but the committee see fit to make changes.
- Closed roads initiative had 20 expressions of interest so far - no breakdown is available whether these are rallies or speed events and is still proceeding though bogged down within parliament.
- Newly qualified doctors now need to wait 5 years to get the necessary approval to work on such as motorsport events meaning paramedics may become more commonly used at events rather than doctors.
- Rallies committee has mandated that from Jan 1st 2014 all rally cars must have an oil catch tank of 1 litre capacity and side windows made of toughened or laminated glass must have an adhesive plastic film of a maximum thickness applied to prevent glass particles scattering in the event of breakage.
- One matter which was withdrawn by Executive but may return was a proposal to give both the first and second names of judges of fact and to specify what they are enabled to judge - this may of course return later.
- Next Council is 11th June.

REGIONAL

- Marshal of the Year has been renamed Volunteer of the Year
- CRB is now the Disclosure & Barring Service
- Club Manual is now available in separate sections on the MSA website
- All Inter Association events are now going to be run on a rotational basis – BM has the list.
- *Post meeting note – do we see any merit in having a regional list of experienced Club Stewards?*

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Nothing to report

MINUTES RECEIVED FROM OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- WAMC AGM April 12 Minutes
- WAMC January 13 Minutes
- SACC November 12 Minutes
- AEMC February 13 Minutes
- EMAMC April 13 Minutes
- AWMMC February 13 Minutes
- ASEM AGM Minutes and Accounts

EVENT INVITATIONS

- JRT Enville Stages 7th July 2013
- Opposite Lock Rally – 20th July 2013 (*Post meeting note – due to venue constraints, the event has been cancelled*)
- Pendragon Stages – moved from 25 August to 22 September

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Glossop 4x4 Club
- Selby & District - Mike Vary gave a brief overview of the Club and plans for a new clubhouse.
 - Both clubs have paid subscriptions – accepted en mass.

TREASURER

- Still in the black!
- DVT reported that we have lost 2 clubs – Llandysul & Vauxhall Motoring. 108 clubs in total

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 280 competitors to date (270 in total in 2012)
172 renewals
66 new but have been registered previously
42 new to championships
- Average age is 43 years 2 months (in 1983 it was 30)
- Marshals Draw:
 - February (38 claims) – Simon Cotton
 - March (114 claims) – Geoff Ingram
 - April (34 claims) – Chris Jarvis
- Steve Johnson gave a brief overview of where he's up to with donations/supporters of the website – any surplus could be awarded back to championship contenders. A free offer of professionally edited promotional short videos of our championships is being investigated.

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- 52 at Stockport (27% heard via club, 3% via social media, 14% via ViM site and 26% emailing from previous 2 years)
- 95 at York
- 397 at Oulton Park
- 20 at Rhos on Sea
- Steve Johnson is holding a Fire Marshal training at Accrington on 9th August – to register visit <http://volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/tinc?key=nX0K3jBh&formname=csmafire>

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Seminars are progressing with Richard Eggar
- Steve gave an overview of all the events planned for the National Motorsports Week. Details are on the website.

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Michael Ashcroft reported that he is very worried about the paddock service road at Aintree as it is starting to deteriorate and concerned that clubs are neglecting it in favour of maintaining the main circuit; it cost £30,000 to repair the road a few years ago. Bob Milloy commented that this should be discussed between the clubs that use Aintree.
- Bill Wilmer invited all clubs to marshal on this year's Wales Rally GB as it is moving to North/Mid Wales – the route is being announced on Friday.
- Eric Cowcill informed the room that there will be a WRGB presence at Cholmondeley Pageant of Power - cpop.co.uk/wales-rally-gb-village
- Derek Machin suggested that there is an Association RTV / Tyro Championship now we have 5 member clubs.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12th August

Monday 11th November

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

The meeting will be attended by Nick Bunting, the current MSA CEO and his predecessor, Colin Hilton. We would like to have a good attendance, so do please try to send a club representative to this very special occasion. If you have any questions that you would like to put to either Nick or Colin, that might require some research, please let Mark Wilkinson have brief details well in advance.

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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