

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 12th AUGUST 2013

ATTENDANCE

116 (Rod Pierce), 2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Aintree (Mike Ashcroft), AMSC (Graham Maxwell, Steve Johnson), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Derek Machin), BRSCC (Mike Harris & Tom Dooley), Buxton Land Rover (Matt Thompson), Clitheroe (Maurice Ellison), CSMA (Steve Johnson, Graham Maxwell, Graham Bray & Eve Fisher), ERO (Mark Bailey, Chris Cornes & Josh Cornes), Formula 1000 (Steve Johnson), Fylde (Mark Lewington & Janice Lewington), Garstang (Terry May & Steve Kenyon), Gemini (Bill Wilmer, Mark Wilkinson, Eve Fisher & Graham Bray), KLMC (Katy Mashiter & Bob Milloy), Knutsford (Mike Vokes), Lancashire Auto (Carolyn Taylor & Anthony Taylor), Lancs & Ches (Martin Nield), Liverpool (Ron Hunt & John Harden), Longton (Mike Ashcroft), MG (Paul Goodman & David Rainsbury), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport NW (Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries (Eric Cowcill), SD34 (Eve Fisher & Graham Bray), Selby (Mike Vary), Stockport 061 (Ken Wilkinson, Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Mike Harris & Bill Turner), Warrington (Mark Carter)

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

Apologies were received from Teresa Wood (Epynt), Brian Howatson (Clwyd), Judy & Les Warriner (Stocketon), Karen Spencer, Jim Jones, Emyr Hall

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed Colin Hilton and Nick Bunting to the meeting and all delegates to the meeting. The minutes of the May 2013 General Meeting were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Derek Machin and seconded by Eric Cowcill.

MATTERS ARISING

- Sport England – Ian Davies' proposed definition is "A club sport event is a social competition involving vehicles, but not exclusively". The emphasis is not on the outright performance of the vehicle and the events are of the type described in D5. Nick Bunting commented that the list in D5 is currently being expanded.
- Aintree Service Area – there have been some repairs done by Golf Club, as traffic to the Club has caused damage. Mike Ashcroft asked whether it was similar material to their replacement a few years ago, John Harden replied that we have no control over the tarmac used.
- Tyro Championship – should be instigated in 2014. Matt Thompson to talk with other clubs and liaise with Dave Thomas.
- Discussion ensued over Regional Club Stewards. Dave Thomas to add a box to Renewal Form so we can keep a record.

MSA REPORTS

NICK BUNTING – MSA CHIEF EXECUTIVE

- Previous roles include Cadburys, Guinness, Pepsi and then joined Rugby Football Union to follow hobby! Instigated working with Sport England and became Volunteer Development Manager. Sadly as part of the cull, following the new Chief Executive, became redundant. Then went to work for Prince Charles.
- Nick's contact details are 01753 765 26 or nick.bunting@msauk.org

Questions from the floor:

- Enjoyed first few months – done a lot of travelling!
- Issue of noise and environmental issues. As a Governing Body, we need to lead and not follow.
- Cost – what are MSA doing to try and help manage cost? Again, we'd like to manage instead of being told what to do with Health & Safety.
- Mike Harris asked whether we are liaising with ACU to create harmony and share values as same issues will be being discussed and raised. Nick replied confirming that he was due to be meeting their Chief Executive in September.
- Derek Machin asked what was happening with forest stage tyres? Nick replied that there is now a list of 7 tyres allowed, the most aggressive and tyre cutting are now banned, only the smallest and largest wheels are excluded. Bob commented that the Tyre Working Group has been resurrected.

- Colin Hilton informed the room on progress with Closed Road Motorsport – the previous Transport Minister was very pro and was undertaking research with Sheffield & Hallamshire University – a rally brings in around £2m, they were about to get funding but then Secretary of the State suspended as HS2 takes priority. MSA are pressing and working with the Cabinet.
- Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) – Allan Dean-Lewis has been tasked with creating a briefing note so that clubs can get Gift Aid on donations (sponsorship).
- Colin has been with MSA for 20 years and 12 of those as Chief Executive – came from industry and thought had come to a cottage industry! Has got many friends within motorsport now and is not severing all links. Bob on behalf of the Association passed on our thanks and gratitude to Colin for his hard work.

AUTOTEST

- Discussion at last meeting whether we change name to Gymkhana.
- Autotest at Autosport Show ran well – could this be put on at WRGB?
- Noise at events.
- Size of venue – purely on safety 200m x 200m is by far big enough; if you want a larger venue then it's a sprint.
- How can we keep costs down? Don't want to put regulations in a National level.
- Looking at videos for best practice.

RALLIES

- No minutes present.

COUNCIL

Nick Bunting and Colin Hilton had already mentioned some items. However additional were:

- John Symes report on rally seats is due to be presented to MSA Council in September.
- Rallies committee have asked for tenders for supply of GPS tracking devices to use in national rallies
- Rallies committee has permitted forced induction diesel engined cars under 1500cc to be used on road rallies and under 1400cc on endurance rallies from next January.
- Also gas discharge or LED auxiliary lamps will not be allowed on road rally cars from next January unless fitted as standard manufactured equipment.
- A successful FIA Conference was held at Goodwood in July
- Race Committee has allowed round number panels to be used - must have a 5cm surround around the number
- Also they have modified yet again the track limits rule and from next January any wheel which goes over the outer edge of any kerbing or over the white line if no kerbing will be penalised. Consensus is that this will be impossible to report and enforce - time will tell!
- Technical have removed leaded petrol from the Blue Book specifications and have included imperial dimensions into the roll cage rules.
- Historic Committee has added a Category 4 to allow vehicles built between 1 Jan 82 and 31 Dec 85 to compete
- The Historic Rally Vehicle Identification Form HRVIF will be valid for 10 years from issue and a suitable sticker to identify such cars will be available.
- Safety Committee have asked MSA Stewards to inspect and report on the condition of Rally Recovery vehicles in addition to the Rescue vehicle already checked. This includes checking to ensure any dated products are in fact in date.
- Rescue units can now be built around a suitably modified vehicle and not a van as previous but from January onwards will have to have blue flashing beacons at the rear and a few extra pieces of medical equipment.

REGIONAL

- Topics discussed:
 - Lifting
 - Fixture list
 - Stage Rally Tyre Working Group
 - Regional Club Stewards
 - Jess Fack gave a review on Go Motorsport and @ThanksMarshal
 - Allan Dean-Lewis gave a review on Training and Development
 - Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year – please let us know of any nominations. Nick commented that one change so far is that the winners of the 4 volunteer categories will come to Night of Champions, not just overall winner.
- Nick commented that the "Battenburg Flag" has been withdrawn from Race, but will remain used in Karts.
- Inter Association events, now on a rota basis, ANWCC turn is:
 - Autotest – 2019
 - Car Trial – 2017
 - Cross Country – 2022
 - Road/Nav/Targa Rally – 2022
 - Sprint – 2020
 - Stage – 2023

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- MSA Forestry Commission Allocations – Sixty & Worcs Woodpecker Stages

MINUTES RECEIVED FROM OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- AEMC – Minutes May 13
- ASEM – Minutes March 13
- ANICC – Minutes May 13
- ASEM – Minutes May 13
- ANCC – Minutes April 13
- ANCC – Minutes July 13
- AEMC – Minutes July 13
- WAMC – Minutes July 13 and Agenda October 13

EVENT INVITATIONS

- None

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- None

TREASURER

- Still in the black!

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 291 competitors (270 in 2012) +7.8%
- 93 events so far, 62 still to go
- If you are cancelling/postponing an event, please can you let us know ASAP.
- Junior Series – second licence.

Post Meeting Note - See report from Nick Bunting in Appendix A

- Awards Night – 1st February 2014 and Holiday Inn, Manchester Airport.
- Marshal Draw
 - May – David Mainprize – Team Duck
 - June – Eric Wilcockson – Bolton
 - July – Keith Lamb – Gemini
- Bob Simpson has confirmed his agreement for us to present a Cath Simpson Memorial Trophy
- Renewal forms will go out next week, with increase to £25 – first increase for around 12 years.
- PLEASE DON'T PUT "SAME AS LAST YEAR" FOR OFFICIALS!!

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- 2014 dates confirmed as Stockport 25 January and York 26 January
 - New MSA Rallies & Cross Country Marshals Grading Scheme to be introduced for 2014
- Post meeting note – this will now not be in place for 2014 as was met with some uncertainty at Regional Committee regarding their understanding of the reasons for the proposed changes and the process undertaken to approve the changes. This will hopefully be introduced in 2015.*

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Good day at Llandudno for WRGB.
- SJT exhibited at an event in Blackburn and had a Rescue Unit in attendance on both days which attracted interest.
- Warrington & DMC ran a taster event at their town show, and Ormskirk Motorfest will involve this.
- Derek Machin asked regarding the Go Motorsport website and events, whether any progress made on linking? John Harden replied that if you have any issues to direct questions to jess.fack@msauk.org and she will investigate.

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Eric Cowcill presented a document which can be found in Appendix B.
- Anthony Taylor warned everyone to be careful of thieves at events. Colin Hilton commented that the Police found a "gang" at Silverstone F1 and arrested.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11th November

Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QP. (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

LARA Meeting Report

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:

Young Person Licence:

I can confirm we are able to issue the Non-Race Nat B licence at the same time of issuing a licence to a junior to compete in Formula 1000.

If both licences are applied for at the same time the Non-Race B will be charged at 50% of the cost.

If the Non-Race B is applied for at a later date, it will be charged at full price, currently at £42.

- Seat Belts – how has the decision on the lifing of seat belts been arrived at? – JS
The requirements for safety harnesses are unchanged and there is no indication of change. For seats the investigation report is being circulated to Motor Sports Council in order that they can decide whether to change the Regulation that was brought in on 01/01/2009, continue what is effectively a suspension of that Regulation or do something else.
- Fire Extinguishers – why do these have to go back to the manufacturer rather than a local approved supplier? – JS
For vehicle system under FIA Appendix J Art 253 extinguishers must be serviced and labelled appropriately such that the extinguisher has been serviced within the last two years. It is not specified that the service has to be carried out by the manufacturer but it is reasonable to assume the manufacturers will specify that servicing is to be carried out by themselves or their authorised agents. Under MSA Regulations there is no service requirement set down within Regulations. For extinguishers used by marshals there is a requirement that they be tested and certified within the twelve months preceding the meeting. Such can be carried out by any competent supplier. Some venues use the extinguisher manufacturer, others local companies.
- Belt cutters – What was the rationale for the regulation change which mandates their inclusion in cars, is there evidence to show the number of times belt cutters have been used? - JS
This is a classic out of a committee requirement when a guy rolled a car into a water filled ditch on a road section of what I think was a classic trial. They had difficulty getting out of their harnesses so someone decided everyone on these sort of events needs belt cutters. We have never known anyone but a rescue crew member cut a harness and the rescue crew will usually use the release unless there is a particular problem in doing this.

APPENDIX B:

Junior Officials in Motor Sport -Taster Programme A discussion document

Who is it for?

Anyone over 18 and **under 28 - must be over 18 for insurance purposes.**

What is its purpose?

To give young people an insight into the various roles officials play in motor sport events

How many people can take part?

Initially a group of 6 maybe 8 possible 10 maximum would be involved

What is its purpose?

The ultimate aim is to get more young people involved in being event officials. This is in no way envisaged as a training programme - the young people would shadow senior event officials and if they like what they see then they can embark on a proper structured MSA training programme.

What roles can be observed?

Any - It is not intended to overlap with the existing marshal's taster days which are excellent but geared towards marshaling - this programme targets other event officials for which to date there is no opportunity to experience what goes on..

Roles that could be "shadowed" are Clerk of Course, Secretary of the Meeting, Stewards, Timekeepers, Scrutineers including environmental testing, Radio Controller, Championship Co-ordinator even - effectively anything across all disciplines.

The young people would be recruited from any source, possibly motor clubs, family members of officials, and participants in motor sport already, college students advertising? They would be invited to sign up to attend an event, possibly a profile event, where they would look over the shoulder of the event officials, e.g. one may shadow the Clerk, another attend scrutineering, another the secretary etc. and rotate after a while - say 2 hours or so not a few minutes. Of course if they are not interested in a particular discipline they do not have to visit all - or all aspects may not be available anyway at the particular meeting.

It may involve one co-ordinator shepherding the young people between roles so tying him/her up for much of the day.

They may sign up for a number of taster days (**possible 3 maximum?**)

On each day they would fill in a log book detailing their day's activity plus any relevant mentor comments.

If at the end of the day(s) they showed a willingness to learn more about one (or more) particular role within the sport they could be encouraged (shown) how to enroll on an MSA training programme - if one exists.

It may be that a form of understanding of the principles of motorsport may have to be given to the young people if they progress to a Taster Day 2 or 3 - classroom style along the lines of the MSA training Module 1.

Will it cost?

Maybe!

Costs could be to the young person getting to the event and any on event expenditure Cost could also be in administration.

Mentoring costs should not be envisaged unless a mentor goes to a specific event to shepherd the young people around.

Can the costs be recompensed?

Maybe. Application could be made to the MSA training Trust for support. Sponsorship?

Will it work?

If we give it a go we shall find out! What have we got to lose?

There are enough senior officials within the Association who could impart their immense knowledge on to the next generation and this does not cost anything. All events are struggling to find willing volunteers to fill important posts and this could be a way to tap into new sources.