

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2014

ATTENDANCE

116 (Rod Pierce), 2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Accrington (Steve Johnson), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRSCC (Mike Harris), Buxton Land Rover (Matt Thompson), C&A (Jim Jones), Clitheroe (Chris Woodcock), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), CSMA (Steve Johnson), Formula 1000 (Steve Johnson), Garstang & Preston (Steve Kenyon), Gemini (Mark Wilkinson), Ground Hog 4x4 (David Robinson & Charles Burgess), Hagley (Jim Spencer), Kirkby Lonsdale (Bob Milloy & Katy Mashiter), Liverpool (John Harden & Phil Gough), MG Car Club (Paul Goodman), Manx (Chris Woodcock), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport (NW) (Mark Wilkinson), Mull (Chris Woodcock), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Owen (Simon Whittick), P&N (Eric Cowcill), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Bill Turner & Mike Harris)

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

Apologies were received from 116 (Baz Green), Training & BRMC (Derek Machin), Buccaneer (Karen Spencer), CSMA (Graham Maxwell), ERO (Nigel Bayley), Fylde (David Grady), Gemini (Bill Wilmer), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (Ron Hunt), MG Car Club (David Rainsbury), Team Duck (Karen Spencer)

WELCOME & MINUTES

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

The minutes of the November General Meeting were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Mike Harris.

MATTERS ARISING

- Sport England – Now in "Blue Book". Bob Milloy will take "Clubsport" to Regional Meeting.
- Junior Officials (attached at end of minutes) – Eric reported that he hasn't heard a word since taken to Motor Sports House.
- Lifting of Seats – there was a motion through ANCC, we haven't received this ourselves as a motion, but has been mentioned via email that if there was a mandate from this meeting then it would be taken to MSA House. Feeling at the meeting is that we're not happy with it however we are "stuck with it"; if decided it would need to go via Council and then only amended on grounds of safety.
- Certificate of Exemption will be taken to Regional, however 116 Car Club is now working with North Wales Car Club to alternate running of events and sharing costs. Steve Johnson suggested working with Go Motorsport.
- Eric Cowcill reported that the new radio frequency is moving ahead with Chrys Worbys and is awaiting for Government to release the frequency.

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AUTOTEST

- Steve Johnson gave a review of a new style back to basic autotest that took place in October 2013. Mike Sones will present at Regional.

RALLIES

- Met last week, however no minutes yet.

COUNCIL

- The MSA Risk Extension scheme is being continued and there will be no increase in per capita fees for events in 2014.
- The Closed Roads initiative is stalling a little since much effort and money is being put behind HS2. The MSA is still pushing MP's though and the latest MSA News gives hope that this initiative will get the go-ahead.
- Wales has now adopted the MSA for rally route authorisations
- 2014 is to be the Year of the Rookie
- On-line permit applications are now available, and the MSA is looking at on-line payment of fees and fines for events.
- The MSA hospitality for 2014 will be at Cholmondeley Pageant of Power on 15th June.
- The age at which competitors require a medical is being looked at across all events by the Medical Panel
- The "Double Yellow" flag signal procedure has been adopted for race meetings
- There is now an International D race licence following the FIA's adoption of a power to weight protocol.
- Clerks can now issue a 1 place penalty for kart racing and a 10 grid place penalty for car races.

- Historic Committee have issued a clarification that 4wd and forced induction vehicles are not allowed in Category 1, 2 or 3 events.
- Mike Harris asked whether there was an update on live tracking? Bob Milloy reported that there have been circa 30 applications and 21 have been accepted as considered appropriate but have to be cost effective to clubs.

REGIONAL

- Meeting on Wednesday 12th February

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

MSA Forestry Allocations 2014

MINUTES RECEIVED FROM OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- ANICC – November 2013
- ANCC – October 2013
- ASEMC – September 2013 and November 2013
- ASWMC – October 2013
- WAMC Northern – September 2013
- EMAMC – October 2013
- AEMC – January 2014

LARA

Eric Cowcill reported on recent meeting:

The new Deregulation Bill received its second reading in Parliament on the first week of February and the consultation period is now awaited. This will enable local authorities to issue traffic restriction orders on green lanes and "whites" more easily. The greens and horse fraternity are keen to see the reduction of vehicular traffic to many lanes and it also enables the local authorities to reduce the maintenance of such lanes. In due course it may be requested that Clubs make contact with their local MPs to highlight any local issues and to focus on the historical use of such lanes and the economic benefit to the local community from events using the area. Cumbria sees a pilot scheme where the facility to close a footpath on a temporary basis during a rally event in a forest would be done on an annual basis for all events using the area. The FLO for the area Fred Bent is closely involved in this which also applies to motor bike events. If successful this may be rolled out nationally. The Peak District Park authority has recently imposed traffic restriction orders on two lanes in Derbyshire and has a list of several others under consideration, some of which may be traditional rally or trial routes. LARA officers are meeting with the Park authority representatives to try to get a reasoned response. Local 4x4 Clubs are aware of this initiative. Also local Clubs are encouraged to be involved in their Local Access Forum. LARA sought to have a link to the LARA website on the Association website. This could easily be done.

EVENT INVITATIONS

- Riponian Stages Rally – 9th February – www.riponian.co.uk
- Merrills Motor Services & Rally Car Hire SMC Stages – 23rd March – www.smcstages.co.uk
- Altratech 061 Road Rally – 18/19th May – www.061roadrally.co.uk

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Owen Motor Club – started in 1959, run a stage rally, autotest, trial and have around 140/150 members.
- Ground Hog 4X4 – started in December 2013, have about 35 members and are looking at starting a cross country trial.
- BMW Car Club GB – no-on present, are a national club with local centres.
- All paid their subscriptions.
- All voted en mass and all were accepted.

TREASURER

- 100 clubs paid subscriptions so far, with 9 left to pay.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 136 competitors to date (194 last year, down 30% - road rally ran in January and got 40 from that, it's running in a few weeks this year)
- Website – achieving just under 100 hits a day
- 7 events held so far
- ALL EVENT ORGANISERS TO PUSH FOR REGISTRATIONS PLEASE!
- Marshal Draw:
 - November – Dave Chappell (Gemini)
 - December – Eric Wilcockson (Bolton)
 - January – Ieaun Roberts (C&A)

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Thanks to Derek, Jan & the other trainers for putting on the training at Stockport. Katy commented that 25 people registered but didn't turn up – if you're not attending, please let us know that we can either merge the classes or use trainers more efficiently.

GO MOTORSPORT!

- There will be a multi venue Gymkhana (SD34) on 10th August, with finish at BAE Canberra Club – more details to follow.

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Paul Goodman – Lithium batteries – FIA have banned from use in Historic cars, however other competitors are allowed to use.
Mike Harris commented that it's not a fire it's a chemical reaction and there is no way of putting it out.
Jim Spencer commented that on a Lithium Polymer battery sand is used to put out; water will blow it up. On a Lithium iOn battery water is used, and sand can also be used.
- Bill Turner commented that they enjoyed the recent Ian Harwood Quiz, however when will the 2014 quiz take place?
- Ian Dixon commented that he was on his annual pilgrimage for marshals on the Jim Clark Rally – free camping at Kelso, make it a family weekend – 30th May – 1st June.
- Brian Howatson commented that Clwyd Vale are concerned that RLOs can change the "Blue Book".
R.2.18 – discussion ensued and is due to be taken to Regional on Wednesday.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12th May

Monday 11th August

Monday 24th 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

LARA

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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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.

How would it work?

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.