



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2014

ATTENDANCE

2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Accrington (Steve Johnson), Aintree (Mike Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRSCC (Mike Harris & Tom Dooley), Buxton Land Rover (Matt Thompson), C&A (Jim Jones), CSMA (Steve Johnson), Formula 1000 (Steve Johnson), Hagley (Jim Spencer), KLMC (Katy Mashiter, Bob Milloy), Lancs. & Ches. (Martin Nield), Liverpool (John Harden), Longton (Mike Ashcroft), MGCCNW (David Rainsbury), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport North West (Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle (Eric Cowcill), Stockport 061 (Bob Milloy & Mark Wilkinson), 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 Secretary), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Katy Mashiter (Press & Training Officer).

Apologies were received from Rod Pierce (116 Car Club), Derek Machin (BRMC & Training Officer), Graham Maxwell (CSMA/Accrington), Mike Vokes (Knutsford)

WELCOME & MINUTES

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

The minutes of the May General Meeting were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Katy Mashiter.

MATTERS ARISING

- Clubsport is still rattling on – there seems to be a reluctance to add to Sports England "list". It was suggested to speak to ACU to see if they can assist.
Bob Milloy will also take to Regional Committee next week.
Mike Ashcroft commented that we need to be careful here in case Sports England throw out all motorsport. Bob Milloy commented he doesn't think so as Ian Davies is pushing for it to be included as Sports England said "you recognise it and we'll add it", it's now in Blue Book so we're aiming for next step.
- 116 Car Club – Taster Events – solved the problem by joining with other motor clubs.

MSA REPORTS

AUTOTEST

- Met in July, things are progressing to make it easier for new organisations.

RALLIES

- Not met since 8th April, next meeting is 21st October.

COUNCIL

Bob Milloy reported that he's not had minutes of last meeting, but does have agenda.

- Regulations have been on MSA website for consultation - <http://www.msauk.org/site/cms/newslist.asp?chapter=276&cat=10>
- Andy Mellor presented on Frontal Head Restraints and all committees have been asked to comment. Race have strongly recommended 2015 and mandatory 2016. Rallies discussed and considered not sufficient evidence to make mandatory, but strongly recommend. Minutes are awaited to see results.
- Review the issue of organising permits for 2 day events – John Symes & Simon Fowler are reviewing.

REGIONAL

- Club Recognition, slight changes to wording however have kept the minimum members at 25, however are asking for names/addresses for a new/rejoining club.
- Alan Page is talking over training and development full time.
- Club Support Development Fund – monies can be awarded for administration, promotion and marketing.
- Inter-Association – Road Rally is Countdown Rally on 13/14 Sept. Stage Rally was Manx National however it didn't count – date further in the year may happen. Car Trial is Wolverhampton on 14th Sept. Cross Country is Hants & Berks on 21st Sept – club provides the vehicles, just take the crew!!
- From the Associations – D20.1 (Closing of Entries) EMAMC have asked if this should be reviewed. Cheryl Lynch said it's discipline dependant and has been passed to Ian Davis to review.
- Tyre Regs – question raised regarding new 2015 tyre regs. Ian Davis to clarify.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Regulations for Countdown Rally – 13/14 September – Inter Association Road Rally
- Aintree Circuit Club – Corps of Marshals
- Nomination forms for MSA Club / Volunteer of the Year
- 2015 Forestry Allocation Application Forms
- Roger Albert Clark Rally Clubmans Rally – 30th November

MINUTES RECEIVED FROM OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

LARA

- Last meeting was just after our last meeting.
- De-Reg Bill and various aspects – going through Parliament and Government have put forwards and amendment to include Closed Roads initiative.
Gone through Parliament, now with House of Lords and back to House of Commons in October, should know by the end of the year.
- Also looking at areas of beauty e.g Stonehenge, visitors don't want to pay for parking so are parking on surrounding roads which may be by-ways and closed.
- Closure of level crossing – Nottinghamshire have 45 level crossings that are going to be closed.
- John Richardson (Chairman) has sent appeal for fighting fund donation – suggestion from other associations of £250.00, although this is equal to annual subscriptions. ACU have just reduced from Full Member at £2900 to Associate at £200 – MSA are full members and voluntarily double their donation. Eric Cowcill commented that £250 is a lot to pay on a whim. There is nothing on the horizon that is taking funds away and doesn't feel it's critical at this moment in time.
Discussion ensued, decided to keep eye on it, but also put on the renewal form for a tick-box and donation.
- Next meeting is 24th September if anyone would like a trip to Rugby.

EVENT INVITATIONS

- None

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- None
- It was reported that Lancashire & Cheshire Car Club will cease to exist at the end of 2014. There was a vote at a recent EGM, however no volunteers came forwards to help run/participate with the club. The Committee didn't want to carry on just existing – long history of 81 years and going out with head held high. The Association commented that this is disappointing news and John Harden commented that it is very courageous.
MG Car Club are taking over the 2 x 2 day sprints.
Unaware of a club taking over the "Derbyshire Trial", if anyone would be interested, please get in touch.
From the Association, we would like to convey our very best wishes for the future.

TREASURER

- Nothing to report

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 280 (-10 last year) competitors
- 100 events so far
- Subscriptions are due in Sept/Oct – 2 already paid!
- Marshals draw:
 - May – Adam Parrett-Swift
 - June – Tony Jones
 - July – Lauren Groves (Junior)

PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing to report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Dates for 2015:
 - Stockport – Saturday 24th January
 - York – Sunday 25th January

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Steve reported that in July he undertook 2 school visits doing STEM days.
- Under 17 MC have been invited by Rallying with Group B to assist with the Gold Cup

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Eric Cowcill reported that Andrea Wren joined the MSA from school and is getting married in November and that Regional Associations have been asked to make a small donation towards a wedding gift. ADL has reported that his wedding gift is a decorated swear box!!
- Bill Wilmer mentioned Wales Rally GB – there are around 1500 registered marshals so far, still plenty of space. There are 5 stages full with radios and Fri/Sat are filling up nicely for radios.
- Bill commented on the extra radio frequency – it was allocated over 18 months ago, but due to time period may have “lapsed”. Ian Davis has indicated there’s some movement in it.
Amend Minutes of May 2014 meeting – Ofcom offered the frequency last year, however MSA haven’t taken this up – hopefully it’s still available.
- Bob Milloy mentioned that Club of the Year. Wigton won it last year, so we’re hoping for some more local nominations this year.
Volunteer Official of the Year – has been split in to:
 - Steward / Clerk
 - Technical Official (Scrutineer / Timekeeper etc)
 - Marshal
 - Medical / Rescue / Recovery
 - Others
 - Closing date for entries is 1st October 2014
- Mike Vokes from Knutsford sent via email the date for the next Ian Harwood Quiz – Monday 26th January 2015

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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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