

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2015

ATTENDANCE

Dave & Val Thomas (North Wales), Graham Maxwell (CSMA, AMSC), Derek Machin (BRMC), Paul Goodman (MGCCNW), Katy Mashiter (KLMC, Morecambe), Mike Harris (Wallasey, BRSCC), Eric Cowcill (PAN), Richard Crozier (Jaguar Apprentices), Ken Wilkinson (Stockport 061, Motor Sport (NW)), Rod Piece (116), Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Mike McKeown (Broughton & Bretton), Chris Winstanley (Longton), Brian Howatson (Clwyd Vale), Bill Wilmer (Gemini, SD34), Steve Johnson (U17, AMSC, CSMA, F1000), Steve Kenyon (GPMC), Bob Milloy (KLMC, Stockport 061), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061, 2300, Motor Sport (NW))

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (Secretary), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championship), Katy Mashiter (Press & Training).

Apologies were received from Karen Spencer, Tom Dooley, Jim Jones, Bill Turner, John Harden, David Gregory, Fran Banning, David Rainsbury, Maurice Ellison, Jim Spencer, Mike Vokes, Ann McCormack, Dave Read, Steve Bishop

WELCOME & MINUTES

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

The minutes of the February 2015 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Mike Harris.

MATTERS ARISING

- Radio – second frequency is now available, however events aren't using it until there are enough radios updated.
- Closed Roads – received Royal Ascent 2 days before Parliament ceased, still some way to go before events can happen.
- Regional – changing event dates – Council have looked at this, but it stays as is – you can't alter a date once advertised.
- Preston Motorsport Club – are now a recognised MSA club.

MSA REPORTS

AUTOTEST

- Trying to simplify the regulations, so there is commonality across events.

RALLIES

Met on 31/03:

- Frontal head restraints – minded to recommend from 2016 but mandatory from 2017 (deferred to next meeting), suspect will need to go through some hurdles first.
- Tracking – tests have kind of fallen away – 1 pulled out, Pete Bakers got damaged on the test event – still ongoing.
- Splitting categories / fields – debate as to how it was announced poorly. Cat 1 historicists are understandably upset. View is Safety Observer will want to see spectators there for the first car and not walking in halfway through, counter is that they'll walk out halfway through. Forestry Commission are working to clear spectator areas off route, clearing trees etc.
- Target Timing – Possibility that stage maximum unless main time control will be reinstated on single venue rallies.
- Looking at removing need for Regional Association list of timekeepers, due to 'no second timing on road rallies', which isn't the case.

COUNCIL

- Any regulation changes are only notified on the website (<https://www.msauk.org/The-Sport/Regulations>).
- Paper edition of minutes not yet received.
- Next Council meeting – 9th June.

REGIONAL

- Next meeting 20th May.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

LARA

- DeRegulation Bill – there was a strong anti-lobby by one of the Lords and Government wanted no amends.
- Unsociable use of land in North Wales (quad bikes for example)
- AGM on Weds 13th May
- Have paid subscriptions, suggestion to increase Associate subscriptions, if granted it was noted that associations would vote with feet. There are only 5 main members, each paying £2900 each.

EVENT INVITATIONS

- DMack Carlisle Stages – 13th June - http://www.racrallychamp.org/Carlisle_Stages/carlisle_stages_home.htm
- Beatsons Mull Rally – 9th – 11th October - <http://mullrally.org/>

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Jaguar Apprentices Motor Club - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jaguar-Apprentices-Motor-Club/392079204227898>

Proposed Derek Machin, Seconded Graham Maxwell and welcomed to the Association

TREASURER

- 111 clubs paid, outstanding are Hagley & Morgan Sports
- Eric reported that he is in discussions with Lloyds over bank account
Started as TSB, then changed to Lloyds TSB, now Lloyds.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 254 registrations to date (267 last year)
- 52 events to date
- Inter-Association Road Rallies – idea was aggregate over 3 classes, Chairman & WAMC felt that it was 1-3 overall, up for discussion at Regional.
- Rallies Committee 2016 – flippantly made comment and now getting support for a nomination.
Proposed Derek Machin, Seconded Steve Johnson.
- Marshals draw:
 - February – Chris Noble
 - March – Alan Evans
 - April – Martin Beamish

PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing to report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Dates for 2016:
 - Stockport – Saturday 30th January
 - York – Sunday 31st January
- If anyone wants a training night, please get in touch – info@mediachoice.co.uk
- 14/08/15 – fire training in Accrington, 75 places available, and there will be pie & peas supper!

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Getting good feedback, clubs are now engaging with us.
- “Taking Motorsport to the People”

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Bob reported that our President was at a training course at the heart of the recent earthquake in Nepal, has luckily returned safely and we're pleased to hear this.
- Bill Wilmer reported that the Ormskirk Festival have asked him provide radio crews/marshals on 30th August.
- Bill Wilmer reported that there have been 2 meetings for WRGB now, past few years have been short of marshals, please come and help if anyone is available please contact w.wilmer@btinternet.com
- Rod Pierce reported that 116CC are running a Targa Rally on Map 116 on 11th July.
- Bob reported that Alan Shaw is standing down as MSA RLO for Lancashire at the end of the year, we were approached by David Powell at MSA for any nominations. David emailed this week to confirm there has been a nomination – Chris Woodcock.
- Bob reported that at our November meeting, we will be joined by Simon Blunt, MSA Secretary.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

2015 - Monday 10th August & Monday 23rd November

2016 - Monday 8th February, Monday 9th May, Monday 8th August & Monday 21st 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

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General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

LARA

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

Press Officer

Training Officer

Go Motorsport

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business