

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe), Bill Wilmer (SD34 and Gemini), Steve Johnson (Go Motorsport), Graham Maxwell (Boundless by CSMA), Dave Thomas (North Wales), John Harden (Liverpool), Jim Spencer (BRCA and Hagley), Bill Turner (Wallasey), Mike Harris (Wallasey and BRSCCNW), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey), Katy Mashiter (KLMC and Morecambe), Dave Read (Warrington and MSNW), Paul Goodman (MGCC NW), Dave Gregory (Quinton), Mike Lawson (Knutsford), Martin Wildsmith (Buccaneer), Karl Edmondson (British Crossfires), Nick Ormiston (Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover), John Coe (Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover), Rod Pierce (116), Steve Mather (Bolton-le-Moors), Chris Winstanley (Longton), Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Mike McKeown (Broughton & Bretton), Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061, MSNW and 2300), Bob Milloy (KLMC and Stockport 061)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), John Harden (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (Secretary), Jim Spencer (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championship), Katy Mashiter (Training), Maurice Ellison (Press).

Apologies were received from Dovey Valley, WSSCC, Two Peaks, Longmynd, Hillclimb & Sprint, Epynt, Spadeadam, Matlock, Whitchurch, Teifi Valley, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Preston, Hagley, Bala, North Humberside, Wigan, BRMC, PAN, BADLRC, That's Motorsport

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed all delegates to the meeting. A minute's silence was held for 2 close friends that have recently passed away – Nigel Raeburn and Tom Dooley.

The minutes of the August 2017 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Dave Read.

MATTERS ARISING

- Private speed events were raised at Regional Committee.
- Three Sisters – group of people have taken over the running of the circuit and are complying with the requests – hoping to resurface the venue in the new year.
- Safety Car Team on Officials Licence Renewal Form – intentionally left off, as need to be proposed through Clerk of the event.

MSA REPORTS

AUTOTEST

- Not met
- Steve Johnson reported that it's going from strength to strength – thanks must be given to Championship Co-Ordinator for entrepreneurial prowess.

RALLIES

- Meet 15th November

SPRINT & HILLCLIMB

- Graeme Forrester is being retired, as is Phil Short.

COUNCIL

- Met on 7th September
- Lots of clarifications on regulations / rules
- Safeguarding Officer
- Paul Goodman asked about forward towing eyes – heard being dropped in 2018? Bob Milloy reported that he can't spot anything in the agenda, suggest wait for yearbook to be issued.

REGIONAL

- Tracking – nearly there, won't be implanted until it is right.
- FAI – Sheriff should be producing report at the moment and feelings are it should be positive. Snowman was an unavoidable incident and could happen anytime; Jim Clark was an avoidable incident.

Post Meeting – Report issued

<http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/docs/default-source/cos-general-docs/pdf-docs-for-opinions/2017fai026.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

- Closed Roads – gone to Wales, gone to Welsh Assembly. First event in England is in April 2018 run by Chelmsford.

- ANECCC have raised 'problem' with as blue badge holders and non-mandatory radio locations.
- Private Speed – decided to put in Parish News, however preaching to converted, suggestion for Autosport / MN – benefits of competing on MSA permit event. Nothing MSA can do unfortunately, only advise.
- No further update on Ian Johnson

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

EVENT INVITATIONS

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NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- British Crossfire – Karl Edmondson gave overview of club, more of a social club – Coast to Coast, leisurely drive rather than thrash. <http://britishcrossfires.com/>
- Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover Club – 71 members since March. Looking at doing a TYRO next year (around May 18 time) in Kendale, main communication is through Facebook. <http://www.blackpoolandfyldelandroverclub.org.uk/>
- Both paid subscriptions, both accepted as members.

LARA

- Eric Cowcill sent a report in:
I did attend the last meeting of LARA in September when the main item of interest was the VNUK case which has recently been highlighted by in particular MIA and MSA imploring people to tender their thoughts before the cut-off date for comments and objections of 31 October. I have heard nothing more but obviously the matter has not gone away with the EU going to decide what action if any to take on the matter. Contrary to what was said earlier any change following Brexit is unlikely since many of the insurance arrangements in place are pan-European and therefore would apply whether we are in or out of Europe. The FIA and FIM got involved rather late in the day when it became obvious that the VNUK case had not been forgotten about as many would have hoped, so we await the outcome.
The only other matter was the possible application by an offshoot of the Green Lane Association, All Terrain UK since they have a more modern approach to the use of off road tracks. They do seem to be responsible though and admitted to only applying to join LARA to use their expertise and knowledge of off road matters much like we do as an association so I don't see why some of the other established members were objecting. Under new chairmanship LARA does seem to have got a better grip on finances and is relatively stable at the moment.
That's all
Eric

TREASURER

- All 2017 clubs have paid, 33 to pay for 2018.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 233 contenders (-10)
- 146 events (-9)
- May look at a Circuit Rally Challenge
- Targa Rally – all bar one are Clubman – one way would be to form a new club, but as a Challenge we don't need to submit regulations
- Marshals draw:
 - August 2017 – Alexander Baron
 - September 2017 – William O'Brien
 - October 2017 – Tracey Smith

PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing to report – please send articles in to sd34news@gmail.com

TRAINING OFFICER

- 27th January 2018 at Warrington Campus of Chester University.
Registration can be done via <https://form.jotformeu.com/janb/northwest>

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Event City in September ran successfully
- Not aware of 2018 commitments, hoping will continue as per 2017.

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Jon Aston has been appointed to Cross Country Committee
- Chris Winstanley raised a recent communication from MSA in relation to electric & hybrid vehicles. John Harden replied that there are inaccuracies with the document. Document came from Jack Harding at MSA, as a guidance document however the context is prescriptive, guidance for speed event organisers.

NEXT MEETINGS

2018 – 12th February (AGM), 14th May, 13th August, 12th November

The Windmill Inn (J19 M6), Chester Road, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0HW (www.thewindmillatabley.co.uk)

AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Sprint & Hillclimb

Cross Country

Marshal Working Group

Council

Regional

Reports

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