



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT WINDMILL INN, TABLEY ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

### ATTENDANCE

Mike Harris (Wallasey / BRSCC NW), Bill Turner (Wallasey / BRMC), Dave Thomas (North Wales), Jim Spencer (BRCA / Hagley), Mike Lawson (Knutsford), Dave Gregory (Quinton), Katy Mashiter (Kirkby Lonsdale / Morecambe), Derek Machin (BRMC), Jon Aston (That's Motorsport), Martin Wildsmith (Buccaneer), Paul Goodman (MGCC NW), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe), Richard Jones (Chester), Steve Johnson (Go Motorsport / Accrington / CSMA / Under 17), John Buckley (Glossop), David Roberts (Glossop), Rod Pierce (116), Chris Winstanley (Longton), Eric Cowcill (Potteries), Steve Kenyon (Garstang & Preston), Nick Ormiston (Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover), John Coe (Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover), Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Mike McKeown (Broughton & Bretton), Matt Thompson (Buxton & District Land Rover), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061 / Motor Sport NW / 2300 / ERO), Bob Milloy (Kirkby Lonsdale / 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 Association, Epynt, Spadeadam, Matlock, Whitchurch, Teifi Valley, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Preston, Hagley, Bala, North Humberside, Wigan, BRMC, BLMCC

### WELCOME & MINUTES

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

The minutes of the November 2017 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Bill Turner.

### MATTERS ARISING

- Closed roads – Dave Gregory raised an article in the Telegraph from RSPCA and is worried that this is just the tip of the iceberg. Bob Milloy commented that it's been a long time in the planning, Tendring Council are on board as sponsor and the law is on the clubs side.  
Eric Cowcill commented that the second event is Coventry MotorFest, and that will be run as a sprint.
- No further on with the upgrade for Ian Johnson as Environmental Inspector.  
*Post meeting note; it is with great sadness that we heard of Ian's passing on Feb 26*
- Hybrids – watch this space, it is being monitored and there may be an update next week at Regional.

### MSA REPORTS

#### AUTOTEST

- Meet on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

#### RALLIES

- Met in November and again on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
  - Tracking – watch this space. MSA Chairman is looking at it currently. Amendments may be made to Rally HQ screen.
  - FAI document – 12 recommendations, mainly clarifying items and list of 'Matters for consideration' Ian Davies has picked up on pride about how volunteers presented themselves.  
Possibility first aid kits, ok/sos.  
Paul Spooner commented that EU events carry hi-vis jackets
  - Rallies Committee are proposing that Yellow Flags become Red Flags in July, still to go through MSA Council.(post meeting note: now confirmed as Red flags from June 2018)

#### SPRINT & HILLCLIMB

- Graeme Forrester has been 'retired'.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

- Met last Wednesday
- Fire extinguishers – made mistake, bulletin to be issued to clarify requirements.

#### COUNCIL

- Due to meet on 13 March

## REGIONAL

- Eric Cowcill commented that you are no longer able to exclude a competitor, you can disqualify them – change in the Yearbook that wasn't highlighted in red.
- John Harden reported that when Liverpool MC applied for the track licence for Barbon (Hillclimbs) we were asked by the MSA to provide confirmation of the landowner's public liability cover.  
*"Please would you send through a copy of the Public Liability insurance policy in place for the venue. The MSA is requesting this to verify that venue cover is in place in addition to the PL cover provided by the MSA for the holding of an event. This follows an incident which occurred at Wiscombe in 2017 where branches from a tree fell onto an official's car. This incident wasn't covered by the MSA's policy and our insurers responded that it should be picked up by the venue PL cover. As a result, we are checking that all of our clubs and organisers have adequate PL cover in place for venue related incidents."*  
We queried this, saying *"As a general comment, is the MSA considering extending the event cover to the risks that you describe? It seems to me that such risks should be covered so far as Marshals and other event personnel are concerned, and there is a good argument that spectators should also be covered. Most events take place on land owned by Third Parties, who may not be as concerned about Public Liability Insurance, or perhaps unwilling to have it extended to cover Motor Sport events on the land. This could seriously prejudice the future of such events."*  
The MSA response was  
*"Ultimately, the landowner cannot absolve themselves of responsibility when allowing motor clubs to use their land and our role in requesting this information is to ensure that our clubs have adequate protection. Our insurers now have high expectations of risk management and are not prepared to take on responsibility for assets which are not under the control of the MSA. Clarification of what is and isn't covered by insurance can be found in the Blue Book Appendix 2."*  
John Harden commented the point that taken logically, with the exception of events taking place on the public highway (where the road traffic act applies), every event taking place on private land, forestry commission property, MOD etc could be subject to the same request ie to provide evidence of the land owner's P/L cover, which might be difficult if not impossible in some cases.  
It was suggested by Dave Thomas who had read the MSA event policy which says the insured requirements includes "The sponsors of the Insured Event", so it was suggested that if organisers agree with the land owner that they are sponsoring the event, then the MSA P/L policy covers the risk.

## REPORTS

### GENERAL SECRETARY

#### EVENT INVITATIONS

- North Humberside – Warcop Stages – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

#### LARA

- Finances seem to be in better shape - ACU have now rejoined as a full member. Invoices for membership will be sent out in March
- They have requested us to let them know if any of our Association members Clubs have any involvement in Local Access Forums (LAF's)
- The Motorsport Stakeholder Working Group reported that following a clamp down the illegal use of off road tracks in the Berwyn area near Llangollen mostly by quad bikes has been reduced considerably.
- The government scheme for payment to farmers relating to land usage is to be reviewed - last time this was done it reduced the availability of farm land for motorsport purposes
- VNUK is still with us but a recent court case in Romania quoting VNUK had failed to be successful
- Powys County Council plans to impose significantly high charges for S33 footpath closure orders had been queried by MSA who quoted their statutory rights under the Road Traffic Act
- The proposed land access bill for Wales which the Welsh Government had proposed will not be proceeding
- The Peak District Vehicle User Group which represents both two and four wheel usage of green lanes etc in the Peak District enquiry had been called into question by the Trail Riders Federation who were not happy with some of their statements and involvement.
- The request by All Terrain UK, an offshoot of the Green Lane Association had their request to join as an Associate member of LARA turned down.

### TREASURER

- Nothing further to report.

### CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- **Please note, do not email [dave@anwcc.org](mailto:dave@anwcc.org) – the email will not be received and you will not receive an undeliverable message. Please email [anwcc@talktalk.net](mailto:anwcc@talktalk.net)**
- Dave Thomas passed on his apologies that the website needs a lot of updating – the Cambrian Rally has taken a lot of his time.
- Last year we had 111 registered, same this year.

- Dovey Valley event 2 weeks ago we picked up a – didn't clash with theirs!
- Marshals draw:
  - November 2017 – John Ellis
  - December 2017 – Jim Livesey
  - January 2018 – Tim Millington

#### **PRESS OFFICER**

- Tell us about club news and events please, we can include in Spotlight.

#### **TRAINING OFFICER**

- New college, new courses – however event ran successfully.
- 102 registered, 87 turned up.
- An event in North Wales ran the week after.
- 10/11 March – annual training event at Oulton Park, open to all ANWCC member clubs.

#### **GO MOTORSPORT!**

- Steve reported that the Go Motorsport representatives have recently had a positive meeting with Mr Richards – pyramid to build upon.
- 15/16 September – Event City, all ANWCC clubs are invited.

#### **MSA FLO**

- No report.

#### **MSA RLO**

- No report.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Paul Goodman reported that Three Sisters has now been resurfaced and now running MSA licenced test sessions. Steve Johnson commented that he's looking at getting a User Group together.
- A discussion commenced about the venue tonight and the size of the room and drink prices. Bill Turner suggested that we should be supporting TOFT as a sports club. TOFT increased their prices substantially to £75 from £38 hence the move. Windmill is £35.  
A vote took place and it was 1 vote to move and the rest to remain.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Windmill Inn, Tabley (J19 of M6)

#### **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