

MINUTES

Date 6th August 2018

Venue Windmill Inn, Tabley

Present:

Dave Thomas (North Wales), Karl Edmondson & John Eccles (British Crossfires), John Buckley & David Roberts (Glossop), Paul Kelly (Boundless by CSMA), Gareth Roberts & Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Dee Buxton (Team JJ), Derek Machin (BRMC), Katy Mashiter (KLMC & Morecambe), John Harden (Liverpool), Bill Wilmer (Gemini & SD34), Steve Johnson (U17), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe), Martin Wildsmith (Buccaneer), David Rainsbury & Paul Goodman (MGCCNW), Mike Harris (Wallasey & BRSCCNW), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey), Bill Turner (Wallasey & BRMC), Helen Bashford-Malkie (Proto EV), David Gregory (Quinton), Eric Cowcill (PAN), Bob Milloy (KLMC & Stockport 061), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061, ERO, 2300, MSNW)

Apologies:

Pat Marchbank (Wallasey & MSNW), Mike Cadwallader (BMMC), Chris Winstanley (Longton), John Coe (Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover), Mike Lawson (Knutsford), Rod Pierce (116), Jim Spencer (Hagley & BRCA), Jon Aston (That's Motorsport), Nick Thornton (Two Peaks), Marilyn Comrie (Proto EV)

Bob Milloy welcomed all attendees to the meeting, along with Simon Blunt (MSA General Secretary)

Previous Meeting:

May minutes – Proposed Katy Mashiter, Seconded Mike Harris

Matters Arising:

EV Grand Prix UK have been advised by MSA to change their club name, as Formula One owns the copyright to the words Grand Prix – they are now known as ProtoEV.

Steve Johnson had forwarded the below email he'd received from Three Sisters earlier in the day:

Just an update for you on the continuing improvement at Three Sisters Race Circuit in case you are the ANWCC meeting tonight. We have made the following improvements:

The Bill Silsey Kart School is now running at the Circuit (8-11 & 12-15)

New Bambino Kart School just started on the Bambino circuit

New Signage

Shower Block installed

Better outside toilet block

New catering (just awarded 5 star from EHO)

Improved run off areas

Briefing room painted

Perimeter fence line repaired

Some new spectator fencing installed

Paddock wall painted

New Pit Lane fencing

Marshals posts repaired and painted

We are still looking at the possibility of resurfacing some of the Paddock.

MSA Reports:

Simon Blunt gave an overview of his time at MSA House – been in the position for 4 years, arrived the day after Jim Clark fatalities and most of the time has been spent dealing with those culminating 8 weeks in Edinburgh dealing with FAI.

Responsible for all 13 disciplines, all Sporting Executives, Pensions and until recently HR – the day to day face of the MSA.

Changes - David Richards is looking at the future sustainability of the sport, Board Working Groups, Governance, there is an extra Council meeting this year and also a number of changes – structure of Board, Diversity and Transparent (eg not having 'secret' committees).

Customer Relationship Management Project – on track to launch 30 September.

Rally Tracking – was being look at by Rallies Committee before the fatalities, FAI urged MSA to press on with it, the delays have probably been MSA over-specifying it. Nicky Moffitt reporting to Board on 26 September.

Training - need to revamp, develop online training and possibly be looking at moving away from annual training days.

Recruitment – Chief Executive hopefully coming on board on 4 September – announcement at Council.

Re-advertised for IT Director and Director of Training & Education

Future direction – events down 10%, licence holders down 4% - possibly looking at sponsorship – Head of Commercial

Relaxation of ROPS – <https://www.msauk.org/Older-stage-rally-cars-exempted-from-roll-cage-rule-changes>

Gareth Roberts commented that he'd already made the changes at a great cost to him. Simon agreed to discuss this further with Gareth after the meeting.

Steve Johnson commented that any amendments to safety changes should have reasons why alongside the change.

Simon Blunt commented that he had donated a seat for testing, expecting it to do 3-4 tests, after first test, however, the manufacturer's mounting bolts gave way on the first test. Simon continued that we need to be data driven.

Helen Bashford-Malkie asked if MSA are going to be working with the industry and suggested speaking with MIA – Simon will pass this on to John Ryan.

A quick poll was done for those that had signed up online to receive emails when regulations are out for consultation. It was suggested that everyone signs up at <https://www.msauk.org/The-Sport/Regulations/Proposed-Changes-for-Consultation>

Derek Machin asked what the phases were on the new CRM system?

Simon Blunt replied that Phase 1 is competitor licences and Phase 2 is marshal and officials.

Questions emailed to Simon before the meeting:

Karen Spencer:

1. There are rumours of associations borders being realigned to those of RLOs and FLOs - is there any truth in this?
Simon replied that there isn't.
2. Can the MSA add a section to the web site listing the working groups & objectives thereof and the group members as well as primary contact?
Simon will take this back to the office.
3. How does the MSA propose to publicise and replicate the now obsolete Volunteers in Motorsport web site, it needs to be effective for December 2018 when the training start in Scotland.
Simon agreed to take this back to the office.

Autotest:

Met in July

Have produced best practice documents for risk assessment and incident plans for clubs to adopt – they need adapting to the events, not just changing the date.

Rallies:

Met on 12th April, next meeting 4th November

National RGT class – Mike Harris has been seconded to specialist committee and are meeting on 13th August.

Looking at cycling/walking recce on single venue rallies

Matt Edean has raised single venue targa rallies and these are being looked at.

Looking at raising minimum age for co-drivers to 16 on some stage events using route notes.

Marshal Working Group:

Annual PRC check has taken place recently.

Re-written PRC books, however some disciplines have been put on hold due to new CRM

Council:

VNUK – Motor Insurance Directive. Simon Blunt commented that the Government proposals have not taken in to account and the FIA agree that this is a threat to engaging with European Commissioner for Transport. Will continue lobbying. Also, part of Road Traffic Act, lobbying to have motorsport vehicles excluded.

Next meeting 4th September

Regional:

Meeting next week

Speed:

Hillclimb & Sprint sub-committees

Proposing that fireproofs no longer required from 1 January 2019 in standard cars, John Harden feels the wording is vague, so just be careful.(post meeting note: Bob raised this at Regional Committee)

Secretary:

Event Invitations:

Hillclimb & Sprint – Sprint Weekend – Curborough on 13/14 October – www.hillclimbandsprint.co.uk

GPMC & Pendle – Heroes Stages – Weeton on 23 September - www.pendledistrictmc.co.uk/?page_id=127

Charity Day at Ellough Park on 9th September

Dansport Road Rally – has been cancelled for this year.

New Member Clubs:

None

LARA:

Eric Cowcill reported that there are no changes in subscription fees.

ACU has rejoined as full member.

Are asking for fighting fund monies.

Horseshoe Pass off-roading being looked at

Motorised pedal cycles becoming a concern

Treasurer:

5 clubs still to pay for 2018 (Druidale, Formula 1000, Mini Cooper Register, Morgan Sports and Wigton). No points will be allocated to registered contenders from these clubs until payment is received.

Championships:

Registered contenders are slightly down this year – due to North West Stages and Tour of Cheshire having not run, both events at which DVT would have been to collect registrations.

Marshals Draw:

May – Jim Livesey
June – Chris Noble
July – Adrian Lloyd

Training:

Putting in budgets for January marshal training day – 26th January at Warrington Campus
Trainers meeting on Sunday 12th August in Chester

Go Motorsport:

Still in talks with Three Sisters
Had meetings with David Richards and is open to suggestions.
Been assisting Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover Club – Tram Sunday in Fleetling – 78,000 visitors, 4 other clubs had their stands there too.
EventCity – have given up the stand as no-one offered to run.
Club & Volunteer of the Year – nomination forms due out soon.

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer - no report

MSA Route Liaison Officer - no report

Any Other Business - none

Next meeting:

12th November 2018
Windmill Inn, Tabley (J19 M6)

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