

Minutes of the Association of North Western Car Clubs AGM / General Meeting  
held via Zoom on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Present: 28 representatives in attendance (Notes currently misplaced at home, but will be located in due course and updated, apologies to the 9 missing from the list below!)

Bob Milloy, Mark Wilkinson, Jim Spencer, John Harden, Dave Thomas, Paul Goodman, Maurice Ellison, Steve Johnson, Jon Cordery, Allan Dean-Lewis, Phil Barley, Helen Bashford-Malkie, Katy Mashiter, Eric Cowcill, Mike Harris, Mike Lawson, Simon Moss, Bill Wilmer, Jerry Lucas.

Apologies: Guy Weaver (WSSCC), John Buckley (Glossop)

Thank you to everyone for joining, it's going to be different to usual AGM, as I don't intend on having a formal AGM and quarterly meeting, this is the first Zoom meeting held for the association, we have issued quarterly emails with information pertinent information.

**Previous Minutes:**

Proposed – Phil Barley

Seconded – John Harden

**Matters Arising:**

None

**Chairman Report:**

When we met 12 months ago, little did we know what was about to happen – we went in to lockdown, instead of seeing spring flowers, what was important was that certain organisations beavered away. One of the organisations was Motorsport UK, and during 3.5 months of first lockdown, there were a lot of things happening and what would happen when we came out, and a lot of it was beneficial and are very grateful for what they've done during this time and to allow us to start again – documentation was provided to allow facilities / clubs to open, one of the beneficiaries was racing and proceeded almost unaffected, at the other end was rallying affected with not having 2 occupants in the car.

Thank you all for preserving with it.

As an association, we were resilient and able to carry on – half of our championships completed, although events were curtailed.

One of the things that has come out is stoicism from either individuals or clubs.

Bob asked Helen Bashford-Malkie to take back our thanks to the board of Motorsport UK for supporting of their initiatives and all that they did.

Thank you to Maurice for all his efforts with Spotlight, and during the lockdowns a pair of Spotlights – much appreciated.

Thank you to John Harden, been mainly peaceful, but been a good sounding board and wise words/comments.

Thank you to Katy Mashiter for your training efforts and online training session.

Thank you to Jim Spencer, been a fairly simple task this year as not much to do, but thank you for wise words that we've had.

Thank you to Mark Wilkinson, had an easy year with minute taking, but you've always been there beavering away behind the scenes.

Thank you to Mr Thomas, one of the things that's happened this year is every day updating the website and altering it every day – such an amazing amount of effort; he actually let slip recently that he was running out of work to do.

**Treasurer Report:**

Jim Spencer reported that from his side, it's been a simple year from a strange year; seen a dramatic reduction in income due to subscriptions being rolled over to 2021, however there was also a dramatic reduction in expenditure too and unfortunately not gone hand in hand, but we did expect this and knew that we'd take a substantial hit. Drop in subscriptions is circa £3,500, and the loss this year is circa £3,500. The way our accounts work, the awards lag 12 months behind, so hopefully see a benefit next year.

Thank you to Dave Thomas for all your work on these, with your work throughout the year.

No questions asked.

Proposed – Steve Johnson

Seconded – Eric Cowcill

**Championship Coordinator Report:**

Our regulations state that if 3 events run, then the championship is eligible and the stage rally had 3 events run at the start of the year so wasn't cancelled. Autotest/PCA/Autosolo events generally ran well, thanks to Under 17 and associated clubs that ran these. Sprint championship had 3 rounds over 8 days.

On the Championship front, we had 200 contenders with 37 winners winning 66 awards.

Congratulations to all the award winners.

**Election of Officials:**

Chairman	Bob Milloy
Vice	John Harden
Treasurer	Jim Spencer
Secretary	Mark Wilkinson
Championship	Dave Thomas
Magazine	Maurice Ellison
Training	Katy Mashiter
Proposed	Steve Johnson
Seconded	Eric Cowcill

**Motions Received:**

None

**British Motorsport Training Trust:**

Allan Dean-Lewis gave an overview of the BMSTT – now included a Donate button on the website [www.bmstt.org](http://www.bmstt.org), over the year we've lost some valued members of the team and had the family make a donation so opted for this and able to add Gift Aid through this too. Gives circa £400,000 grants each year and we don't have that coming in each year, do have a healthy war chest, but are looking at a number of options to look at new sources of income and hoping for a new trustee to come onboard soon with marketing history.

**Training:**

Katy reported that we trained 175 marshals over 2 days by 4 trainers and 4 assistants.

New to marshalling | Timing | First on scene & timing overview | In Stage

**Motorsport Board:**

Helen Bashford-Malkie gave a review of the first year in her role on the Motorsport UK Board of Directors having joined in November 2019 and then Covid-19 happened. Over the year, Motorsport UK has been upheld over the world with the way they've dealt with Covid-19, and helped other ASNs over the world. Heading up the EDI sub committee, and wanting to get through to people that

makes the cogs work, and focus for women in motorsport is within this for whatever discipline we compete in, working with Sue Sanders on this.

**Technical:**

Mike Harris reported that Technical have been looking at the future of scrutineering once back in 'normal' world and self declaration

**Autotest:**

Steve Johnson reported that it was probably the busiest it's been for the past 10 years – to advise on the StreetCar discipline, unfortunately it's been suspended for 2021

**AOB:**

Discussions continued over the website.

Mike Lawson – raise a concern that the clubs are in danger of being excluded, yes we're expected to run events, but starves clubs of the membership that we're trying to recruit.

Bob replied that the associations have had input, change in management has happened – the gentleman that brought it down from Scotland is no longer a consultant with Motorsport UK, and thinking is now that you can do the first event without being a club member, but second onwards you need to be a club member.

Maurice commented that the training that Motorsport UK are hosting are very worthwhile, and when you receive notification, it's worth attending – social media, timing.

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/clubs-organisers/club-webinars/>

Next meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – unsure yet, whether in person or on zoom!