



ANWCC Meeting held 10th May 2022 at the Kilton Inn

Welcome

Opening the meeting with a welcome to delegates, Chairman Mark Wilkinson asked for a moment to remember the many officials, friends and competitors who have passed recently – Bob Milloy (former Chairman), Les Fragle (SD34 and Radio), Jeff Buchanan (Trials competitor for over 30 years), Mike Sones (BTRDA and Motorsport UK official), Julian Russell (President of Stockport 061 MC, organiser and former competitor) and Robert Griffin (Stage Rally competitor and Old Stage Rallies forum).

Apologies for Absence

John Harden (Vice-Chairman & Liverpool); Ian Webster (MCMRC); Karen Spencer (Buccaneer, Slaitwhaite & Lindholme); Jon Cordery (BRMC); Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe); Charlie Wheeldon (Matlock); Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC); Katy Mashiter (Training & Kirkby Lonsdale MC); David James (North Humberside MC); Helen Bashford-Malkie (Proto EV) and Mike Lawson (Knutsford & DMC).

Present were:

Steve Southall and Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton MC); Bill Wilmer (SD34 and Gemini Communications); Paul Kelly (Boundless by CSMA North-West); Steve Johnson (Boundless by CSMA North-West, Accrington MSC and Under 17 MC North-West); Chris Winstanley (Longton & DMC), David Rainsbury and Paul Goodman (MGCC North-West); Jim Spencer (British Radio Car Association and Hagley & DLCC); Martin & Helen Fox (Wigan & DMC); Paul Melmore (Wigan & DMC); Phil Barley (Clwyd Vale MC); Steven Kenyon (Garstang & Preston MC and Formula 1000 Rally Club); Jonathan Arminshaw (Association of Motorsport Recovery Operators); David Gregory (Quinton MC); Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061 MC, Ecurie Royal Oak MC, Motor Sport NW and 2300 Club); Jerry Lucas (Wallasey MC); Tracey Smith (Accrington MSC) and Dave V Thomas (North Wales CC).

Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman); Tracey Smith (Secretary); Jim Spencer (Treasurer) and Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Paul Goodman, Seconder Phil Barley

Matters Arising

ACU disinfecting bikes/riders in forests – no further information.

Paul Goodman reported that re-surfacing of the Scammonden Hillclimb course is scheduled to take place after the next weekend's event. This is with thanks to match-funding from the Motorsport UK Club Development Fund and also the three clubs who have pooled resources.

Other items will be noted later in these minutes.

Motorsport UK Reports

Council

Safeguarding – DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) and PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) – mini re-launch planned for next few months, with clarification for clubs and individuals. Differences between Scottish and English regulations to be ironed out.

Autotest (Last meeting 3rd February)

There are proposals for the National Competitions Rules Project to rewrite the Blue Book.

Inter-Association Autotest event to be hosted by ANWCC, the event will be Knutsford & DMC's Tim Sargeant Memorial Autotest on 3rd July. Information sent to other Associations.

Inter-Association Autosolo is being hosted by ACSMC (Central Southern) and is part of the Abingdon Carnival on 11th June ... we have entered two teams – Neil Jones (MX5), Alec Tunbridge (Caterham) and Scott MacMahon (Micra); Howard Morris (MX5), Mark Brotherhood (BMW), Chris MacMahon (Micra)

No other Inter-Association events are planned for 2022, due partly to a lack of interest in many areas.

Regional (Last meeting was on 22nd February)

New Chairman Phil Foster intends getting the Regional Associations more involved in committee decisions.

There were concerns over MN Circuit Rally Championship fuelling restrictions of last year, which impacted Regional Association championships. Suggested that the event calendar be circulated to Regional Associations with any specific concerns. Further discussion to be held between Regional Committee, Rallies Steering Group and Motorsport UK.

Permanent change to D11.2. Championship calendar and future dates.

From the minutes of the Regional Committee meeting held 22nd February ... D11.2 – Proposal to Change Permanently - a meeting had been held between the Motorsport UK Executive and the Specialist Committee Chairs and there was a feeling that each discipline had their own requirements. The definition of 'Sporting Regulations' needed clarity to establish whether this covered calendar changes. The Chair noted that D11.2 had been relaxed during the pandemic and asked whether this relaxation could be made permanent to allow more freedom and to make it as easy as possible for Clubs and Competitors. John Ryan noted that this was a more complicated matter than it appeared, and balance needed to be found. Chris Woodcock added that this had been a recurring issue for Clubs and Regional Associations for several years. The Chair felt that this could be discussed between the Associations to create a proposal for the Motorsport UK Executive to review. See item under AOB and addendum.

Regional Development Programme delayed, being progressed.

Streetcar ... Presentation by Claire Kirkpatrick. Identify 50 clubs to promote the concept (30 already). Regional Ambassador and Representative need to be appointed. Steve Johnson and Paul Kelly reported that under 17 MC North-West and Boundless by CSMA North-West had consulted their members about getting involved in Streetcar, and it was the members view that this was a step too far and that they already promoted grass roots motor sport to a wide audience.

DVT had also questioned the proposal that newcomers to the sport would enquire via Motorsport UK and then be put in touch with their local Association – our geographical area is the smallest of all the Associations, but we spread far. It was felt that anyone with a LL post code (most of north Wales) would not be directed to us. DVT had mapped out the location of our 300 championship contenders which showed that one-third of our contenders live in Wales (LL code plus part of CH and SY codes). The map can be viewed on our website via the "Useful Information" link in left-hand menu! DVT has also asked of Motorsport UK which Association he would be directed to as a newcomer with a post code LL31 – no acknowledgement or answer has been received.

Miscellaneous other items

Competitor and Officials Licences to have photo on front from 2023.

Insurance for Associations now available through Bluefin Sport and Allianz. No information as to the scope of cover.

Old style signing-on sheets now available on the Motorsport UK website and can be used. The digital version is being updated.

Motorsport UK officials to attend Association meetings. Associations requested to advise if they have any specific presentation they required.

Sustainability – 2 accreditations had been issued and a further 3 were in progress.

ACU to join in forest stage events. This comes from Scotland where there are plans for motor-cycles to run their event behind the cars and share forestry costs.

Cross-Country

Looking at barriers and the future of the sport.

Next meeting 16th June.

Rallies

Calendar changes (D11.2 and new R1.1.11) – See under Regional and AOB. Steve Johnson had been to the Rules Committee meeting earlier that day and reported that there was no support in fighting against the proposal, mainly due to the fact that the ruling did not affect the other committees. The Rules Committee passed the proposals for formal ratification by the Board. This was despite strong representation put in by the Chairman of the Regional Committee – see AOB below and the addendum giving details of the comments made by DVT.

It was suggested that ANWCC lobby the Committee directly over these changes. Mark to contact Motorsport UK, Dave to send in written report. **(See addendum as action was taken after the meeting)**

Tyres – proposed to limit the number of tyres on an event up to 45 miles to a total of 10. Questions raised as to whether there would be any allowance for dry, intermediate or wet, also how this is going to be policed. Bar-coding on tyres be checked for compliance. The proposal was submitted for consultation in November.

R38 - Management cars possibly to be banned, and limits on servicing – proposals to change regulation.

R18.2.4 – proposal to prevent certain alternative engines being used, replacement engine to be from the same engine family.

Reported at Regional Committee that R48.2.1 - Maximum 6 cylinders - to be reviewed by Rallies Committee at March meeting.

Next Rallies committee meeting to discuss structure of Targa rallies and championships.

New stage rally licence holders review instigated to restrict vehicle performance. (Rallies Committee) – await more information.

Volunteer welfare, including noise and sanitation.

Speed (Minutes of meeting 6th April received)

S3.2.1 alternative dimensions for start line measurements permitted for organisers.

Window nets – difference in fixing points between Rallycross cars and Drag Racing cars.

Passengers in demo vehicles – guidelines under review by Rallies Executive.

Fuel for road car classes in Sprints and Hillclimbs, use of FIA spec fuel questioned.

Review of car classifications.

EV requirements – confusion.

John Harden reported that comments submitted to the Midland Speed Championship co-ordinator, for collating and submission to the EV (Electric Vehicle) working group.

Section N of the Blue Book to be reviewed. Year Book rewrite gone back from 2023 to 2024.

Safety (Minutes of meeting 13th April received)

Impact of noise at motorsport events.

Driving standards (Race Committee) – working group.

EV equipment on Rescue & Recovery Units.

FIA Safety Map

Impact on motorsport for new cars that will have speed limiters fitted (all new cars from July 2022, but can be over-ridden for now!)

Technical (Minutes of meeting 30th March received)

ROPS (Roll Over Protection System) regulations -working group not met yet to progress the project.

Safety Road Map to include safety fuel tank regulations, also analysis of accident data.

Scrutineering process, following trials for Covid regulations, and Safety Road Map as above.

Seat mountings – working group formed to discuss seat mountings, and identify the concerns of the Rallies Committee.

Fuel – sustainable fuels not generally available at club level.

Edwardian cars – drivers to be permitted to wear motor-cycle leathers instead of flame-resistant overalls as they are more at risk of being ejected than from fire.

Steering wheels – regulations to be updated to prevent the use of “cow horn” designs.

Lighting for cars on circuit racing – comment that several championships for saloon type cars do not comply with J5.14.3 by permitting the removal of forward-facing lighting.

Fire Extinguisher location – discussion on need for external and internal cut-off switches in open cars. Also EV cars need to be triggered from a distance.

Concerns over certain electrical push button switches and the method of operation. Switches used by M-Sport and some others work differently to the usual switches.

Fire extinguishers for electric vehicles.

Volunteer Officials Committee (Minutes of meeting 31st March)

Trainee Scrutineers.

Officials recruitment, retention and recognition.

Training events.

Route Liaison Officer

No report

Forestry Liaison Officer

No report.

Venues (Presentation 22nd March)

MoD venues presentation – it was stated that the venue spreadsheet would be shared with Associations.

Appointment of representative re venues – MoD land. Keith Wain (Ecurie Royal Oak MC) has accepted the invitation to be our representative and is already in discussion with Swynnerton (formerly used for stage rallies)

Secretary

Request had been made for us to consider online meetings. This would require special equipment. Jim Spencer said that BRCA are in the process of purchasing such equipment and it may be that we could share use. It was also suggested that the two winter meetings (November and February) be conducted using Zoom. It would be trickier to take minutes of the meetings!

New Member Clubs - None, although there is one enquiry ongoing.

Event Invitations ... ANWCC competitors invited to North Humberside MC John Overend Stages at Melbourne Airfield (19th June), Pendle DMC Heroes Stages at Weeton Camp (7th August), Mull CC Mull Rally on the island (14th–16th October) ... these are all championship qualifiers.

Requests for marshals received from Knutsford & DMC Plains Rally in north Wales forests (21st May), Jim Clark Memorial Rally MC's Jim Clark Rally in North-East (27th to 29th May) and De Lacy MC Targa Rally in Yorkshire (24th July) ... DLMLC not a member club so invited to join (and have responded looking favourable!)

LARA

Notice of AGM – 17th May, by Zoom. The meeting will be followed by a Steering Committee Meeting.

Consultation in progress over Green Lanes.

Treasurer

Unpaid subs – only one club has not paid their subscription fee, Stockton & DMC, despite many reminders – website out of date as well. Assume lapsed. 127 clubs are fully paid up, making us the largest Association by far.

Santander Championship accounts – operators changed from Bob and Dave to Mark and Dave. The change proved easier than expected following the submission of the incorrect form downloaded from website.

Championships

306 competitors, first year over 300 since 2008 and is 30% up on last year (235).

Forest and Road Rally championships going well.

Road Rallies – due to some clubs in the Welsh Championship withdrawing their support WAMC have cancelled their Road Rally Championship for 2022. 4 events in their series are organised by member clubs of ANWCC but, for various reasons, they did not register for our championship by the closing date. DVT has contacted all 300+ of our championship contenders to see if there would be any objection to those events being invited to join our championship – there have been no objections, but we have had 15 messages of support. The clubs have been contacted, one has agreed but on a later date than originally planned. We have lost one event so one can come in as a reserve. When we have heard from the others we will apply to Motorsport UK to permit the change to the calendar, thereby complying with their vague regulation D11.2 (does not specify Calendar changes) and the championship permit (which does!).

Targa Championship date changes (see item about proposed R1.1.11), also Interclub versus Clubman – we cannot accept Clubman events into the championships, dual-permits are acceptable but competitors will only score championship points for contesting the Interclub section.

Holmfirth Hillclimb – in conjunction with the York Festival and organised jointly by Huddersfield and York MCs. One of our contenders reported that the regulations restricted eligibility to a few clubs and only certain cars, also the course not deemed suitable (there is an on-board video on Youtube that shows chicanes of bales.) Fortunately, the regulations did not make any reference to ANWCC championship. The organisers have been informed that the event will not now be eligible for our Speed Championship.

SD34 Speed Challenge incorporated into ANWCC, following suggestions and correspondence with Motorsport UK who were insisting on a fee payable for a separate SD34 championship – Association championships are free of championship fees.

Press

New editor for Spotlight – any volunteers? Anyone interested should contact Maurice Ellison (sd34news@gmail.com) or the ANWCC. Training will be given.

Training (Minutes of meeting 31st March received)

Marshals Pathway – results of the survey are in stasis. The Pathway mentions various courses that haven't yet been written and some parts do not match up with others. Karen Spencer and Katy Mashiter have asked for a face-to-face meeting with the Training Department when the results have been collated, to discuss the requirements. Face-to-face meeting requested so that minutes can be taken and time frames for action to be discussed.

There are issues arising as some time-keepers are being told they should not be carrying out such duties as they had not done the training, despite their long experience in such activity. Questions asked as to insurance if you are not accredited. This is seen as a barrier to some volunteering in certain disciplines.

Unlicensed officials – suggested that too much time had passed to make the data collected by Motorsport UK to be relevant. There is no capacity at Motorsport UK to deliver the planned training.

Any Other Business

Following the concerns over the way that the Calendar changes proposal was handled, it was generally felt that the Motorsport UK consultation process is not working. Although the proposal had been published in November 2021, with consultation period of a month, there had only been 9 (nine) responses, of which at least three were from ANWCC people. Steve Johnson had also surveyed competitors and officials at two recent stage rallies and less than 5% of those asked were aware of the proposal and its consequences.

Attached as an addendum to these minutes are the notes submitted by DVT which spelt out the problems that implementing the proposal would cause. Due to the way in which these were dealt with by the Rules Committee, DVT was to write to Hugh Chambers and David Richards at Motorsport UK to raise the issue to a higher level. It was also suggested that clubs also write to Motorsport UK as the ruling, if brought in and applied fully, could adversely affect their own event status with a resultant loss of entries.

Event signing-on delegates are reminded that everyone must sign-on using the appropriate Motorsport UK signing-on before undertaking any event work to ensure they are fully insured. The online system is preferable for pre-event signing-on.

Bill Wilmer reported that former Wales Rally GB equipment will be distributed to interested clubs. Iain Tullie (Motorsport UK) will be making an announcement in due course. Clubs will need to make an application.

Phil Barley asked how members could obtain copies of minutes from Motorsport UK Committee meetings. Tracey to investigate this. (*Within these minutes we have attempted to cover most of the items discussed at recent Motorsport UK meetings*).

Important that clubs keep us up-to-date with regards to club official details. Couple of instances recently where info was sent to an ex-official of a club and not actioned, because we had not been informed of changes or the message had not been passed on

Meeting ended at 2130 hours..

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Next meeting ... 9th August 2022 at the Kilton Inn ... Warrington Road, Hoo Green, Mere, Knutsford, WA16 0PZ ... map ref 109/719827 ... what three words gourmet.quail.reminds ... starting at 8pm

Agenda

- Apologies for Absence
- Minutes of previous Meeting
- Matters Arising
- Motorsport UK Reports
 - Council
 - Autotest
 - Regional
 - Cross-Country
 - Rallies
 - Volunteer
 - Route Liaison Officer
 - Forestry Liaison officer
- Secretary
 - New Member Club applications
 - Event Invitations
 - LARA
- Treasurer
- Championships
- Press
- Training
- Any Other Business

ACTION POINTS	
Inter-Association Autosolo	DVT
Inter-Association Autotest	DVT with Knutsford & DMC
Streetcar – clubs, Regional Ambassador and Representatives	MW
Streetcar – follow up regarding where newcomers will be directed	DVT
Arrange for Motor Sport UK officials to attend future ANWCC meetings	MW
Calendar Change proposed regulation (R1.1.11 and D11.2)	DVT
Motorsport UK proposed regulation changes	Member clubs to publicise
MoD Venues – follow up presentation of spreadsheet	MW
Online meetings	TAS / JS
New member club enquiry	TAS
Road Rally Championship calendar	DVT
Spotlight editor	Member clubs to publicise
Marshals Pathway	KM
Time-keeper training	TAS
Publicise copies of Motorsport UK committee meetings to clubs	TAS
Update of club officials for ANWCC database	All member clubs

ADDENDUM

In November 2021 Motorsport UK published a proposal to add a new regulation that would limit calendar changes in the Rallies Championships. In compliance with the process of consultation DVT submitted his thoughts, on behalf of ANWCC. Nothing further was heard although it is known that the document was received at Motorsport House.

At our meeting Steve Johnson reported that the Rules Committee meeting held earlier that same day had approved the proposal, despite objections which were not taken into consideration. As the next step is for the proposals to be presented to the Motorsport UK Board for final acceptance and added to the Blue Book, the following was sent to Hugh Chambers, CEO and David Richards, Chairman at Motorsport UK.

The message has been acknowledged and discussion has occurred between Hugh Chambers (CEO, Motorsport UK), Phil Foster (Regional Committee Chairman) and Nicky Moffitt (Rallies Committee Chairman) who is the proposer.

At the time of publishing these minutes (1st June) a brief response had been received from Hugh Chambers, but did not answer the many questions raised. See June issue of *Spotlight* magazine.

We are sharing this information with member clubs, as it highlights that proposals are not publicised sufficiently, people affected do not submit their views, and the consultation process is not fit for purpose.

MOTORSPORT UK PROPOSED NEW REGULATION R1.1.11, viz:

1.1.11 Contrary to D11.2 if a Championship round is cancelled, or changes its date, due to reasons of force majeure the Championship organisers may arrange for an alternative date, or date for an event to be included in their Championship calendar. Only one such change to a Championship calendar will be permitted during the duration of that particular Championship and the proposed amendment must be subject to motorsport UK approval and will only be permitted if less than 15% of the competitors registered for the Championship object to the change in writing.

Reason: To provide a mechanism for Rally Championships to change the date of one round within their Championship with a lower percentage of approval than allowed for in regulation D11.2.

So, let's look at Regulation D11.2 as it is in the 2022 "Blue Book", viz

(D) 11.2. Where a Championship Permit has been issued, Championship Sporting and Technical Regulations may not be amended after publication unless Motorsport UK and all competitors registered for the Championship agree in writing to the alteration. Such amendments must be circulated to all Registered Competitors, Championship Stewards, Eligibility Scrutineer, Clubs organising Rounds of the Championship and to Motorsport UK.

Why does the new R1.1.11 relating to Calendar changes refer to D11.2 when there is no mention of Calendar in D11.2?

How did the proposed R1.1.11 come about – who proposed it, and why? It would be appreciated if they could give a reason that is correct - D11.2 does not preclude calendar changes?

Why only one date change permitted, see the example I have given below, relating to our Targa Championship.

Relevant to this is regulation W1.4, viz

Stage Rallying (W) 1.4. Normally only Clubs or Associations which have been recognised by Motorsport UK for more than two years are permitted to apply for Championship registration or a Championship Permit. Once a Club or Association has registered a Championship, or has been issued a Permit, it takes responsibility for controlling all Sporting, Technical, Financial and Calendar matters and must guarantee prize money as published.

That regulation defines four areas of a Championship – Sporting (e.g. points scoring systems and awards), Technical (anything to do with the vehicles, including class eligibility), Financial (such as entry fees and sponsorship) and Calendar (start and finish, and dates for events). W1.4 also states the permit holder takes responsibility, this is endorsed by W1.1.4.3, viz

Championship Regulation Section W ... 1.1.4.3. The organisation and control of a Championship or Series shall at all times rest with the Championship Permit holder, subject to these Regulations.

Then we have ...

General (W) 1.1.8. Where a Championship Permit has been issued, Championship Sporting and Technical Regulations may not be amended after publication unless Motorsport UK and all competitors registered for the Championship agree in writing to the alteration. Such amendments must be circulated to all Registered Competitors,

Why repeat regulation D11.2 word for word? And ...

Stage Rallying (W) 1.4.1. Proposals to alter any of the Sporting or Technical Regulations for the Championship after registration or the issue of a Permit must be notified to Motorsport UK for approval before publicity and must comply with D.11.

Again, no reference to Calendar changes.

As an aside, the above mentions Championship Permits. The “permit” issued for our Association championships actually states “Championship Registration” and says “*In holding these Regulations on file and on issuing a Championship Registration no approval of the Regulations by Motorsport UK is either given or implied.*” So, is it a permit or an acknowledgement of a championship?

The “only one change” will cause huge complications for every championship. To give an example, just look at the 2022 ANWCC Targa Rally Championship.

The first round should have been an event organised by Bala & District MC – however, due to the venue withdrawing approval for the given date (due to wanting another event there) a new date was agreed and our calendar was changed to reflect that. This change was made before entries opened.

Then our second round, organised by Stockport 061 MC and already with a nearly full entry list (which included many ANWCC championship contenders) had their venue owners withdraw permission – it is MoD land and was required for military due to the troubles in Ukraine. A new date, later in the year, has been agreed. If the proposed R1.1.11 were in force then this event would have to be dropped from the championship, disappointing the organisers and many championship contenders.

Is this the intention of the committee? – to have events cancelled due to events outside their control. How are we to encourage organisers and competitors with this sort of action. It has to be borne in mind that organisers of events, and championships, are volunteers.

Looking back to last year’s (2021) championships – would the British Rally Championship have been completed? How many events in this and other championships would have lost championship status, and thereby possibly have been cancelled with resultant financial loss and competitor support?

So, where do we go from here?

The proposal should be scrapped as written ... the reason given is incorrect and totally misleading, as the current D11.2 does not prevent Calendar changes.

The “15% objections” may be acceptable, but only for those areas currently defined in D11.2. Suggest amend as follows.

*(D) 11.2. Where a Championship Permit has been issued, Championship Sporting and Technical Regulations may not be amended after publication unless Motorsport UK and ~~all~~ **(no more than 15% of the)** competitors registered for the Championship agree in writing to the alteration. Such amendments must be circulated to all Registered Competitors, Championship Stewards, Eligibility Scrutineer, Clubs organising Rounds of the Championship and to Motorsport UK.*

If the proposal is approved, then how long will it take Motorsport UK to approve changes – bear in mind the time scale required to organise events. Delays could not be tolerated.

Also ... if the proposal does become “law” and this happens ... 20% vote against a change, 30% vote for, 50% abstain ... what would be the outcome? Would the change be disallowed, or would majority rule?

The whole situation also gives rise to some other questions ...

... why is it only to apply to Rallies? There are many other disciplines, and calendar date changes are not unknown with other events. D11.2 is a Common Regulation applying to all disciplines.

... why have championship registrations (permits), for the past few years, had the additional rider to say that Calendar changes are subject to D11.2 ... yet the Blue Book has remained unchanged?

... what action will be taken against Championships, and their officials, who ignore the new D1.1.11 if it does get approved? Or those who have ignored the rider over the past few years?

Also relevant to this are the Championship Regulations issued by the Championship organisers, and which are submitted to Motorsport UK who have then issued the Permits:

In ANWCC (Association of North-Western Car Clubs) we have regulation 1.6, viz:

[1.6] The qualifying events will be a series of Interclub status events, or Clubman status for events that comply with D 4.5.4, organised by member clubs of the ANWCC. The provisional list of qualifying events is included with these regulations, the list is correct at time of going to press. If a change of date is enforced by instances outside the control of ANWCC then championship status may be retained at the discretion of the Championship Co-Ordinator, along with the Championship Stewards, whose decision is final. Changes will be published on www.anwcc.co.uk and in any newsletters published by the Association, either by e-mail or by post.

By signing-up for the championships the competitor is signing-up to the championship regulations, so is agreeing that changes can be made. The contract is between the competitor and the Championship organisers.

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