

# ANWCC Minutes of Meeting held 11th February 2025

# Mere and Tabley Community Club, Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford WA16 0TD



#### **Action Summary**

The following actions are summarised from the meeting minutes:

Minute	Action	
2024.37 -	Make ANWCC logo and Championship adverts available to download from the ANWCC website.	Dave Thomas
Championships		
2025.02 - Actions	Clubs to support consultation on the addition of a fifth category to the definition of autotest.	All
from the previous		
meeting.		
2025.06 -	Submit ANWCC application for sustainability accreditation to MSUK.	Tracey Smith
Sustainability		
2025.08 (d) -	Identify suitable nominations for 2025 MSUK Club and Volunteer Awards.	All
Volunteer		
Recognition		
2025.09 -	Chase unpaid 2025 club subscription fees.	Dave Thomas
Treasurer's Report		
2025.10 –	Agree date and venue for 2025 awards night.	Dave Thomas &
Championships		Tracey Smith
2025.12 – Training	Map marshal training needs for both grade	All
	maintenance and progression.	
	Form a working group to develop collaborative	Oz Phillips and
	training opportunities.	Katy Mashiter
2025.14 - Route	Organisers to apply for event permits and submit	
Liaison Officer	routes for approval in accordance with agreed	All
Report	timetables.	
2025.16 - Any	Request guidance from MSUK on how to implement	Tracey Smith
Other Business	Martyn's Law.	Tracey Similir

# **Apologies for Absence:**

Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC), Nancy Russell (Stockport 061), Heidi Woodcock (Clitheroe DMC), Jon Cordery (BRMC), Helen Fox and Martin Fox (Wigan DMC), Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC), Stephen Johnson (Boundless by CSMA/U17MC(NW)/Accrington MSC), David Gregory (Quinton MC/Knutsford DMC), Richard Murtha (Lancashire Automobile Club) and Michael Ashcroft (Aintree CC).

#### **Present were:**

Jack Mather (BLMCC), Maurice Ellison, Phil Howarth (Liverpool MC), Oz Phillips (BMMC), Roger Hopkins (Knutsford DMC), Ann McCormack (Warrington DMC), Chris Winstanley (Longton DMC), Paul Goodman (MGCC NW), Eric Cowcill (PaN), Steven Kenyon (Garstang and Preston MC), Gareth Roberts and Steve Southall (Broughton-Bretton CC).

#### Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman/Stockport 061/Motor Sport (North West)/2300 Club), Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator, North Wales CC), John Harden (Vice-Chairman and Liverpool MC), Jack Mather (Vice-Chairman and BLMCC), Jim Spencer (Treasurer/BRCA and Hagley) and Tracey Smith (Secretary/BRMC).

#### 2025.01 - Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting.

#### 2025.02 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were proposed by Tracey Smith and seconded by Steve Kenyon.

# Actions from the previous meeting:

**2023.67 (Any Other Business)** Mark Wilkinson to raise the importance of recognising grassroots motorsport with MSUK and ask MSUK to escalate this to Sport England. Jim Spencer met with Hugh Chambers regarding Club sport. It was agreed that the addition of a fifth category to the definition of autotest would bring motorsport under the sport England umbrella. Jim asked all clubs to support this change when consultation happens. *Complete*.

**2024.19 (Sustainability)** Tracey Smith to begin ANWCC application for sustainability accreditation. *Complete.* See minute 2025.06 – Sustainability.

**2024.37 (Championships)** All clubs to inform Dave Thomas when their event regulations are published. *Complete*.

**2024.37 (Championships)** All clubs to promote the marshal championship at their events. *Complete.* It was agreed that the ANWCC logo and Championship adverts would be made available from the ANWCC website for clubs to download and promote the ANWCC Championships.

**2024.40 (Any Other Business)** Mark Wilkinson to ask Regional Committee what progress has been made to license Event Secretaries. *Complete.* 

#### 2025.03 - Matters Arising

None.

#### 2025.04 - Motorsport UK Reports

Regional Committee will meet on 3 April 2025.

Mark Wilkinson has stood down from Motorsport UK Committee and has taken up a role on the Volunteer Officials Committee. This group are looking at recruitment, retention and reward.

**National Competition Rules (NCR)** - MSUK is producing a shorter version of the NCR video aimed at competitors. The karting yearbook will transition to NCR in 2026. Version 8 of the NCR will be released 12 February 2025.

#### **2025.05 – Discussion**

#### a) Racing

Nothing to report.

#### b) Rallying

Nothing to report.

#### c) Karting

Nothing to report.

# d) Cross-Country

Nothing to report.

#### e) Autotest/Autosolo

Nothing to report.

# f) Sprint/Hillclimb

Andrew Bisping has been appointed as Regional Committee representative to the Motorsport UK Sprint and Hillclimb sub-committee.

#### 2025.06 - Sustainability

Tracey Smith to submit ANWCC application for sustainability accreditation to MSUK.

# 2025.07 - Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

#### 2025.08 - Secretary's Report

#### a.) Correspondence

Minutes received from AEMC and WAMC.

#### b.) New Member Clubs

No new applications were received.

#### c.) LARA

Eric Cowcill reported he attended a meeting on 21 January 2025. The Government's Active Travel Schemes introduced during Covid and subsequently revised are likely to be revisited with National Parks looking at the use of roads and by-ways with consultations later this year. National Parks are also looking to liaise with Natural Landscapes (the new name for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty).

A new National Park is being envisaged stretching from Powys to the North Wales coast. Wales is going to try to encourage visitors to National Parks to use public transport rather than private vehicles.

Following the recent problems with parking in the Castleton area when parked cars blocked the roads is being considered with restricted access being possible.

A Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) had been placed on Swans Rake and Limers Rake near Hollinsclough, North Staffordshire which are tracks used historically on Trials. The TRO has been challenged and withdrawn.

The restrictions on access to forests in Wales imposed by National Resources Wales (NRW) following recent storm damage felling many trees is being reviewed every two weeks in liaison with Motorsport UK. Access to many forest roads is still not possible and drones are used to survey the roadways. North Wales forests are less badly affected. No change is anticipated before April.

# d.) Volunteer Recognition

It is important to recognise the contribution from our volunteer club members. It was agreed that delegates would consult with their club members and start to identify suitable nominations in advance of the opening of the 2025 MSUK Club and Volunteer Awards at the end of August.

#### 2025.09 - Treasurer's Report

Jim Spencer reported there were a few small expenses for 2025.

Dave Thomas reported that some clubs have not yet paid their 2025 subscriptions and will be chasing these.

# 2025.10 - Championships

Dave Thomas reported that registrations for 2025 were down slightly on the same time last year.

Some competitors had expressed disappointment that the date of the 2024 awards night was announced too late. It was agreed that the 2026 date and venue for the 2025 awards would be agreed and publicised as soon as possible.

Marshals Monthly £25 Prize Draw-the winners were:

- November Rob O'Brien (Warrington & DMC)
- December Trefor Rowlands (Clwyd Vale MC)

Marshals Monthly £30 Prize Draw-the winners were:

• January - Rob Jos (Harlech, NWCC and C&A)

Mark Wilkinson congratulated the winners of the prize draw.

Dave Thomas thanked Jim Spencer and the British Radio Car Association for their generous prize of a radio-controlled car awarded to the winning Junior Marshal, Emyr Jos.

#### 2025.11 - Press

Post Vacant.

# 2025.12 - Training

Tracey Smith attended the recent British Motorsport Marshals (BMMC) training event at Oulton Park as an observer. Oz Phillips has identified a number of opportunities to possibly extend the training event to marshals of all disciplines in the future. It was agreed that the Longton and District Motor Club generic training modules for speed marshals could also be delivered in collaboration with the BMMC. The specialist training for the Longton Manx Classic event would continue to be delivered separately.

Katy Mashiter has requested details of marshals and their pathway grades from Motor Sport UK but this information cannot be provided at this time. Clubs are therefore asked to map their marshal training needs for both grade maintenance and grade progression to help plan what training modules are needed.

It was agreed that a working group to develop collaborative training opportunities for 2026 would be helpful.

#### 2025.13 - Forestry Liaison Officer Report

Kevin Witton provided a written summary stating that there was nothing to report for the West Midlands area. A number of stage rally events have been cancelled by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) due to storm damage. Rally4Wales are assisting NRW.

#### 2025.14 - Route Liaison Officer Report

Gordon Pirie provided a written report stating that North West clubs are fairly active and stated there are no issues. He reminded organisers to apply for event permits and submit routes for

approval in accordance with agreed timetables. MSUK will be reminding clubs and associations of this.

#### 2025.15 - Military Liaison Officer Report

Nick Stafford has been appointed on a trial basis.

#### 2025.16 - Any Other Business

**Javelin Sprint Series**-Paul Goodman expressed concern over the incursion of Javelin into the sport. He stated that the Javelin sprint series included events at Oulton Park and Anglesey and undermined the Championships regulated by MSUK.

**NCR Consultations**-Eric Cowcill reported that the consultation process regarding rule changes is not working properly. Some agreed rules changes had not been included in the new NCR's and some old rules had not been correctly removed.

Google Analytics-Dave Thomas provided a summary of the latest monthly website report.

**Martyn's Law**-Jim Spencer stated that the enactment of <u>Martyn's Law</u> will have an impact on motorsport. It was agreed that guidelines are needed from Motorsport UK to help clubs to implement this new legislation. Tracey Smith to ask MSUK for guidance.

#### 2025.17 - Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th May 2025 from 7.30pm at Mere and Tabley Community Club, Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford WA16 0TD.

**2025.18 - Meeting ended** at 21:37 hours.