



## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

### **ATTENDANCE**

24 Member Clubs represented by 22 Delegates

Accrington (Eve Fisher, Steve Johnson), Aintree (Mike Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Derek Machin), C&A (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), Cumbrian Rover Owners (Katy Mashiter), CSMA (Eve Fisher, Steve Johnson), F1000 (Steve Johnson), Glossop (John Buckley), GPMC (Terry May & Steve Kenyon), HRCR (Stan Appleton), Ilkley (Stan Appleton), KLMC (Bob Milloy & Katy Mashiter), Lancs. & Ches. (Martin & Sarah Nield), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (Ron Hunt), Longton (Mike Ashcroft), Motor Sport (North West) (Martin & Sarah Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle (Eric Cowcill), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Wigan (Martin & Helen Fox)

Officials present:

Bob Milloy (Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championship Coordinator), Katy Mashiter (Press Officer), Derek Machin (Training Officer)

Apologies received from:

Aintree Liaison (John Harden), RLO (Gordon Pirie)  
Bury (Richard Murtha), ERO (Keith Wain), Knutsford (Richard Duddell), Liverpool (John Harden), Motor Sport (North West) (Ann McCormack), Warrington (Ann McCormack & Gordon Pirie), West Cumbria (Kerryl Carter)

### **WELCOME**

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting. Bob also welcomed Allan Dean-Lewis to the meeting, both as MSA Head of External Affairs and ANWCC President.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 2009 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Derek Machin (BRMC) and seconded by Steve Johnson (CSMA/AMSC) and Karen Spencer (Slaithwaite).

### **MATTERS ARISING**

- Bob asked for an update on the timekeepers list? Eric replied that they are struggling to resurrect it, however are hoping to push it through soon.
- Bob reported on the Rescue Levy suggestion – this was raised at the February Regional Committee meeting, the room felt the proposal was well intended however why just choose rescue units and not recovery units, marshals and radio operators; it would become very bureaucratic, would those going out once or twice a year get as much as those units out each weekend?  
An article has since gone in Motorsports Now, The Marshal and e-Wheels with regards to the de-fib, an article has also been produced with regards to Stoke Rescue and also getting funding from British Heart Foundation.
- Calendar is still on agenda for next Regional Meeting.
- Dates (C&A and BSSMC) – both events ran successfully. All clubs need to be more mindful of date changes and keeping DVT informed.
- Halton – Steve Johnson reported that the event ran successfully, we were well represented from the Association and had a 10 minute presentation to young drivers.

### **MSA REPORTS**

#### **ALLAN DEAN-LEWIS – Head of External Affairs**

- British Grand Prix – are working closely with Donington for 2010, they now have the track licence.
- Wales Rally GB – Welsh Assembly Government have withdrawn funding, WRGB are talking to them about this which is the way they'd prefer to do it through negotiation.
- Environmental – Greenerways Rally will be run on 14/06/09 in conjunction with Pirelli to test tyre wear on forests.
- Code of Conduct – isn't new, MSA is just reminding everyone about it. Socially acceptable driving to and from venues/events etc.
- Licensing – beginning of the year was slightly up on 2008; some were renewing at a lower grade, race renewing at speed level.

- GoMotorsport.tv – each club has been given a page on the site to display footage of events etc, MSA will edit all clips.
- Rally Clerks – at the moment is still voluntary although time may be now to make mandatory and have a modular training programme in place.
- Rally Marshals – are aware that database hasn't been updated since inception in 2002 and quite a few are now inactive either from no longer being involved in motorsport or indeed through passing away. A renewal notice will be going out with all renewals at the end of the year.
- Regional Awards – Receive a lot of nominations throughout the year, which are outstanding in their association but not nationally; they are worthy of merit and the suggestion is for Regional Association Award.
- Jim Jones asked what MSA were doing with regard to entry levels on national rally championships – Isle of Man had 2 championships with 8 entries in one and 13 entries in the other. Allan Dean-Lewis replied that he will take this back to MSA.  
Bob Milloy replied that BRC has held their entry levels, and also have Fiesta, Suzuki, Renault and Citroen – the economy hasn't affected these so will be other factors.  
Rallies Control Panel need to review the situation.
- Karen Spencer asked if it was possible to have Cadet Marshals with different coloured tabards to decipher more clearly in a dark, foggy forest. Allan Dean-Lewis replied that there are different colours available for other "roles" on events and Cadet Marshal tabards are marked clearly with Cadet Marshal and there were no plans to change.
- Derek Machin asked whether HANs would become mandatory, as per FIA, Southern Ireland and BRC. Allan Dean-Lewis replied that there are currently numerous different types of HANs available and until a uniform standard is found it is unlikely.

### **AUTOTEST**

- Steering knobs on autosolos – is down to clubs to add restrictions in the SRs.

### **RALLIES**

- No report

### **SPRINT & HILLCLIMB**

- No report

### **COUNCIL**

- Environmental – raft of changes to historic cars.  
Jim Spencer asked whether 1A & 1B tyres were going to be unified. Page 35 in Motorsports Now clarifies the rules over tyres.

### **REGIONAL**

- Go Motorsport Development Officers – Phil Glew (Contact details available from Mark Wilkinson)  
Their role is to go in to schools and towns and promote the sport.
- Event grading is being reviewed (National A & National B)
- Inter Association Events:  
Road Rally – Sarn Hellen – 17/18 October – Lampeter MC  
Stage Rally – TBC  
Trials – 11 October – Ross & District MC  
Sporting Trial – November - Stoneacre  
Autotest – Rufforth – 26 July – Alwoodley  
Sprint – 1/2 August – East Ayrshire  
Road Rally 2010 – ANICC  
Autocross – Braintree, Essex

### **TRIALS**

- Proposing dropping minimum age to 14.

## **REPORTS**

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

- Motorsport Vision – BARS tests now available at Oulton Park for £180 inc VAT – [www.motorsportvision.co.uk/bars](http://www.motorsportvision.co.uk/bars)
- Blackburn College are offering a Vehicle Refinishing Course – [www.blackburn.ac.uk/vehicle\\_refinishing\\_introduction.html](http://www.blackburn.ac.uk/vehicle_refinishing_introduction.html), for more details contact Janine Smith on 01254 292 500 or [business@blackburn.ac.uk](mailto:business@blackburn.ac.uk)
- Motorsports Now! Spring 2009

### **EVENT INVITATIONS**

- Tunnock's Tour of Mull – 9-11 October 2009, regs will be online at [www.2300club.org](http://www.2300club.org)

## **TREASURER**

- Venue is now cheaper so will bring cost saving along with it.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR**

- 279 registrations so far, 17% down on 2008.
- Results are coming in quickly, sometimes getting them on the ANWCC website before they're on the event website!!
- Link for regs on site, won't be putting the full regs on anymore – as we're duplicating data.
- Between now and August meeting – 2010 renewal forms will be going out for registration of club/events, keep your eye out for them and PLEASE RETURN THEM on time so we're keep updated of any changes to officials.

## **FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER**

- No report

## **AINTREE LIAISON OFFICER**

- Management have now undertaken work on the Circuit to restore it to the original width, and this has resulted in the removal of over 30 tonnes of silt & grass. We hope this will alleviate some of the issues of flooding at times of heavy rain. Continuing to negotiate for further drainage work to be undertaken, though Aintree claim to have no spare funds for this at the moment. The management now require hirers to provide a formal Operating Procedure incorporating a Risk Assessment. In exchange, the venue is now formally signed over to users for the duration of their event, users then being solely responsible for all Health & Safety Requirements for everyone on site.
- Limited weekday use of the Circuit is now possible, at a price, though this is subject to the requirements of the Golf Centre.
- Mike Ashcroft gave a review of relaunched/rebranded Aintree Circuit Club – press day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## **OTHER VENUE LIAISON**

- Nothing to report

## **PRESS OFFICER**

- Derek Machin asked whether anyone had contacted Katy, Katy replied that she'd had no contact from any clubs – PLEASE MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY...

## **TRAINING OFFICER**

- 492 marshals have been trained so far in 2009  
There were 136 attendees at the Intro sessions, previously been 132.  
Stockport was the second highest attended with 56.  
MSport supported the Carlisle session, and had 53 attendees.  
279 are members of car clubs, and only 29% heard about training through their club – ViM do push the sessions, however there is still a lot that clubs can do.
- Steve Johnson is holding a Fire Training session on 12 June and also road/stage timekeeping course in September, more details are available on [www.anwcc.org](http://www.anwcc.org)
- Dates for 2010:  
ANWCC - Stockport – 30 January  
ANCC – TBC – 31 January

## **MSA CTRLLO**

- Nothing to report

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cholmondeley Pageant of Power – 18 & 19 July 2009 – ANWCC has a 20 x 10m stand which is open to member clubs to promote themselves – if your club wants to have a presence, please contact Jim Spencer on [jim.spencer@man.eu](mailto:jim.spencer@man.eu) or [treasurer@brca.org](mailto:treasurer@brca.org).
- NVQ Spectator Safety – They will provide a course (initially 3 nights) for ANWCC member clubs, if you have any members that would like to attend, or for more details please email Mark Wilkinson on [anwcc@stockport061.co.uk](mailto:anwcc@stockport061.co.uk).
- Marshal Draw:  
January – Paul Cross – Anglesey  
February – Kevin Griffiths – Wrexham  
March – James Busfield – Myerscough  
April – Paul Cross – Anglesey  
All receiving £25 cash, the Marshal Fund now stands at £760.

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 11 August 2009 – 20.00

Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QX. ([www.toftcc.co.uk](http://www.toftcc.co.uk))

Rob Jones – MSA General Secretary will be in attendance.

## **AGENDA**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Sprint & Hillclimb

Trials

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

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MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

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