



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS
HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, RUNCORN, ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2007**

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WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

27 member clubs were represented by 28 delegates as follows:

1400 Rally Club (Chris Pedley), Accrington MSA (John Harden, Steve Johnson), BRMC (Mike Farnworth), BRSCC NW (Mike Harris), Bury AC (Richard Murtha), Caernarfon & Anglesey MC (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale MC (Peter White), CSMA (Steve Johnson), Ecurie Royal Oak MC (Nigel Bayley, Keith Wain), Formula 1000 RC (Steve Johnson), Garstang & Preston MC (Steve Kenyon, Terry May), Glossop & DMC (John Buckley), HRCR (Stan Appleton), Ilkley & DMC (Stan Appleton), Kirkby Lonsdale MC (Katy Mashiter, Bob Milloy), Knutsford & DMC (Steve Skepper), Lancs & Ches CC (Martin Nield), Liverpool MC (John Harden, Ron Hunt), Longton & DMC (Michael Ashcroft, Peter Riley), Morecambe CC (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport NW (Martin Nield), North Wales CC (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle MC (Eric Cowcill, Sue Sanders-Peppitt), Quinton MC (Paul Maxwell), Stockport MC (Bob Milloy), Wallasey MC (Mike Harris, Bill Turner), Wigan & DMC (Helen Fox, Martin Fox).

Officials present were: Bob Milloy (Chairman), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Katy Mashiter (Press Officer), Dave Thomas (Championships Coordinator), Mike Farnworth (Training Officer), Stan Appleton (General Secretary).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded from David Bailey (Lancs & Ches), Eve Fisher (CSMA/AMSC), Gary Marriott, Gary Heslop, Tim Hobbs (Telford), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport MC/Motorsport NW).

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2006 meeting were agreed as a true record on a proposal from Wallasey MC, seconded by BRMC.

MATTERS ARISING

Caemarvon & Anglesey MC were also celebrating a major anniversary - their 70th.

Bruce Goddard had now left MSA and had not respond to the points he had taken away from an earlier meeting. Eric Cowcill would pursue with Danesh Gangahar (MSA's Financial Director) whether VAT payable on MOD venues could be handled similarly to that for Forestry Commission.

MSA REPORTS

COUNCIL

Eric Cowcill reported that the next meeting was to be held on 15 February.

RALLIES COMMITTEE

Sue Sanders-Peppitt reported that the last committee had a big agenda:

An upgrading path was needed to give road rally competitors a route to an International Road Rally licence, needed for FIA regularity events etc. A paper would go to next committee.

Proposals for Cadet Marshals would go to Council on 15 February. This would introduce an age band of 11-16 years and give some general guidance on scope of duties to be supported by discipline-specific guidance.

Regulations for events expecting to use Cadet Marshals would need to include contact details of *an MSA club's* Child Protection Officer. If Cadet Marshals appear on the day then an appropriate CPO can be named on the official noticeboard. It was the responsibility of the Cadet Marshal's 'responsible person' (parent/guardian) to be aware. John Harden reminded the meeting that juveniles needed their *parent's* permission even if a temporary guardian was present.

Committee had discussed drivers aged 14-16, following the Formula 1000 initiative. They would need to be a minimum of 1.4m tall and be licenced similarly to junior racing drivers. Their co-driver would need to be CRB-accredited, a licence holder and preferably a qualified instructor. Cars would be limited to 1000cc standard

production cars and venues would need to have no footpaths, bridleways, trees or other significant hazards. Events would need to be specifically MSA-accredited or form part of a specific championship. The aim is to introduce this for 2008 but may not be easy to achieve.

Fuel testing had been discussed – when, where, how, how safe, etc. More work remains to be done including an extension beyond stage rallying and the question of alignment with FIA.

K37 inevitably took a lot of time at committee. The intention is still to have a January 2010 deadline but early planning is needed. Lee Carter has joined Rallies Committee and brings relevant experience. Other active people have joined too. Council will be looking at proposals on 15 February to consider whether they are 'fit for consultation'. The wording of the proposal has now been expanded with several references to FIA compliance but may need further redrafting around active differentials. In broad terms, conversion from 4wd to 2wd or from fwd to rwd should be acceptable. Production vehicles would have a 6 cylinder limit as well as a capacity limit. Transmission is likely to be free, subject to redrafting of the 'active diffs' clause. Wheel size and weight limits are to be clarified. Overall, the intention is to re-present the proposals more clearly when they come out for consultation.

The next agenda of Rallies Committee is to include the use of the SOS/OK board and to look again at refueling in service areas.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Bob Milloy reported that the next meeting on 6 March was additional to the original schedule.

There is a proposal to discuss Forestry Commission charging, returning to per capita to avoid smaller events disappearing from the calendar and reducing financial risk for other events. Relationships with FC varied across the country with motorsport helping to balance the FC books in some areas but being unwelcome in others. In discussion it was felt that some overhead costs would be reduced by getting more mileage from each individual forest, lessening the number of rescue, recovery and radio crews needed.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Stan Appleton explained how injudicious posting on website forums had led to the cancellation of the inter-association road rally and that a well-informed campaign was being run by a serious and well-resourced objector. He reminded clubs that cyberspace is publicly accessible and that club electronic newsletters, photo galleries, etc should only carry responsible material, particularly where the use of the public highway was concerned.

The inter-association autotest would be run by Herefordshire MC on 31 March. The i/a road rally would be hosted by CSMA and Clitheroe MC on 27/28 October, whilst the i/a Stage Rally is likely to be the Tour of Mull again.

An application for membership had been received from 1400 Rally Club, a club arising from the 'BTRDA control tyres' situation. They have a long-term aim of running forest events for 1400 cars only and currently have 50+ crews including some from tarmac rallying. Their may be an opportunity for them to take advantage of the lapsed Rally Stars concession negotiated with Forestry Commission. Their membership was agreed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Eric Cowcill reported no current issues.

CHAMPIONSHIPS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dave Thomas announced that 206 competitors had now registered. Two forestry events had already been held. The Gareth Hall road rally had been postponed to 10 March due to bad weather.

Registrations have been received for most championships including the new endurance championship. There would also have been sufficient interest and sufficient events to justify an autosolo championship; this will be considered for next year. Altogether 100 events are expected. The link from the ANWCC website to clubs regs sites have proved very successful. The results of the Marshals Draw will be announced separately.

FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER

No report

AINTREE LIAISON OFFICER

John Harden reported that there would be the usual full calendar of events. The golf course is still threatened later this year.

OTHER VENUES LIAISON

No report

PRESS OFFICER

Katy Mashiter had nothing to report.

TRAINING OFFICER

Mike Farnworth reported that 60 rally marshals had attended the Stockport training day with 98 at York. Gateshead had been disappointing but Carlisle was looking more positive. A hillclimb training day was to be held at Loton Park on 4 March.

Sue Sanders-Peppitt said that Volunteers in Motorsport would include more 'training of trainers' and would introduce buddy training. They want nominations from clubs, via associations, for experienced marshals to be buddies to be trained. The MSA marshals' database will be made more accessible to Chief Marshals to give them information about levels of experience to aid deployment. A clearer upgrading route is to be created with better tracking of evidence and experience. Training will be extended to all disciplines including kart and speed. It was explained that although the card licences might seem to have limited value they provided an audit trail for the government funding that was used for the ViM initiative. Registered marshals will now be sent copies of Motorsports Now!. In June 2006 there were 7231 rally marshals but a further 600 have been added since then, largely but not totally due to Wales Rally GB. Race marshals seem to be spread thinly over too many meetings; many have had experiences of poor conditions or of poor attitudes from senior officials.

RALLIES LIAISON OFFICER

No report

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Milloy discussed ideas for celebrating ANWCC's 50th anniversary. Aintree would be far too expensive. A show is being organized in Southport including a speed element. Perhaps a presence would be possible at the Oulton Gold Cup anniversary meeting at August Bank Holiday with suitable banners and displays. A link could be made with Motor Sport Week.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8 May 2007.



AGENDA

For the Ordinary Meeting of the Association of North Western Car Clubs, which will be held at Holiday Inn, Runcorn, on **Tuesday 8 May 2007 at 2000 hrs.** (We shall be joined by John Symes, Technical and Risk Manager at MSA)

Apologies for absence

Minutes of last meeting (February 2007)

Matters arising

MSA Matters

- including, if required, discussion about K37 rule change proposals

Reports

General Secretary, including correspondence

Treasurer

Championship Co-ordinator

Forestry/Facilities Liaison Officer

Aintree Liaison Officer

Other Venue Liaison

Press Officer

Training Officer

MSA CTRL

Any other business
Date and place of next meeting