



MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, RUNCORN ON TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2008

ATTENDANCE

21 member clubs were represented by 27 delegates as follows:

Accrington MSC (Eve Fisher, John Harden, Steve Johnson), Aintree Circuit Club (Mike Ashcroft), Bolton-le-Moors (Steve Cawley), BRMC (Derek Machin), BRSCC (Tom Dooley), Civil Service Motoring Association (Eve Fisher, Steve Johnson), Ecurie Royal Oak (Nigel Bayley, Keith Wain), Formula 1000 (Alistair Dodd, Tristan Dodd & Steve Johnson), Glossop & District CC (John Buckley), Ilkley (Clive Baty), Kirkby Lonsdale MC (Bob Milloy), Lancashire & Cheshire (Martin Nield), Liverpool MC (John Harden, Ron Hunt), Longton & District MC (Mike Ashcroft, Peter Riley), MG Car Club (NW) (David Rainsbury), Motor Sport (North West) (Martin Nield, Mark Wilkinson), North Wales CC (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle (Eric Cowcill), Stockport 061 (Bob Milloy, Ken Wilkinson, Mark Wilkinson & William Kelly), Telford (Tim Hobbs), Wigan (Helen Fox, Martin Fox).

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Ron Hunt (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator), Mike Farnworth (Training Officer), John Harden (Aintree Liaison).

Apologies were received from Jim Spencer (British Radio Car Association), David Bell (Lancashire AC), Steve Kenyon (Garstang & Preston MC), Katy Mashiter (Cumbrian Rover OC and Kirkby Lonsdale), Richard Duddell (Knutsford & District MC), Graeme Forrester (Wigton MC), Gordon Waddington (Lindholme MSC), Rosemary Wilkinson (Slaithwaite MC), Ann McCormack (Warrington and Motor Sport (North West)), Brian Howatson (Clwyd Vale), Mike Harris (BARC), Bill Turner (Wallasey), Jeff Gray (Knutsford), Sue Sanders-Peppitt (Potteries & Newcastle).

WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting with the sad news of the loss of 2 good friends – Jack Neal (Scrutineer) and Martin Pratt and asked members present to think for a moment and recollect the memories. Pleased to welcome 2 guests to the meeting – Colin Hilton (Chief Executive MSA) and Graham Stoker (Chairman of Council MSA).

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed by email/website and were agreed as a true record proposed by Mike Ashcroft and seconded by Stockport 061.

MATTERS ARISING

Phantom Timekeepers list – hasn't died, just needs resurrecting and updating. Eric Cowcill reported that the intention of the Timekeepers Advisory Panel is to incorporate into different formats – a list for Chief Timekeepers and another for those acting as Timekeepers on events.

Nomination for Graham Forrester on Speed Committee has been sent to MSA.

Heritage Event postponed due to "red tape", hopefully taking place next year.

Pageant of Power took place over the previous weekend and was well received by all that attended and has plenty of scope for expansion.

Gold Cup – not been able to sort an association stand. Liverpool and possibly Warrington are planning on having stands.

Steve Johnson gave a stark presentation on his secondment to Blackburn & Darwen Casualty Reduction Partnership to give training sessions to pre drivers.

Tristan Dodd gave a talk on his plans for the young driver scheme, lots of people enquiring from training days, also lot of support – to name a few Geoff Jones, Gwyndaf Evans and current F1000 leader. Possibly looking at 15 events however depends on final numbers. Clive Baty commented that co-drivers need to be CRB checked and this needs to be emphasised.

MSA REPORTS

VIM has been supported by Motorsport Development UK with government funding for the past 3 years with 50% of the costs from the government funding. This has now ceased, but will be fully funded by MSA.

Risk Management has recently been undertaken and 29 key issues have been identified, mainly procedural.

Blue Book was re-written for 2008, brought in a Technical Editor. Took out numbers and used bullet points – now don't have references. Will be continuing with DVD for 2009.

Licensing – brought in resources to solve problems with issuing licences that were experienced in 2007. Currently 2000 issued licences ahead. Martin Nield commented that the licence number is too small on the cards for Documentation teams on events, Bob said that the size was increased for 2008.

Lets Go Karting – 16 venues have signed up to help start this initiative. Further details are available from www.lets gokarting.net

Go Motorsport – 100 clubs have signed up out of 750 clubs that have all been informed about it. Further details are available from www.gomotorsport.net

Environment – starting to do research in environmental impact, John Symes has been appointed as MSA Technical Director. Can easily buy way out by buying trees, but don't feel this is the right way and need to be looking at ways of reducing on forest roads etc.

Rally/Race Elite – have appointed Robert Reid. Have been talking to Skills Active.

Graham Stoker commented that the MSA is one of the largest ASNs in the world, and decide to keep the board of directors and council separate.

All 750 motor clubs have the opportunity to put forward people to go on committees, via the association.

Changes don't come from top down, they work upwards from the bottom through councils.

Trying to keep costs down – have met with Secretary of State to keep forestry costs down.

Jim Spencer had raised the following points, which have been forwarded on to MSA:

Why do regulations that initially aren't seen as helpful for grass roots get out for debate, and then be seen as helpful?

The reply was that this is due to democracy – could easily close the door and insert it in to the Blue Book, however the preference is to be transparent, only initially approved for ratification via letters or regional committee.

Calendar – why isn't it possible to stop clashes of dates (a recent example is WTCC @ Donington, Silverstone Classic and BTCC @ Oulton Park).

Have 5000 events a year, 15 disciplines in the sport, 3 big calendars. Doesn't happen in other sports, as they don't have the diversity. The MSA can only step in, if there is a safety issue and has had to do this this year.

Bob commented that religion causes a big part – for example Easter moves each year, also local pressure with venues or council.

Mike Farnworth raised a concern over the inclusion of rescue units at lower level events – there will be an issue with staffing the units. Colin Hilton replied that he needs to raise this concern with the Rescue Panel, who will then bring to the attention of the Chairman. It was also suggested to put a link to Rescue Panel on the Go Motorsport website.

Derek Marchin asked if it's possible to improve the useability of MSA website – MSA/Go Motorsport/ViM websites, club details are different on all of them. Colin Hilton replied that a new website has been developed and is going through the testing stage at the moment.

MSA MATTERS

COUNCIL

Had good presentation on awareness of Juniors from Roger Hill, especially on helmets for Juniors, HANs devices, bullying and provision of medical services.

Quite a few changes proposed for karting, a few for rallying (under 17 drivers, navigators on multi-use can be 14+, changes to information given out on navigational events), races (stopping events on red flags – amending from 50% to 75% and then 25% of event becomes definitive) and speed/trials (classes).

Next meeting is in September

REGIONAL

Last meeting was 21 May, next meeting is 20 August

Inter association events –

Didn't send team to North Ireland for the autotest.

Sprint went ahead at Curborough and association entered 2 teams and came 2nd

Stage Rally will be Premier Rally on 26 October

Road Rally will be Fourth Bridges on 8 November

Dry break coupling – the proposed ruling has now been changed considerably, now restricted to British and MSA titled championships and all new build cars from 2009. Graham Stoker commented that the bigger issue is the use of incorrect fuel at grass roots, siphoning fuel and then spilling on the testers foot.

SPEED

Have submitted another turbo diesel equivalent, awaiting response.

Pop-up gazebos – it has been noted that these must be ensured that they are fastened down sufficiently to stop them flying away and landing on track/people.

John Harden asked if any further on towing points? Peter replied no, but it comes up each time!

CORRESPONDENCE

Application for membership from Aintree Circuit Club. Mike Ashcroft gave brief talk on the club – established in 1954 and organised first event in 1957 and looked after circuit until 1998, club now financially stable again, helped with running of Festival of Motorsport in 2004, would like to move down historic route, however the competitive angle hasn't been decided.

The chairman asked for any objections on club joining, nothing received; on receipt of payment, application accepted.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

Nothing further to report

TREASURER

89 clubs in total and 24 haven't paid 2009 subs.

Are still continuing to act as broker for training, have been delays in but are now up-to-date. Mike Farnworth raised a concern that colleges are issuing invoices with payment to be received within 30 days, sign-off times at MSA are quick enough meaning invoices not being paid on time. Chairman suggests speaking to Allan Dean-Lewis and that professional organisations such as colleges go direct to MSA.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

So far in 2008 – 339 registered contenders, which is 3 up on 2007.

Held 75 events to date. To the end of 2008, 6 events have cancelled and 10 have moved dates – an updated calendar page has been loaded on to the website and will keep updating with any further changes.

There has been a complaint with regards to road rallies restricting 4 wheel drive vehicles from entering the event and suggests that these shouldn't be part of the championship. In the championship, there are 20 events with 8 to count.

Derek Machin commented that if the event deviates from MSA regulations then they shouldn't be part of the championship as it will restrict the criteria for eligible vehicles, this was agreed by everyone in the room.

2008 Awards Presentation has been booked for 7 February 2009 at Holiday Inn, Manchester Airport.

2009 registration forms are on the website, only 21 clubs have replied so far.

FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER

No report

AINTREE LIAISON OFFICER

Continuing as normal, new event to be held on 10 September – Greenpower Electric Cars, 22 schools have committed to the event.

OTHER VENUE LIAISON

Weeton – still there, just!

DVT commented that Warrington are seriously looking for a new venue in the area.

PRESS OFFICER

Nothing to report

TRAINING OFFICER

Mike informed the room that Derek Machin will be taking over 2009 with Mike supporting, with full role in 2010.

There has been a request for training session for speed/sprint in North West, has spoken to Liverpool and needs to know if marshals will attend the session, and also needs available venue.

Rally training dates for 2009: (Full dates are available on www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk)

Stockport	24 January
York	25 January
Carlisle (poss Kendal)	21 February
Rodbaston (poss Staff University)	28 February
Rhyl	26 March

MSA RLO

No report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Graham Stoker and Colin Hilton thanked the association for the invite and the hospitality.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th November 2008, 2000 hours, at the Holiday Inn, Runcorn.
We will be joined by our President – Allan Dean-Lewis

AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Apologies for absence
Minutes of meeting held 12th August 2008
Matters arising
MSA reports
Reports
 General Secretary
 Treasurer
 Championships Co-Ordinator
 Forestry Liaison Officer
 Aintree Liaison Officer
 Other Venue Liaison
 Press Officer
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 MSA CTRLLO
Any other business
Date and place of next meeting

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