



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2013

ATTENDANCE

116 (Rod Pierce & Baz Green), 2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Accrington (Steve Johnson), Aintree Circuit (Michael Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRSCC NW (Mike Harris), C&A (Jim Jones), Clitheroe (Maurice Ellison & Steve Lewis), CSMA NW (Steve Johnson), ERO (Chris Cornes & Mark Bailey), Fylde (David Grady), Gemini (Mark Wilkinson), Kirkby Lonsdale (Katy Mashiter & Bob Milloy), Lancs & Ches (Martin Nield), Liverpool (John Harden), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MG CC NW (Paul Goodman), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport NW (Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Mike Harris & Bill Turner)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Dave Thomas (Championship Coordinator), Katy Mashiter (Press).

Apologies were received from Ron Hunt, Eric Cowcill, Ken Wilkinson (S061), David Bell (Lancs Auto), Bill Wilmer (Gemini), David Rainsbury (MG CC NW), Tom Dooley (BRSCC NW), Nigel Bayley (ERO), Steve Kenyon (GPMC), Brian Howatson (Clwyd Vale), (Broughton & Bretton)

WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting. On behalf of Association of North Western Car Clubs, I would like to pass on our condolences to Tom Dooley, our thoughts are with you at this time.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2012 AGM were accepted as a true record, proposed by Bill Turner and seconded by Steve Johnson.

MATTERS ARISING

Nothing that won't come up through the meeting Agenda.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Bob Milloy reported that the French electrician & gymnast along with the German are winning the championships once more. The Association is weathering very well and thank you for the dedication from the clubs putting on events. You may have spotted our Dave Thomas and his Department of Useless Information getting a snippet in the recent MSA Company Report. Clubs and events are doing well and meeting customer expectations.

The recent awards presentation was slightly down on attendees and we were delighted to have Stuart Turner as our guest of honour and he presented all bar 2 of the awards. Congratulations to all the award winners – we are seriously thinking of putting a rule in, no Steves!

The association continues to grow, we are now the largest in numbers and this Association seems to be the best favoured (*Stuart Turner has investigated and reported to us at the awards presentation*)

The executives beaver away and thank you for your efforts through the year. Ron Hunt has decided to stand down, has been there for many years – thank you. We simply couldn't exist without Dave Thomas, so thank you for everything you do.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mark Wilkinson reported that he would like to re-iterate his comments from 2012 that as most of the Association business is now completed electronically – we need to be kept aware of any member changes within your clubs and also to email addresses.

Thank you to all the marshals, competitors, attendees at the meetings and hope you all have a good 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Eric's absence, Mark read out Eric's report:

Please accept my apologies for my non-attendance at the AGM – I shall be on my way back from Australia.

Regarding the annual accounts for 2012, you will notice at the bottom that once again income exceeded expenditure to the tune of £2606 compared with a similar figure of £2694 last financial year.

Much of this "loss" represents the competition side of the Association with the bulk of the expenditure being on awards made in respect of the numerous Championships that we run as an Association. We spent nearly £4000 on awards to competitors who paid £3296 in competitor registrations and £1411 in event registrations totalling £4707.

Having said that, Club subscriptions are up on previous years – more Clubs have joined the Association, and the Championship registration fees for both competitors and events are up slightly so we continue to be in quite a strong position. The actual costs of the awards has gone up significantly in the 2012 year and David Thomas is acutely aware of this and has already indicated a reduced number of awards being given for the 2013 competition year, and is actively seeking a reduction in the price of the awards as well. The awards night (the 2011 awards event held in early 2012) broke even and don't be alarmed at the comparatively high figure of £3420 for the awards night income 2012 compared to the previous year of £1153 reflected in the fact that the 2011 event was held very early in the year and much of the income was in the previous financial year.

As in previous years it is important that the competition and administration sides pay their respective ways way but this year we have had some additional costs on the administrative side that we have not encountered before. We have joined LARA – an important move I feel, and also run two Go Motorsport evenings for which we had to pick up the tab. The Stockport evening was reasonably affordable but the Chester night was dearer with refreshments being £180 and the hire of projector an additional £15. This highlights the problem of trying to cater for an unknown number of people because they have not indicated their attendance in advance. Whether these meetings are to be repeated in the future is unknown and whether the MSA is prepared to offer financial assistance to Associations hosting such meetings is also unknown – so far no assistance is forthcoming.

The rally training days were reduced to one at Stockport this year, and the e-Bay items were articles donated by Mike Harris which were sold. Otherwise little changes from previous years – we continue to be very frugal in administration costs and the increasing use of electronic information ensures that printing and postage costs are minimized. As previously, David has paid for stationery, printing, postage and some awards through the Association but has refunded appropriate amounts used by his other roles so has recouped some monies spent.

I summary then the bottom of the balance sheet shows we are still very healthy but obviously we cannot carry on supporting the competitive side as in the past couple of years and this is something that David is working on to redress. I do think though that we should consider a small increase in Club registration fees. It has remained at the present figure for many years now and I feel that an increase to £25 would be justified.

I therefore propose that the meeting considers increasing the ANWCC subscription to £25 annually and I recommend acceptance of the accounts.

The accounts were proposed by Mike Harris, seconded by Martin Nield and accepted by the meeting. Steve Johnson commented that we may have lost finances from sponsorship, however we have managed to secure support from Gazzard Accounts and also Questmead, so have in effect doubled our "supportership"

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- **From the Department of Useless Information:**
- Total competitors 280 – down from 287
- Of the 280, 115 have not been registered previously
- Seniors – we have made this over 50, not 45
- Events dropped historic forest rally and is now included in the forest stage rally
- Rally of the Year – Neil Howard
- Marshal fund ended at around £800, down from £1000

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Milloy briefly handed over the Chair to Mark Wilkinson for the election of Chairman.

The following nominations have been received:

Chairman	Bob Milloy
Vice-Chairman	John Harden
Treasurer	Eric Cowcill
General Secretary	Mark Wilkinson
Championship Sec.	Dave Thomas
Training Officer	Derek Machin
Press Officer	Katy Mashiter

The above officers were elected en mass and proposed by Bill Turner and seconded by Steve Johnson.

Additionally, the two MSA appointments continue:

RLO	Gordon Pirie
FLO	Kevin Witton

MOTIONS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 2014 – date will be advised nearer the time, Toft Cricket Club

Mark Wilkinson