



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2010

ATTENDANCE

24 member clubs were represented by 22 delegates as follows:

Accrington (John Harden, Graham Maxwell, Steve Johnson, Graham Bray, Eve Fisher), Aintree Circuit (Michael Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Derek Machin), BRSCC (Tom Dooley), C&A (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), CSMA (Graham Maxwell, Steve Johnson, Graham Bray, Eve Fisher), David Brown (Karen Spencer), F1000 (Steve Johnson), Kirkby Lonsdale (Bob Milloy), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), L&CC (Martin Nield), Liverpool (John Harden, Ron Hunt), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MG CC (David Rainsbury, Paul Goodman), Motor Sport (NW) (Martin Nield, Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries (Eric Cowcill), Rhyl (Baz Green), SD34 (Graham Bray, Eve Fisher), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Bob Milloy & Mark Wilkinson), Wormhough (Shaun Hulin)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Ron Hunt (Vice Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Dave Thomas (Championships Coordinator), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), John Harden (Aintree Liaison), Derek Machin (Training).

Apologies were received from Ann McCormack (Warrington & Motor Sport (NW)), Steve Kenyon (Garstang), Graham Raeburn (Knutsford), Katy Mashiter (Kirkby Lonsdale, Morecambe, Cumbrian Rover Owners), Mike Harris (BRSCC), David Bell (Lancashire AC)

WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and extended a warm welcome to our President Allan Dean-Lewis (MSA Head of External Affairs) for his annual visit up North.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 2010 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Derek Machin and seconded by Mike Ashcroft; subject to amendment of Championship Coordinator it was referred to as sprint when in fact it was hillclimb that was cancelled.

MATTERS ARISING

- Tyres – no further report, but ongoing “mumblings” through Technical – watch this space...
- SD34 – still awaiting confirmation – Les Fragle (SD34) and Ian Davis (MSA) are in communication.
- Sport England – was taken to Regional Committee and MSA are concerned that we’ve been speaking to wrong people. Jim Spencer has had 1 meeting at MSA and awaiting another.
- Bob Milloy reported that he has received acknowledgement of John Harden’s application for Sprint & Hillclimb committee nomination; John has since received notification that unfortunately on this occasion he has been unsuccessful.
- Juniors – ADL reported that the licences are held by the club and not the licensee and the club therefore has control over this.
- DVT has sent emails to Mid Cheshire re the hillclimb but hasn’t heard back, so presuming event was null and void.
- Jim Jones commented re DVT’s “suggestion” where there are 2 championship events on in different countries they could both be in the championship and that C&A are against this. Bob replied that this was only a suggestion and would need to be passed at AGM if in fact we did decide to go down that route.

MSA REPORTS

ALLAN DEAN-LEWIS

- eNews – not a replacement for Motorsports Now; if you’re still not receiving this please email media@msauk.org and they will add your email address.
On the first email they had 60000 bounces, now got this down to 10000 bounces!
- Obituary for Bill Troughear – thoughts are with Val and family.
- MSA had submitted name for National Honour and had a meeting with Lord Chancellor and Prime Minister and have since passed on supporting documentation.
- Welcomed on board Jennifer Carty – jennifer.carty@msauk.org who has replaced Richard Nunn as Volunteer Officials Training Coordinator.

- Motorsports Now – starting next edition next week and will be the last in the current format as have a new contract with a new company – the first edition in the new format will be just before Easter 2011.
- 2011 rule changes will only be available on the website and to give feedback on consultation.
- Club & Marshal of the Year – jury is still out and nominations are still welcomed; normally announce winners at beginning of December.
- Club Development – alive and well, still got money to give away – as usual please contact ADL before submitting a request to ensure you potentially receive the maximum possible.
- Personal Development Grant – travel grant for off shore / remote officials who wish to upgrade licences etc. £250 per year and matched by club.
- New First Aid Z Leaflet, available through Motorsport Safety Fund.
- Road Closure – general feeling is rally, but don't just think rally – hillclimb, sprint etc. Political will is more prominent in Scotland & Wales than England.
Caution to clubs – unless been involved in closure, it will take a huge skill set and processes are very bureaucratic.
- Official Seminars 2011: (Clerks & Stewards)
Preston – Saturday 29th January
Walsall Wood – Sunday 30th January
Llandridnod Wells – Saturday 19th February
York – Saturday 26th February
Apologies for any clashes, it's always inevitable.
If you wish to attend for a genuine aspiration, please speak to ADL.

AUTOTEST

- Not met since our last meeting.

RALLIES

- No minutes available.

COUNCIL

Many decisions & rule changes were accepted to take effect from Jan 2011

- There are changes within Anti-Doping rules – MSA is hoping that UK anti-doping will allow MSA to self administer the process. FIA has recently adopted the WADA code.
- Fuel testing procedures have been clarified
- Scrutineer grades will be changed to Scrutineer, national, International dropping the National A and B categories (from 2012)
- Review of event grades – Clubsport has been deleted
For Clubman & National B events, an invitation to the event will suffice – no need for an acceptance
Clubman events can be a part of a Regional Association Championship provided that all Championship contenders hold a Clubman competition licence.
- National B events can invite any number of registered Championships in addition to 4 regional Associations and or recognised Groups.
- Clerk of Course licence upgrade criteria have been amended.
- Spill kits are now mandatory at almost all events – it is important for them to be disposed of correctly in accordance with local Health & safety guidelines
- There is now a minimum size stipulated for red flags on rallies
- Criteria for Championships and their publicity have been clarified
- Parade, Pace (Lead) and Safety cars & the dress code for the occupants are more clearly defined (from 2012)
- Kart minor competitors will be required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian who shall have an entrants licence.
- Rules are clarified for Junior Rally cross and Autocross
- Speed event classes have been amended – Modified Limited Production becomes Modified Series Production.
- Relaxation of practice requirement – formerly 4 weeks amended to 3 months.
- Rallies – new limit to the size of auxiliary lamps
- WRC type hydraulic handbrakes are not allowed
- ¾ time rule does not apply to sections of less than 8 minutes duration
- Quiet zones must be observed by a DSO and must have an end of quiet zone board
- On multi venue stage rallies rally plates must be displayed at the front and rear – they are at the organisers discretion on single venue rallies.
- There is to be a shift in the operating year which will be from July to June not Jan to Dec, with rule changes for inclusion in the following year's Blue Book to be ratified by the June Council meeting.
- Rule changes for consultation will continue to be posted on the MSA web site.
- Tyres for cross country vehicles have been updated.

Items withdrawn following consultation were:

- An attempt to clarify suspension type & mountings for speed events

- Change to the restrictor on forced induction engines over 2500cc
- The need for regional Associations to appoint a Driving Standards Observer to road rallies
- The need for two silencers on rally car exhausts.

REGIONAL

- Derek Machin commented that the DSO role in the eyes of the MSA are classed as Marshals and not Officials.
- Registration of Secretary of Meeting and/or Competition Secretary will be processed as registration for communication details.
- Fixture List is now easier to load
- London Counties Association has been disbanded.
- We now "own" half of map 108 that didn't have an owner!

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- Forestry Allocations Applications 2011 received.
- Martin Nield & Cath Simpson have been nominated as Marshal of the Year by the association.
- Motorsports Now Autumn 2010 received.
- Notification of Flying Scotsman Classic Reliability Trial passing through our area on 1/3 April 2011.
- Confirmation of our renewal under Data Protection Act 1998.
- Minutes received from Scottish Association (31/08/10)
- Minutes received from West Midlands Association (03/08/10)

EVENT INVITATIONS

- Wales Rally GB National Event
- Legend Fires North West Stages – 4/5 February 2011
- Riponian Stages – 20 February 2011

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Under 17 Car Club (North West)
Steve Johnson gave a resume of the club – will be applying for MSA Recognised Club status but needs approval of our association first – working with partners for reductions, not aligned to any club purely just an umbrella club.
All in principle for ANWCC to back and approach MSA.

TREASURER

- Eric reported that there will be an increase in the usage of BACs/credit cards etc in the forthcoming years and will raise this at the AGM.
In 2018 cheques are being withdrawn and banks must have another suitable process in place.
- 88 clubs have renewed for 2011

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- For 2010 there are 2 rallies and 1 autotest still to go.
- Awards presentation is on January 8th @ Holiday Inn, Manchester Airport – more details are on www.anwcc.org
- 2011 – Calendar has been updated, 250+ events have now been listed, few clashes to resolve.
- Sprints – for double headers, Aintree to run one day and Anglesey on the other.
- Marshal Draw:
August – Ieaun Roberts - Anglesey
September – Stephanie Parrett-Swift – High Moor
October – Ieaun Roberts - Anglesey
All receiving £25 cash.

FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER

- No report

AINTREE LIAISON OFFICER

- Good year and relationship with the venue is on top form.
- Tour Britannia is now using the venue.
- Greenpower have booked again for 2011.
- Aintree Circuit Club have requested dates direct but have been told no other dates are available as all have been allocated to Liverpool & Aintree Motor Cycle Racing Club, however ACC don't feel this is right for one club to have monopoly on the dates. John Harden replied as ALO to say that the other club that has built up dates for the past few years and why should they lose an event?
The Chairman asked for the ALO to speak to Aintree Racecourse Company, to formally ask whether another club could run an event on an existing date.

OTHER VENUE LIAISON

- Nothing to report

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- 2011 dates are:

23 January	Rally Training	North Wales
29 January	Rally Training	Stockport
30 January	Rally Training	ANCC
13 March	Rally Training	Derby
- 3 dates @ Accrington
- Changes to marshal grading scheme and levels from 2012.

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Meeting on 8 December to review 2010 and plan for 2011
- Cholmondeley Pageant of Power – won't be going back in 2011, another event will be planned

MSA FLO

- No report

MSA RLO

- No report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Aintree Circuit Club are holding a new event in Ormskirk on 28 August 2011 – closed road parade of 1 mile, run jointly with West Lancashire District Council.
- Karen Spencer reported that she is concerned about Cadet Marshals and helping them to do their jobs and still be identifiable.
Bob Milloy responded that there is generally a rule of competency involved.
Derek Machin responded that clubs need to look at their marshalling instructions to ensure Cadet Marshals are covered.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 8 February 2011, this will be following our Annual General Meeting held on the same night.

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

AGENDA

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Matters Arising

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General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

Aintree Liaison Officer

Other Venues

Press Officer

Training Officer

Go Motorsport

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business