



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2012

ATTENDANCE

Accrington (Steve Johnson & Graham Maxwell), Aintree (Michael Ashcroft), BRMC (Derek Machin), BRSCC (NW) (Mike Harris), Buxton & District Land Rover (Phil Hunter & Matt Thompson), C&A (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), CSMA (Steve Johnson & Graham Maxwell), David Brown (Karen Spencer), F1000 (Steve Johnson), Fylde (David Grady), Garstang & Preston (Steve Kenyon & Terry May), Lancashire & Cheshire (Martin Neild), Lancaster (Maurice Ellison), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (John Harden), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MGCC (Paul Goodman), Motor Sport (NW) (Martin Neild & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Team Duck (Karen Spencer), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Mike Harris & Bill Turner)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Dave Thomas (Championship Coordinator), Derek Machin (Training).

Apologies were received from Ron Hunt, Eric Cowcill, Katy Mashiter, Sue Sanders, Ken Wilkinson, David Bell, David Rainsbury, Tom Dooley, Jim Spencer, Eve Fisher & Graham Bray

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting, which directly followed the AGM. The minutes of the November 2011 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Derek Machin and seconded by Bill Turner.

MATTERS ARISING

- MSA website and fixture list – now crashed...! There are two software suppliers who didn't agree, so it's back to the drawing board.
- Michael Ashcroft reported that they are planning on running an Autosolo/PCA at Halewood on 4th August (50th anniversary of the plant in March 2012). Bill Turner reported that there is to be a parade of every Ford model from Dagenham to Halewood.
- Woodford – AVRO Heritage now owns the site, they are an appointed subsidiary of Redrow Group (Regeneration); the site is going to be fenced in and increasing the size of the heritage museum.

MSA REPORTS

AUTOTEST

- Meeting 12 March 2012

RALLIES

- Meeting 18 March 2012

COUNCIL

- No report.

REGIONAL

- Mark Wilkinson asked if 'no fuelling at single venues' had progressed any further. Bob Milloy reported that he suspects it may crop up at March meeting, however there was a vote by email and only 2 delegates said their Association would support it.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- MSA Rally Review Report
- MSA Forestry Charges 2012
- MSA News – December 2011
- MSA Company Report & 2010 Accounts
- MSA Magazine – Winter 2011
- Leaflet received from Healeys Printers, Suffolk
- Notification from Carola James – new MSA Radio Co-ordinator for the Isle of Man
- Minutes received from:
 - EMAMC October 2011 Minutes & Agenda for January 2012
 - ANCC October 2011 Minutes & Agenda for January 2012

EVENT INVITATIONS

- SMC Stages at Weeton Army Camp – 25 March 2012
- Altratech 061 Road Rally, Buxton – 12/13 May 2012
- Three Castles Welsh Classic Trial – 6/9 June 2012

TREASURER

- The meeting agreed that any club that hasn't paid and put an event forward won't be included in a championship, likewise any championship contenders wouldn't score points.
- 99 clubs paid, 4 haven't (1400, Amman & District, Cumbrian Rover Owners and Llandysul)

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 193 registered contenders to date - compared to 188 as at the same date in 2011
- Seniors (we've moved the goalposts so it's now over 50) total 63 (31.8%) and Juniors 31 (15.7%) so Juniors are still going the right way (up).
- 94% say they're happy to get info off the web - we'll never get 100% but it is still going up.
- 35% of the 193 to date were not registered with me in 2011.
- Average date of birth for the 193 is 1 Mar 70 which is 41y 10m so coming down!!!
- Quite a few calendar changes and no doubt that will continue, trying hard to keep the website up-to-date but I do rely on clubs telling me of changes!
- WAMC have introduced new rules for their championship road rallies - big engines banned, H-pattern gearboxes only, E-marked tyres only - which have caused quite a bit of controversy. The first event that is both WAMC and ANWCC championships is not until end of April (Aberystwyth & DMC Night Owl) so not sure what effect it will have on us yet. I have contacted all road rally championship event organisers to ask if they are applying the WAMC rules, and if so they will be out of the ANWCC championship - but no negative response yet.
- Financial ... as seen in the 2011 balance sheet we have made quite a loss - most of this is due to the escalating cost of glassware for our awards. We do not want to drop the quality of the awards and cannot change things for 2012 but we need to monitor for 2013 and put forward proposals to ensure financial viability - suggestions to date include deleting the 3rd awards (i.e. 3rd overall and 3rd in class), increase the registration fee from £14 (all championships) and £10 (non-rally) to £16 and £12 respectively. We have not increased for many years, and the thinking behind £16 and £12 is so that competitors round up, so donating to the marshals fund! (Many now round up £14 to £15 or £20.
- Draws
 - The draw for the winning voter in the Rally of the Year had not taken place at the Awards Night as DVT had forgotten to bring the list, so was drawn at the meeting - the winner being Andy Barnard of West Cumbria MSC.
 - The three monthly draws for the Marshals went to Tim Hampson (Myerscough), Chris Rowlands (North Wales CC) and Hannah Speakes (Bolton)

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Start of the year being the Stockport Rally Marshals Training day on Saturday 28th January, where we had **59** in attendance – sadly some no shows, though a few apologies.
- Compared with the **106** attending the ANCC day at York the day after, once again ANCC trounce us.
- Going to have to work out why the message doesn't seem to be getting out to club members, despite it being mentioned & Minuted at every ANWCC Meeting during 2011, a email shot to all the 'core' ANWCC clubs within the catchment area Cheshire, Merseyside, Lancashire and Greater Manchester asking that details either be messaged out to club members or placed on club websites and/or in club newsletters/bulletins.
- Many thanks to those from BRMC/BMMC, Glossop, Team Duck, Fylde MSC, Knutsford, Kirkby Lonsdale, LADS, Lancs Auto, Pendle, Rotating Ferrets, Warrington, Wigan, Westmoreland, and Liverpool
- For our May meeting, I'd like each attending club and those clubs who receive ANWCC Minutes from within the Cheshire, Merseyside, Lancashire and Greater Manchester areas to have reported back as to how they advertised this to their members
 - 🚩 Via Club website ?
 - 🚩 Via Club newsletter/bulletin ?
 - 🚩 Via direct emailshot to members ?
 - 🚩 Via mention at a club night
 - 🚩 Or if they didn't undertake any of the above, a brief explanation as to why not would be appreciated.
- However one positive is that for the first time ever more people found out about the day from their club (19) compared with direct from the MSA's Volunteers in Motorsport website (14), whilst our usual email out to previous attendees brought in 21 people.
- Feedback on the day from those attending was a record **100%** return with 41 saying the day was excellent and 16 that it was good, none advising it was either acceptable or poor reflecting the hard work put in by all to improve year on year.

- Certainly can't fault the Training Team line up with
 - 🚩 3 of the MSA's International Trainers (Jon Cordrey, Jon Binns, and Chrys Worboys),
 - 🚩 1 Lead Trainer (Bob Wright),
 - 🚩 4 MSA Instructors (Ian Clare, Laurie Boyle, Jan Badddeley, & myself),
 - 🚩 plus one of the MSA's new probationary Instructors doing their assessment (Karen Spencer)
- all with a wealth of knowledge from the MSA Rallies Committee (2), MSA VOAP (1), MSA Training Working Group (1), and MSA Marshals Working Group (3).
- Once again many thanks to Bob Milloy for coming along yet again and running the end of day session for everyone attending (an idea copied by ANCC on the Sunday by Chris Woodcock their Regional Chairman)
- The 2013 date (Provisional) is **Saturday 26th January 2013**, once again in Stockport.
- Other 2012 dates being
 - 🚩 *Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th May = Rally (new) Marshals theory and practical day @ Blackburn Services, please apply online via <http://alturl.com/8xuyh>*
 - 🚩 *Sunday 10th June = Race Marshals practical fire training @ Oulton Park, please apply online via http://volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/tinc?key=nX0K3jBh&formname=oultou_fire*
 - 🚩 *Friday 15th June = Rally & Speed (Sprints & Hillclimb) Marshals practical fire training evening @ Accrington, please apply online via <http://volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/tinc?key=nX0K3jBh&formname=csmafire>*
 - 🚩 *Friday 19th October = Rally Marshals Training evening @ Accrington, please apply online via http://volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk/tinc?key=nX0K3jBh&formname=csma_rally_nw*

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Go Motorsport attended Autosport International
- Graham Maxwell reported that the second autosolo/PCA is due to be held at Lymm Truckstop the week before National Motorsport Week
- Liverpool have a sprint on the Saturday of NMW
- Very busy at the moment, working with local motor clubs.
- In talks with Bradford City Council who have shown similar interest to holding an event similar to EventCity

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Steve Johnson reported that Steve Lewis is having an "issue" – a PCA contender applied for a licence but due to medication was refused licence so now can't compete. Bob Milloy reported that unfortunately he fears there may be an insurance issue but could possibly compete on a club card.
- Paul Goodman reported that they are trying to keep Scammonden Dam going however their large container with kit in has been stolen. They are looking for commitment to receive entries to keep the venue going – 1st event is May 20th. Bob Milloy suggested the MSA Club Development Fund.
- Paul Goodman also reported that MG Car Club has produced a DVD called "Motorsport Memories from the 30s, 40s and 50s". It costs £12 from Paul on paul.goodman7@ntlworld.com. It contains an hour and a half of film that they rescued from an attic at the same time as the 1959/60 Le Mans film. It was taken by Jack Twyford – they have edited the films and added a commentary. It includes racing at Donington, Silverstone, Goodwood and Oulton Park; hillclimbs and sprints at a variety of venues; rallying from the early 50s including Lisbon and Monte Carlo; sporting trials on muddy hills mainly around Buxton; and MG driving tests.
- Michael Ashcroft reported that Ormskirk have confirmed a date for 2012 as 26th August and now also have sponsorship for next 3 years.
- Derek Machin reported that the www.volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk website is going through a radical update and there are more changes to come.
- Allan Dean-Lewis has asked all clubs to check are using the correct "MSA Recognised Club Logo" on your websites/documentation – the correct logo is available <http://www.msauk.org/custom/asp/splash/clubs.asp?chapter=195>

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 14 May 2012
Monday 13 August 2012
Monday 12 November 2012

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

AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Matters Arising
MSA Reports
 Autotest
 Rallies
 Council
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Reports
 General Secretary
 Association Minutes Received
 Events – Association Invitations
 New Member Clubs
 Treasurer
 Championship Coordinator
 Press Officer
 Training Officer
 Go Motorsport
 MSA Forestry Liaison Officer
 MSA Route Liaison Officer
Any Other Business

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APPENDIX 1 – E-Mail received from Cheryl Lynch

Dear Mark

My sincere apologies for the delay in coming back to you since the meeting last Month.

There were a number of issues raised, as listed below, and I have received the following advice:

Championship Co-Ordinators

Ø As I believed I stated at the time the Club is provided at least 3 Yearbooks + DVD's for the Club to distribute as required. There is a pdf available on the MSA website also.

Ø The Regulations are clear that you cannot officiate and compete in the same event. Where someone is registered in a championship the event he/she is clerking is a counter for that championship does not in my judgement infringe that regulation. There are competitors who also organise events and we should not discourage this. As an example Andy Elcomb contests a number of speed championships but chooses to not compete at the SDMC sprint but clerk it. I see no issue in this and were such a practice stopped it could lead to some folk not doing their bit by doing a bit of organising.

Signing-On Forms

Although I understand the amendment date is included on the actual form, we were asked if we could actually include the amendment date in the title of the document, prior to download. *Following recent discussions we could probably benefit from a review of the S-Ofs in general.*

Club Members Cards

It was suggested that the wording for inclusion on the Club Membership Cards is now difficult to find. It was suggested that previously you could search for membership cards and it would go to the required declaration, however this no longer appears to work? *The wording hasn't been in the book for about 15 years but went back in for 2011. The second find on a search of the 2011 PDF takes you straight to it, the first instance BTW is a reference in Section G. It's in the book index.*

Championship Co-Ordinators

Quite often Champ Co-ordinators are not provided a Yearbook nor access to regulation changes i.e., the MSA publications. The question was posed as to whether they could be added to our mailings to ensure that they receive all MSA publications. For note I have previously sent them the Yearbook on CD and advised that it obviously available as a pdf on the website? *The Championship Co-ordinators in Clubs and Associations at this level should be provided with a copy, that's why we send each such body 3 free copies. If they want more then PDF from web as suggested or buy a copy. Of course we could introduced a Championship Registration Fee to cover the cost of a Bluebook?*

Marshals

It was suggested that some 4-5 years ago a barcode reading facility was trialled together with a proposal that there would be an integrated database which could be updated externally. This obviously didn't progress at that time and the query was whether this would be progressed any further as it would be a very useful tool for all Clubs, organisers and marshals.

Marshals Registration Cards being signed. It was suggested that marshals were finding difficulty in getting their registrations signed for event attendance unless badgering the officials. Can we issue some words of advice to the Clubs?

Clerking & Competing

A query arose as to whether a competitor could Clerk a round of a Championship which they were contesting. I suggested that this shouldn't happen as "justice must not only be done but must be seen to be done" and this could raise issues, but we couldn't locate an actual regulation. I would appreciate advice on this one which may be an accepted practice at Club Championships. *At Club level Autotests, Trials and the like it would be impossible to run a season without the competitors running a round. Common place and has been for years. The Clerk is not competing in the event for which he is the judicial power. In the Championship the Co-ordinator is the first judicial power and in both cases the respective Stewards are the second. Remember that such events rarely have any judicial business from one decade to the next.*

Welsh Stage Rally Championship

An invitation has been received from the above Championship to member Clubs of the Association. There was a query as to whether the Clubs would be eligible? *That depends entirely upon which "Welsh Stage Rally Championship" it is. One is a National A Championship, and is therefore open to anybody with a valid competition licence. Others are Regional Championships and are thus limited only to those clubs being members of the organising Regional Association. There are also National B Championships where a number of Clubs may be invited.*

Rally GB

It was suggested that a complaint had been received from a farmer whose land was crossed without authorisation. I understand this was the land adjacent to Stage 3, Clicynog Forest (forgive the spelling!!) I understand this particular farmer is known to the Association and they may be some issue with who actually owns the land i.e., The Waterboard?

[We are not aware of any complaints from the rally.](#)

Clubs Newly Registered with the Association

The following Clubs were accepted:

Ø Buxton Land Rover Club

Ø Fylde Motorsport Club have applied for Registration

Ø Lancaster MC are not a MSA Registered club, nor have they applied.

Ø Teifi Valley

APPENDIX 2 – E-Mail received that may be of interest:

-----Original Message-----

From: Jake Sanson [mailto:jakesanson@hotmail.com]

Sent: 01 February 2012 13:56

To: anwcc@stockport061.co.uk; milloybob@yahoo.co.uk

Subject: Race Commentary

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jake Sanson, and I am currently the race commentator at The Circuit Raceway, Sandycroft, the North Shropshire Autograss Club in Whitchurch, and the North Wales Autograss Club in Broughton. I am trying to move up the ladder of motorsport as a race commentator, broadcaster and journalist and was wondering if there are any opportunities to cover any of the events you are holding in 2012-2013 in any of the above capacities, in order for me to gain more experience.

I would like to discuss this further with you, so if you can either reply to this e-mail or contact me on 07787 775595, I would be most grateful for your time.

Many thanks indeed for the opportunity to contact you.

Yours faithfully,

Jake Sanson