

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 8th AUGUST 2016

ATTENDANCE

Dave Thomas (North Wales Car Club), Jim Jones (C&A), John Harden (Liverpool Motor Club), Jim Spencer (BRCA & Hagley), Eric Cowcill (PaN), Kris Coombes & Louis Baines (Preston Motorsport Club), Hazel Johnson & David Taylor (Under 17) Bill Wilmer (SD34 & Gemini Communications), Graham Maxwell (CSMA & AMSC), Steve Johnson (F1000), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe), Mike McKeown, Gareth Roberts & Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), John Buckley (Glossop), Jon Binns (Buccaneer), Martin Wildsmith (Buccaneer & Slaithwaite), Mike Harris (Wallasey & BRSCC NW), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey), Matt Thompson (Buxton LRDC, Derek Machin (BRMC), Katy Mashiter (KLMC), Mike Vokes & Steve Henstock (Knutsford), Rod Pierce (116), Chris Winstanley (Longton), Bob Milloy (KLMC & Stockport 061), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061, MSNW, 2300)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), John Harden (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (Secretary), Jim Spencer (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championship), Katy Mashiter (Press & Training).

Apologies were received from Ann McCormack (Warrington and Motor Sport (NW)), Les Buck (Hillclimb & Sprint), Richard Crozier (Jaguar Apprentices), Jenn Jones (BMW Car Club), Daniel Harper (Epynt), Mark Quayle (Manx Autosport), David Rainsbury (MG Car Club), Robert Cholmondeley (Cannock), Steve Tweedale (Knowldale), Paul Goodman (MG Car Club), Tony Barron (HRCR), Lucy Owen (Wolverhampton & South Staffs), Emyr Hall (Bala), Graham Keen (Mid-Cheshire), Pat Marchbank (Wallasey & Motor Sport NW), Andy Jackson (Wormhough 4x4), Chris Noble (Clwyd Vale), Bill Turner (Wallasey), Tom Dooley (BRSCC NW), Steve Kenyon (Garstang)

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and especially Jonathan Day (MSA Development Director) and Sue Sanders (Dayinsure Wales Rally GB Event Safety Co-ordinator)

The minutes of the May General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Derek Machin.

MATTERS ARISING

- Natural Resources Wales - Sue Sanders reported that on Wednesday coming Andrew Kellitt has a meeting with Rally 4 Wales as to how things work so the final proposal has all the facts contained within it. Jonathan Day reported that ongoing negotiations are happening and are lobbying hard, the Chief Executive is working hard behind-the-scenes.
Kris Coombes asked if this will pass on to England and Scotland? Sue Sanders replied that there is no need as they are both resolved.
- Bob Milloy reported on the Lindholme MSC letter – it went in the minutes as we had approval from the club – Bob asked the room if any thoughts from Clubs? Lindholme like what we do with the marshals' reward scheme, championship fees etc. No suggestions were forthcoming.
- MG Car Club - private events - Bob Milloy took to Regional, but thoughts were insurance implications? Kate Adamson (MSA Safety Director) looking into this.
John Harden commented that Regional minutes refer to track days whereas it needs to be Non-MSA Sprints – Bob Milloy to get updated. (*Post meeting note – Regional Committee minutes corrected to Sprints*)
- R.32.2.a went to regional and has now been amended to 30 minutes per stage but also added in a two thirds of stages must be completed.
- Appendix C - degree of sympathy but the best result was to find a Marshal to assist and has gone to Sprint Committee.
- RDO for Yorkshire is now vacant again as Roy Brader has resigned from the position.

MSA REPORTS

JONATHAN DAY

- Marshal Accreditation 4,500 have now been through the online training scheme and 1,600 are new to the MSA, also looking at the welcome pack - more news on this by the end of the year.
- Rally Future – run six so far with 70 to 80 attendees attending - watch this space for details of one in this area around the WRGB time...
- Special Stage Review - updated in May isn't going to be constantly updated

- Safety Car Training next session is running on the 20th / 21st August in Chesterfield. 150 almost completed the course, 109 receive licenses. Each event in 2017 needs to have one per safety car team and in 2018 one per safety car. More courses to be running 2017 ideally by the end of September.
- Also looking at Event Safety Officer / Spectator Safety Officer training that will be rolled out.
- Club of the Year & Volunteer of the Year will open in September for 8 weeks, also looking at young volunteer for this year. First prize to be around £1000 mark.
- There is still funding available for development and growing of clubs.
- Safeguarding training is being updated and training trainers to deliver the training.
- DBS checks event officials really don't need to be checked.
- MSA is undergoing a strategic review and looking at the values - Senior Management are presenting to the board in November and are looking at 10 pillars.
- RDOs have all been back into the MSA House and looking at clusters to improve the role and take stock.
- Graham Maxwell asked about the club development fund and not limiting to just rallies – I'm involved in autosolos - we need cones & tabards etc. - Steve Johnson mentioned the club trailer and 'event in a box',
- Steve Southall asked about the marshals on MSA database and also RST and merging them - Sue Sanders reported that Alan Page and Dom Saunders are going to mailshot both.

AUTOTEST

- Met in July - had results of the consultation back and are looking to introduce PCA autosolo and to reduce age of driver down to 14. CSMA/AMSC/Under 17 all limit the engine size to 1800 unless dual controlled vehicles and is being looked at by Safety Committee.

SPRINT

- No minutes available.

RALLIES

- Tracking - the decision is being made and a progress group has been put together to look at contractual agreements; ideally looking to be in place for mid-2017.
- FAQ sheets of routes into motorsport.
- Towing eyes passed back to technical.
- Also looking at Clerks training.
- Midpoints - are now trying to call them Intermediate points.
- Refuelling - paper for events to be worked with and best practice.
- Drones - don't want drones at events unless operated by authorised by CAA users.

COUNCIL

- Met on 7 June - Jonathan Day is on the Council as is Jon Binns as Marshal Representative
- Closed Roads and VNUK we will need to wait until VNUK is decided to see if insurance implications but are now undertaking that won't affect closed road.

REGIONAL

- Met on 18th of May
- Ongoing with Sport England and it's going to remain on the agenda forthcoming meetings
- Also looking at medicals for over 45s on stage rallies – asked to tell us why this is being implemented – watch this space.
- Media accreditation transpired that definition is actually for press, at circuits some rallies are using their own photographers.
- Meet again on 17 August.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

EVENT INVITATIONS

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NEW MEMBER CLUBS

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TREASURER

- Getting there with the accounts
- Lancs and Cheshire Rover Owners Club not paid as of yet.
- Made a slight loss on training day – Mark Wilkinson reported that the application was for £2000 and the grant was £1900 and the actual cost was £1960.

LARA

- New chairman Andrew Knightley-Brown has replaced John Richardson
- Subscriptions were muted that these will increase to £300 for Associate Members and asked for donations for this year.
- Deregulation Bill and change in Government hasn't helped
- Changes are with the Government lawyers so proceeding with background work on closed roads.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 240 contenders compared to 260 last year
- Changes to championships - if anyone has any ideas please let Dave Thomas know by the end of November.

- Trawsfynedd Challenge is down to 2 events and Anglesey is up to 4, so looking at combining these into North Wales championship and will also look at Sprint.
- Marshals draw:
 - May - James Atkinson (Gemini)
 - June - William O'Brien (Warrington)
 - July - James Williams (Under 17)
- So far this year we have had 188 different claimants and 489 claims, with 8 Juniors under 21 in the Championships.

PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing to report

TRAINING OFFICER

- Training dates will be available soon for 2017 at Stockport & York and other venues.
- There's a fire training being held on 20 August M65 junction for services.

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Myerscough / Clitheroe ran a Taster Day with over 200 passenger rides
- IMS ran a breakfast meeting at Shell Stanlow Research Centre and ran 71 passenger rides within 75 minutes.
- Event City two days in September.

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 2017 are going to be licensed official seminars.
- Tour of Britain are looking for marshals and for the cycle ride on 6th September when it's going through our area – more details on www.cheshireeast.gov.uk
- Graham Maxwell reported that Roger Barfield who some of you may know, unfortunately passed away recently.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

2016 - Monday 14th November (Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive)

2017 – Monday 20th February, Tuesday 9th May, Monday 14th August, Monday 13th November

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

AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

Press Officer

Training Officer

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MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business