

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

**ATTENDANCE**

Steve Johnson (F1000, AMSC, U17), Dave Thomas (North Wales), John Harden (Liverpool), Jim Spencer (BRCA, Hagley), David Gregory (Quinton), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe), Ed Graham (Hexham), Bill Wilmer (Gemini, SD34), Jon Binns (Buccaneer), Martin Wildsmith (Buccaneer, Slaithwaite), Mike Harris (Wallasey, BRSCC NW), Bill Turner (Wallasey), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey), Jim Jones (C&A), Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Mike McKeown (Broughton & Bretton), Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Paul Goodman (MGCC NW), Graham Maxwell (Boundless by CSMA), Stephen Ellison (Warrington), Dave Read (Warrington, Motor Sport NW), Colin Cresswell (Warrington), Matt Thompson (Buxton & District Land Rover), Derek Machin (British Rally Marshals), Rod Pierce (116, Three Castles), Chris Winstanley (Longton), Dave Roberts (Glossop), Howard Allan (Glossop), John Buckley (Glossop), Bob Milloy (KLMC, Stockport 061), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061, Motor Sport NW, 2300)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), John Harden (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (Secretary), Jim Spencer (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championship Co-ordinator).

Apologies were received from Jonathan Day (MSA), David Rainsbury (MG CC NW), Pat Marchbank (Wallasey & Motor Sport NW), Emyr Hall (Bala), Louis Baines (Preston), Chris Noble (CVMC), Katy Mashiter (KLMC & Training), Tom Dooley (BRSCC NW), Kerryl Steel (WCMC), Eric Cowcill (PAN)

**WELCOME & MINUTES**

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and passed on sincere apologies from Rob Jones who had been called away on other business and also that Rob's 'stand-in' Jonathan Day was under the weather however had had a 45 minutes 'phone call with Jonathan earlier in the day and gone through the various questions raised prior to the meeting.

Steve Southall asked for the August minutes to be amended to show that as a matter arising from the August Rallies Committee report Jonathan Day had stated that the MSA is paying for tracking equipment. (Post meeting note: contrary to Steve's recollection, it was Sue Sanders who made this statement.)

The minutes of the August General Meeting were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Steve Johnson.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- Paul Goodman about private events, Regional Committee minutes have been amended at MSA re MSA track days to now say non-MSA sprints – it is rattling round MSA House and noted that there may be insurance implications, not sure at this time whether it will be Kate Adamson or Simon Blunt that will be 'managing' this.
- Rally Future Seminars – we complained and have a date booked for 30<sup>th</sup> November @ Holiday Inn Haydock. 2017 the emphasis is going to change tact towards competitors and multi-use (single venue) rallies.
- Closed Roads – VNUK is still going on and the fact we are coming out of EU is irrelevant, MSA has tried to get dispensation for motorsport but it has currently been rejected.
- Media Accreditation – still vague, Tim S has come up with further definition and just waiting on its announcement.
- 2017 Licensed Officials – Clerks & Stewards  
12<sup>th</sup> March – Holiday Inn Haydock  
2<sup>nd</sup> April – Brampton
- Derek Machin asked if there was any progress on the Event Safety Officer / Stage Safety Officer training? Bob replied that there is nothing to date and Jon Binns commented that the plan is to roll this out in 2017.
- Medicals for over 45s – Bob informed the meeting that this has been treated with dismay and unfortunately the person that suggested this is no longer with us, unsure yet whether predecessor will carry this on.

**MSA REPORTS**

**AUTOTEST**

- Steve Johnson commented that there hasn't been in a meeting, however there have been round-robin emails – all clubs are urged to read 2017 Blue Book as all re-written.
- Minimum age – 14 for drivers and passengers in autosolos, non DSA licensed driver has to carry a passenger but needs to be in supplementary regulations.

**RALLIES**

- Meet tomorrow

## **COUNCIL**

- Single venue – 30 minutes time penalty per stage, but needs to do 2/3 of the stages and visit final control to be classified as a finisher.
- Next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## **REGIONAL**

- Ian Johnson – Chris Woodcock & Bob Milloy have been trying to get MSA to sign Ian off as Environmental Inspector; Mike Harris commented that he understood this has been resolved.
- An Association representative had asked if anyone could be suggested for a Queen's Voluntary Service award, Ian Davis agreed to find out.

## **JONATHAN DAY**

Bob Milloy reported on an earlier phone conversation with Jonathan in his absence:

- NRW – Ian Davies & Rob Jones are constantly working on this and relates to NRW approach. Need to 'get it right' before finalising and also trying to ensure that there are no events lost.
- Tracking – lots of test / time has been spent, however there are now technical delays which are pushing it back. It's a case of balancing the cost / technology that can be future proofed.
- Cost – MSA are picking up the development costs, equipment will be funded by the competitor – it is a safety issue and part of the MESR – if we want rallying to continue then it had to be committed to.
- Revisiting lifing of seats – this won't be done, there are no plans.
- Craig Powers – feels that this hasn't been treated well in ways of a response.
- Regulation changes – any that are risk / safety related will be risk assessed by Kate Adamson, and also to hopefully improve cross discipline regulations.
- Rally Future – use best practice and also given learning for other disciplines without strangling.
- Rally Committee Criteria – open nomination, there is an appointments panel that looks for balance and consistency.

Bob Milloy commented that it is like applying for a job with having to complete a CV.

Mike McKeown commented that feedback could be given to applicants so they can improve for future years.

Derek Machin commented that there should be a basic criteria for people in applying.

Paul Goodman commented that it should be competency based.

Strategic Review is looking at committee structure and governance.

- Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year – highest ever entry – over 100 nominations, with 70 volunteer and 30 club; window has increased to 8 weeks and is being pushed through RDOs and also moved slightly later in the year. Anonymous voting – all names are removed, just looking at criteria.
- Update on Marshal Grading Scheme to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016:
  - 5065 people have fully completed the training (Marshals, Media etc)
  - 3700 members that have completed the training hold a Marshal grade already (all disciplines)
  - 1711 Marshals have completed the online training and then continued to apply for their first time Rally and/or Cross Country Marshal Registration.
  - So far, for 2017 – all disciplines, 4576 have been issued with a Registration Card

## **REPORTS**

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

- MSA - Forestry Commission / NRW Motor Rallies 2017 Allocations

### **EVENT INVITATIONS**

- Inter Association – Mercian Road Rally – 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – [www.mercianrally.co.uk](http://www.mercianrally.co.uk)
- Legend Fires North West Stages – 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – [www.nwstages.co.uk](http://www.nwstages.co.uk)
- Aquarius Navigational Rally – 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – [www.glenrothes-msc.com](http://www.glenrothes-msc.com)

### **TREASURER**

- Now all sorted with Lloyds Bank in transferring signatories across.
- 36 clubs haven't paid subscriptions for 2017 to date.

### **LARA**

Eric Cowcill attended the last LARA meeting:

- Finance is still an issue but by focusing only on matters of importance they have reduced the secretariat time and therefore costs so should be able to survive another year. However subscription increase for next year is a real possibility - we currently pay £250 as an Associate member - a suggestion to raise this to £350 voluntarily was not met with much enthusiasm!
- VNUK was pressing on happily with a resolution in sight but post Brexit has been put on the back burner. However if we do leave the EU the problem may not go away since insurers and insurance is pan European. Progress however has slowed considerably with Ministers having more important things to consider.
- Powys County Council has imposed rules and fees relating to Schedule 33 footpath closures for events and is encouraging other authorities to follow suit. They are also instigating compliance with Schedule 16 Traffic orders relating to signage and confirmation of MSA route authorisation before processing the S33 application.
- Finally there is an off-road forum going to take place at the Natural England offices in Crewe on 17<sup>th</sup> November at which LARA will be represented along with other off road users to discuss matters of, amongst other items legal and illegal use of off road tracks.

## CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 243 competitors (263 last year)
- Awards presentation is booked for 4<sup>th</sup> February at Hallmark Hotels
- Not heard from around 10 clubs re 2017 events so will chase.
- Stephen Ellison suggested a Historic Class on events, it was agreed to add Class H back in to Stage Championship.
- Targa Rally Championship – 6 events, but only 1 is Nat B. Bob Milloy suggested calling it a Challenge. Dave Read suggested the event that's not Nat B change to Nat B, however DVT replied that it's so that the entrants have to join club and increase coffers.
- Autotest – slight changes to classes.  
Graham Maxwell asked how many auto events are in the championship, is it too many? Bob Milloy replied that we prefer to let market forces take effect as opposed to limiting events.
- Sprints & Hillclimb championship – not been happy with scoring system so will look at reverting to the index performance system.
- All Rounders to include taster days
- All Accepted – if anyone feels they are not working, please let us know.
- Clubs not settled their subscriptions for 2017 as at 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 are:  
Aberystwyth & DMC, Anglesey Circuit Club, Barcud MC, Buccaneer MSC, Cannock & DCC, Dovey Valley MC, Fell Side AC, Fylde MSC, Hagley & DLCC, High Moor MC, Jaguar Apprentices MC, Kidderminster MCC, Lampeter & DMC, Morgan Sports CC, Mull CC, Myerscough College MC, Newtown & DAC, Potteries & Newcastle MC, Rallying with Group B, Rhyl & DMC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Tregaron & DMC, Westfield Sports CC, Wigton MC
- Marshals draw:
  - August Chris Noble
  - September Jon Binns
  - October Les Fragle
- 211 names on marshal list now.

## PRESS OFFICER

- Keep sending articles in!

## TRAINING OFFICER

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Stockport College – new modules have been added to all courses to keep up to date.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December - First Marshal on Scene at Blackburn
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Fire Training at Penrith

## GO MOTORSPORT!

- Steve reported that it is great to see promotional events doing so well – Bolton le Moors ran an Autotest at Oulton Park recently and raised £1600 on the day.
- Under 17 MC ran at Event City and raised £300 on Saturday and £385 on Sunday.
- Have a meeting at MSA next week – awaiting strategy direction evolving.

## MSA FLO

- No report.

## MSA RLO

- No report.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Paul Goodman is concerned about the effectiveness of the Speed Events Committee which is receiving 'mixed feelings' at present.
- Paul Goodman – Code 60 flag use in racing – rattling around.
- Bill Wilmer & Mark Wilkinson would like to say a BIG THANKS to all the marshals / radio marshals that came out on the recent Dayinsure Wales Rally GB.
- Chris Winstanley asked if Craig Powers was to expect a reply from MSA in relation to his email. Bob Milloy replied that he would 'chase' this up.
- Mike Harris asked with the London Heathrow expansion, are there any plans for MSA House to relocate?!
- John Harden asked whether the Marshal Registration Card should say Accredited? Mark Wilkinson replied that it won't, as you wouldn't receive a card if you weren't accredited.
- Bob Milloy commented that he's been in negotiations with a tyre supplier to have an association with the Association – discussed ensued and Bob is to have a discussion with the supplier.
- Jon Binns commented that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, all marshals must ideally be registered on the Grading Scheme, otherwise they can't marshal on their own and must be buddied up.

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

2017 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August & Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QP. ([www.toftcc.co.uk](http://www.toftcc.co.uk))

## **AGENDA**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Sprint & Hillclimb

Marshals Working Group

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

LARA

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

Press Officer

Training Officer

Go Motorsport

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business