



MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES' MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, RUNCORN, ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2007

WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

20 member clubs were represented by 19 delegates as follows:

Accrington MSC (John Harden, Steve Johnson), Bolton-le-Moors MC (Steve Cawley), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRSCC(NW) (Mike Harris), Caernarvon & Anglesey MC (Jim Jones), CSMA (Steve Johnson), Garstang & Preston MC (Steve Kenyon, Terry May), Glossop & DCC (John Buckley), HRRCR (Stan Appleton), Ilkley & DMC (Stan Appleton), Kirkby Lonsdale MC (Katy Mashiter, Bob Milloy), Lancs & Ches CC (Martin Nield), Liverpool MC (John Harden), Motor Sport NW (Ann McCormack, Martin Nield), North Wales CC (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle MC (Eric Cowcill), Stockport MC (Bob Milloy), Wallasey MC (Mike Harris, Bill Turner), Warrington MC (Ann McCormack), Wigan & DMC (Helen Fox, Martin Fox).

Officers present were : Bob Milloy (Chairman), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championships Coordinator), Katy Mashiter (Press Officer), John Harden (Aintree LO), Stan Appleton (General Secretary).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded from Ron Hunt (Vice-Chairman), Andy Kay (Vauxhall MSG), Nick Middleton (Alwoodley MC), Mike Ashcroft (Aintree), Peter Riley (Longton), Nigel Bailey (ERO), Peter White (Clwyd Vale), Gordon Waddington (Lindholme MC), Steve Skepper (Knutsford & DMC).

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 2007 Delegates' Meeting were agreed as a true record on a proposal from North Wales CC, seconded by Wallasey MC.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman thanked those who had provided cars and banners for the anniversary display at Oulton Park. The banners were available for other future displays.

The association had been unsuccessful with its nominations for either Club or Marshal of the Year.

MSA's "Next Generation" forum for young people had included Martin Taylor (Kirkby Lonsdale MC) and Ben Spencer (Ilkley & DMC).

Steve Johnson had been accepted for membership of the MSA Autotest Committee.

John Harden reported that the Jaguar/Landover Open Day had been scaled down but 10,000 visitors had still attended.

Liverpool MC had gained a number of new members from the event which had also been attended by Lancs & Ches CC.

MSA MATTERS

COUNCIL

Eric Cowcill reported that Council had returned the proposal for Junior Rally Drivers to Rallies Committee for further work to be done, possibly looking at dropping the age of *single venue* stage co-drivers to 14 and increasing the maximum engine size to 1200cc. John Richardson was attending his last Council meeting as he is succeeded as Chairman of Rallies Committee by Andrew Kellitt.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Competitors under 16 years of age would get their first licence free. A new callcentre and phone system has been set up to handle licence enquiries. An explanation had been given of the new JLT event insurance scheme (although clubs reported that no information would be available for them until 1.1.08). Lockton insurance was still appropriate for RTA cover.

Wheels magazine was to be available electronically. National Motorsports Week would be run in a similar way to 2007. Regional Committee had supported the proposals for junior drivers and co-drivers including the ANICC suggestion for a 1200c limit. Environmental issues now appeared on Council's agenda but it was felt that much more needed to be done and seen to be done.

ANWCC teams had come 2nd and 3rd on the Inter-Association Stage Rally, the Tour of Mull, behind ANEMMC.

Clitheroe/CSMA had run a successful I-A Road Rally on behalf of ANWCC. An I-A autotest is planned for 2008 in Northern Ireland and an I-A sprint will probably be held in May/June 2008, run by Notts SCC at Curborough.

Nicky Moffitt and John Arnold had been re-elected as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

SPEED COMMITTEE

Due to meet in w/c 19 November.

RALLIES COMMITTEE

No report available. Delegates felt that implementation dates for aspects of the new K37 still remained unclear. There was also confusion about the dates for FIA homologated seats, part of the tidying-up exercise to align with international rules.

CORRESPONDENCE AND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Stan Appleton reported that in addition to the regular items of newsletters etc he had a letter advising that the 2008 Lombard Endurance Rally was to be based in the north (now known to be Harrogate) and would be using venues across the North of England and South of Scotland.

A number of phone calls had been handled, some at very anti-social times; all delegates supported a bar on phone calls to any club or association official after 9pm.

Jowett CC had resigned as they no longer had any competing members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Eric Cowcill reported healthy finances. Invoices to clubs had been delayed. Some clubs had challenged their 'late payment' levy.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SECRETARY'S REPORT

338 registrations had been received in total, 60 down on 2006. 105 events had been held to date. The club championship was being contested by the usual clubs but with two new names appearing in the top 10. Calendar forms would be available from the website.

The marshals' draw winners were : August – Eve Fisher; September – Dave Barratt; October – Steve Butler; *all CSMA !* Mike Ashcroft had investigated a number of venues for the awards dinner including Aintree and the Crown Plaza Chester but each had some disadvantages. We needed to cater for 200 seated guests. A subsidy of at least £10 per head was approved. The preferred date was 2 Feb 08 and Howard Davies would be approached to be speaker.

FORESTRY LIAISON

No report

AINTREE LIAISON

John Harden reported that the new managing director was a former motorbike racer. The season had run well although there were no new dates. They are hoping to host the NW heat of the Greenpower Schools Challenge in 2008.

OTHER VENUES

Ty Croes would be holding its first rally on 17/18 November but had been used by the Lombard the previous week. It's not a cheap venue but is smooth with a lot of mileage available.

PRESS OFFICER'S REPORT

Katy Mashiter had nothing to report.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

In Mike Farnworth's absence, Katy Mashiter reported that all of the 2008 had been agreed and would be sent to club contacts as well as appearing on the British Rally Marshals Club website. It included Stockport on 26 January and Askham Bryan on 27 January.

John Harden asked if something similar was possible for speed events and was advised to arrange a clubnight with 2-3 clubs with similar interests. There was a rumour of a registration scheme for speed events marshals.

Jim Spencer suggested that commercial rallyschools might be a recruiting ground for marshals.

RLO'S REPORT

No report received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Martin Nield reported that Knutsford had won the inter-club quiz by just one point from Wallasey. Lancs & Ches had organised it well.

Steve Johnson reported that the rally timekeepers regional list was being reviewed. Nominations, including existing timekeepers, should be sent to the Association General Secretary.

An event had received a complaint about non-vehicle noise, in this case a PA system. John Harden confirmed that councils are obliged to pursue it even they have only a single complaint.

Jim Spencer suggested the mandatory use of Rallitrak by events but was advised of problems of cost, maintenance and support personnel. Could a requirement to text a nominated mobile phone offer some sort of compromise for retirements?

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 February 2008, immediately after the AGM which will begin at 8pm. Venue – Holiday Inn, Runcorn.

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