



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, RUNCORN ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

### ATTENDANCE

26 member clubs were represented by 28 delegates as follows:

Accrington (John Harden, Steve Johnson, Eve Fisher), Aintree (Mike Ashcroft, Graham Hughes & Derek Lawson), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Derek Machin), Bolton (Steve Cawley), Bury (Richard Murtha), C&A (Jim Jones), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), CSMA (Steve Johnson, Eve Fisher), Garstang & Preston (Steve Kenyon, Terry May & Philip Major), F1000 (Steve Johnson), Glossop (John Buckley), Kirkby Lonsdale (Bob Milloy), Lindholme (Karen Spencer), Liverpool (Ron Hunt & John Harden), Longton (Mike Ashcroft), MGCC (Paul Goodman), Motor Sport North West (Mark Wilkinson), Newtown (Chris Stacey), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle (Eric Cowcill), Quinton (Paul Maxwell), Slaithwaite (Karen Spencer), Stockport 061 (Ken Wilkinson, Mark Wilkinson, Bob Milloy), Wallasey (Bill Turner), Wigan (Martin & Helen Fox)

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

Apologies were received from Stan Appleton (HRCR and Ilkley), Gordon Waddington (Lindholme), (Amman & Dist), Sanders-Peppitt (Potteries & Newcastle), Peter Riley (Longton), Kerryl Carter (West Cumbria), Richard Duddell (Knutsford), Ann McCormack (Warrington and Motor Sport North West), Mike Harris (BARC & Wallasey), Paul Henry (Rally Support North West), Mike Farnworth, Katy Mashiter (Kirkby Lonsdale and Cumbrian Rover Owners), Martin Nield (Lancs & Ches and Motor Sport North West) and Tony King (Wallasey).

### WELCOME

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

### MINUTES

Aintree Circuit Club was incorrectly referred to as Aintree Car Club in the Attendance Register. Aintree Liaison Officer – Greenergy event was actually titled "IMEchE *Greenpower* Electric Car Races for Schools" Following these amendments, the minutes of the November 2008 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Eric Cowcill (P&N) and seconded by Derek Machin (BRMC).

### MATTERS ARISING

- Derek Machin asked whether the timekeepers list had been updated? Eric replied that 3 associations had replied with responses, following this the Timekeeping Committee would like National B events to have registered Chief Timekeepers and would like this passed at Regional Committee and to then go to Rallies Committee; and for timekeepers to be trained in a similar way to Radio Operators.
- Bob Milloy asked whether anyone had any comments over new venues and that Mark Wilkinson had beavered away finding new venues however hotels are all at £500. Graham Hughes (Aintree Circuit Club) suggested the Aintree Suite at Aintree Park. Richard Duddell has suggested Toft Cricket Club may be around £12 per hour, it was felt the only downside here would be that there was no catering on site however there will be hostelrys down the road. We are trying to source a venue around the M6 interchange. It was decided that MW was to book Toft Cricket Club for the meeting in May and will confirm to Club Representatives.
- Steve Johnson suggested that reading other association minutes (ANECC & EMAMC) they put a buffet on for delegates travelling afar. Bob replied that this could be done if needed.
- Bob commented that the levy of £1 for Rescue Units will be taken to the February Regional Committee meeting and if accepted the earliest this could be put in place would be 2010.

### MSA REPORTS

#### AUTOTEST

- No meeting

#### RALLIES

- No meeting

## SPRINT & HILLCLIMB

- No meeting

## COUNCIL

- Race cars to have transponders from next year
- Sprints & Speed  
Changes in class structure, recommended for 2009, mandatory for 2010.  
Practice Runs – everyone has the opportunity to have 2 laps, convoys won't count
- Safety Cars for race events – once Clerk makes decision to deploy, they will pick up the first car behind and once stabilisation of incident has happened cars will be re-ordered – see Appendix A for clarification.
- Go Motorsport/Lets Go Karting – has attracted 3000 people who have gone karting for £5.
- Robert Reid has been appointed as MSA Performance Director – masterminding the Race & Rally Elite programmes.
- John Symes has been promoted to MSA Environmental Director
- Licences are up on 2008, 70% of applications have been on-line with a turn-round of 3 days. Have also taken the phone lines back in-house.
- Doctors are to travel in rescue units.

## REGIONAL

- No meeting

## REPORTS

### GENERAL SECRETARY

- Application for membership from German Car Club. Nobody present from the club. However their initial email stated "We are a nationwide group of car enthusiasts that favour German makes such as Opel, BMW, VW for example, some of which are rally cars and some road cars. At present we meet via the internet although we could in the future maybe host a small event, although not sure what type yet. We have been accepted by the MSA as a recognised club and require a regional association."  
Cash has already been received for application  
The chairman asked for any objections on club joining, nothing received; application accepted.
- Motorsports Now! Winter 2008
- Forestry Charges 2009
- Proposal from Malton MC (through ANCC) that the Fixture List book is replaced/reviewed – to be taken to Regional Committee on 25/02/09
- Cholmondeley Pageant of Power – 18 & 19 July 2009, cost to be sought for ANWCC having a stand there.
- NVQ Spectator Safety – It has been agreed that they will provide a course (initially 3 nights) for ANWCC member clubs, if you have any members that would like to attend, or for more details please email me at [anwcc@stockport061.co.uk](mailto:anwcc@stockport061.co.uk) (Derek Machin commented that they are also looking at this through ViM and MSA have shown a degree of interest.)
- Rally Show @ Chatsworth – 6 & 7 June 2009 (stands available at £150 or £225)
- Letter received from C&A – Slater Stages & Roskirk Stages both in ANWCC Stage Rally Championship, both on 08/03/09 which contravenes ANWCC General Regulations 1.6.  
A debate ensued including that both events are geographically different, both clubs are restricted by venue dates. Roskirk Stages since their date application have changed the organising committee and the dates have been changed.  
DVT replied that originally C&A had applied for 08/02/09 on the original form, and questioned C&A whether they were running on the same weekend as our awards? BSSMC regs came out with 08/03/09 when we were told 15/03/09 – they have 53 entries, with 28 being F1000 & Juniors – 5 crews have registered for ANWCC, 2 probably wouldn't have done Anglesey, other 3 may have. From a championship administration point of view, doesn't have an issue with it.  
Bob Milloy stated that from the evidence received it appears that both events have changed dates, and that neither club has actually applied for 08/03/09.  
A vote took place:  
Both events retained in Championship – 16  
Neither events retained in Championship – 3  
DVT commented that this has been the worst year for clubs submitting dates.  
Bob commented that we don't want to flaunt rules, but there will be a degree of flexibility over dates whilst I'm Chairman.  
*Post meeting note – Due to venue availability, C&A have since moved to 15/03/09.*
- PetrolHeadz email received – passed to Steve Johnson to follow up.
- Aintree Circuit Club are planning a "Festival of Motorsport" in 2010, and hope to be using closed roads

## **TREASURER**

- Eric informed the room that we seek approval of meeting for a new account to be opened for DVT to administer the competition side to allow easier paying-in and transferring of funds.  
Proposed – Eric Cowcill                      Seconded – Derek Machin
- Still outstanding 3 clubs fees for 2009  
Fell Side (Post meeting note - Cheque now arrived)  
Keighley (Post meeting note - now deleted from our list of member clubs)  
Rally Support (North West) (Post meeting note - Chairman is posting cheque)

## **CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR**

- Have an issue with clubs registering events, finally got there – PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY DATE CHANGES PLEASE
- 153 championship registrations – 27 down on 2008  
22 Juniors (Under 25) have registered  
35 are new to championships  
127 with email access
- Marshals Fund stands at £450
- Few subtle changes to rules for 2009.

## **FORESTRY LIAISON OFFICER**

- No report

## **AINTREE LIAISON OFFICER**

- Back in business – have had to give a lot of assurances to owners.
- Greenpower event is scheduled for 22/09/09
- Circuit owners aren't interested in any further dates.

## **OTHER VENUE LIAISON**

- Weeton – OK, have been allowed to use the ATC area for Management Service on North West Stages.
- DVT reported that there is a new venue @ Shropshire Rally School – event scheduled there for 29/08/09.  
Derek Machin suggested a Press Release!

## **PRESS OFFICER**

- Nothing to report

## **TRAINING OFFICER**

- Derek reported that Mike Farnworth in response to Liverpool and Chester MCs has the funding for a Speed Marshal training session but needs to know from the clubs a date and venue.
- Only 20% attendees at the recent training sessions found out about the sessions from their motor clubs...

## **MSA CTRL**

- No report

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Steve Johnson reported that he is running a pre-drivers day for 15/16 year olds on 6-8 April, with a 3 hour road safety session and will then spend the afternoon driving.
- Steve Johnson & John Harden both reported that on Autosolos vehicles have been appearing with steering wheel knobs and for Clubsport events these aren't allowed as it doesn't pass MOT.  
Any issues to be raised to Steve and he'll get it on the agenda for the next Autotest Committee meeting.
- Philip Major asked how to go about nominations for Speed Committee as would like nominate himself. Bob replied that the MSA are ideally looking at reducing the age of people on the Committees, which is the main reason Graham Forrester got turned down.
- DVT commented that there was an article in the Daily Post on 09/02/09 on Merfyn Hughes (one of our Road Rally competitors) - has kidney problems and has a program regarding him on S4C,

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 12 May 2009 – 20.00

PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE - Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QX.  
([www.toftcc.co.uk](http://www.toftcc.co.uk))

## AGENDA

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Sprint & Hillclimb

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Treasurer

Championship Coordinator

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Aintree Liaison Officer

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