

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2013

ATTENDANCE

116 (Rod Pierce & Baz Green), 2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Accrington (Steve Johnson), Aintree Circuit (Michael Ashcroft), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRSCC NW (Mike Harris), C&A (Jim Jones), Clitheroe (Maurice Ellison & Steve Lewis), CSMA NW (Steve Johnson), ERO (Chris Cornes & Mark Bailey), Fylde (David Grady), Gemini (Mark Wilkinson), Kirkby Lonsdale (Katy Mashiter & Bob Milloy), Lancs & Ches (Martin Nield), Liverpool (John Harden), Longton (Michael Ashcroft), MG CC NW (Paul Goodman), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport NW (Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Mike Harris & Bill Turner)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), John Harden (Vice-Chairman) Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Dave Thomas (Championship Coordinator), Katy Mashiter (Press).

Apologies were received from Ron Hunt, Eric Cowcill, Ken Wilkinson (S061), David Bell (Lancs Auto), Bill Wilmer (Gemini), David Rainsbury (MG CC NW), Tom Dooley (BRSCC NW), Nigel Bayley (ERO), Steve Kenyon (GPMC), Brian Howatson (Clwyd Vale), (Broughton & Bretton)

WELCOME & MINUTES

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

The minutes of the November 2012 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Katy Mashiter and seconded by John Harden.

MATTERS ARISING

- Jim Jones asked, following the AGM when will the subscriptions be increasing – January 2014? Bob Milloy replied that yes due to having to ask for information in August to facilitate the inclusion in the following years Blue Book.
- Sport England – after discussion at Autosport Show, a new definition has “cropped” up – see Appendix A. Mike Harris asked whether anyone has contacted ACU? Bob Milloy replied that the MSA does have a liaison with ACU, however will raise at the next Regional Meeting.

MSA REPORTS

AUTOTEST

- No report.

RALLIES

- No report.

COUNCIL

- No report.

REGIONAL

- Next meeting is on 20 February 2013

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

- MSA Forestry Charges for 2013

MINUTES RECEIVED FROM OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- LARA – Minutes October 2012
- LARA – Agenda 30/01/13 @ MSA House
- EMAMC – Minutes October 2012
- EMAMC – Agenda January 2013
- ASEMC – November 2012
- ASEMC – Minutes of AGM 2012
- ASEMC – Notice of AGM 2013

EVENT INVITATIONS

- None to report

NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Nottingham Sports Car Club – have paid for 2013 subs
- Stockton & District – form and money received
- Glossop 4x4 Club – were due to be attending tonight with form and money

Post meeting note – have been in contact with Mark Wilkinson, and will be posting both to Dave Thomas

TREASURER

- 103 paid clubs for 2013, with 7 due at this date – Cumbrian Rover Owners, Hagley, Lancaster, Llandysul, Vauxhall Motoring, Welsh Borders, Wormhough 4x4.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- Please can you inform Dave Thomas of any date changes or event cancellations.
- 171 contenders registered so far (195 last year), with 118 being straight renewals
31 new but have been registered previously
22 new to championships
- Oldest contender is 80 – 1st time registration!!
- Marshals Draw:
 - November (34 claims) – Cath Simpson (Myerscough)
 - December (1 claims) – Andrew Brown
 - January (38 claims) – Lee Matthews

PRESS OFFICER

- No report

TRAINING OFFICER

- John Harden reported a good training day was held in Stockport, with 63 registered and 39 made it on the day. Thank you to all the trainers.

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Successful weekend on North West Stages.
- There is an event at EventCity on first weekend of April
- Recent roadshows – thank you to everyone that attended, thank you to Stockport 061 and Chester Motor Clubs for hosting.

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Paul Goodman – did investigate Chris Evans Motor Show at Oulton Park - £450 for a stand (inc 14 tickets) for Fri/Sat/Sun. Have sold out of entrance tickets.
- Baz Green – over-use of map – there are currently 14 events using map 116. Bob Milloy replied that it's down to the RLO, if John Davies wishes to hold a dates meeting then we would support it. Jim Jones commented that as an "outsider" he will co-ordinate a meeting of all events and clubs.
- Thanks were passed to TOFT Cricket Club for allowing us to use the venue.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 14th May (**Please note Tuesday**)

Monday 12th August

Monday 11th 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

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 A:

What is Motor Sport?

If you're talking to any local authority department, or any organisation outside the direct sphere of motorsport they will check with the list of Sports Issued by Sport England, and specifically the activities that are listed under the title of each sport as being 'officially recognised'.

The current document, issued by Sport England lists the following as being the only activities recognised as making up Motor Sport in the UK:-

Autotests	Drag Racing	Rallycross	Trials
Autosolo	Cross Country	Rallying	
Autocross	Hill Climbing	Sprints	
Circuit Racing	Karting	Time Attack	

But as we discussed at the last ANWCC meeting this isn't quite enough, as it's obvious that clubs are running into issues where the specific activity they are doing isn't described above. The various bits of officialdom then use that as an excuse to withdraw support or just simply charge users commercial rates, examples being a clubs social evening, Marshals Training facilities, etc

Or worse still

The 'brand new activity' we create to ensure our sport continues to exist, after all Autosolos wouldn't now be allowed to start if they didn't already exist; as this would happen: -

'Sorry Mate, can't find Autosolo on this list therefore you can't use this council owned car park as it's not a motorsport'

So we're now stuck with what we've got – forever - if nothing is done about it.

But it's Ok as there's a simple enough fix, and we can start the process off.

We need another category added to the Sport England List, a 'catch all' for other Club Motor Sport activities – handily the ClubSport name is vacant.

To be valid it needs to be created in the 2014 Blue Book and have 'specific regulations'

However I believe it could be as simple as:-

ClubSport - any motor sport based (or support) activity undertaken by a recognised motor club, the criteria for which isn't covered by the other definitions.

It would require a very basic, and short, set of rules drawn up which must include the concept of motor sport based activities which don't necessarily directly involve a car!

But they are part and parcel of what we do – It should cover: - This meeting today , Marshals Training and even the infamous Lancs & Cheshire Table top Rallies etc

I would ask this meeting to propose, second and pass a motion asking for the MSA to ensure this is in place for the 2014 Rule book.

We have to ensure that the bits and pieces which support the core of what we do have somewhere to formally exist – it's essential to the sports long term existence.