

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**

**ATTENDANCE**

116 (Rod Pierce), 2300 (Mark Wilkinson), Accrington (Steve Johnson & Graham Maxwell), BRCA (Jim Spencer), BRMC (Derek Machin), BRSCC(NW) (Mike Harris), Buxton & District Land Rover (Matt Thompson), C&A (Jim Jones), Clitheroe (Bill Wilmer), Clwyd Vale (Brian Howatson), CSMA (Steve Johnson & Graham Maxwell), ERO (Chris & Josh Cornes), Formula 1000 (Steve Johnson), Knutsford (Mike Vokes), GPMC (Steve Kenyon), Gemini (Bill Wilmer, Eve Fisher, Graham Bray & Mark Wilkinson), Hagley (Jim Spencer), Ground Hog 4x4 (Charles Burgess), Kirkby Lonsdale (Bob Milloy & Katy Mashiter), Lancs & Ches (Martin Nield), MG Car Club (NW) (Paul Goodman), Morecambe (Katy Mashiter), Motor Sport (NW) (Martin Nield & Mark Wilkinson), Owen (Simon Whittick), North Wales (Dave Thomas), Potteries & Newcastle (Eric Cowcill), SD34 (Bill Wilmer), Selby (Mike Vary), Stockport 061 (Mark Wilkinson & Bob Milloy), Under 17 (Steve Johnson), Wallasey (Mike Harris & Bill Turner)

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (General Secretary), Dave Thomas (Championship Coordinator), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Katy Mashiter (Press).

Apologies were received from John Harden, Sue Sanders, Olwen Davies (Teifi Valley), Martin & Helen Fox (Wigan), Les Fragle (SD34), Brynmor Pierce (Broughton & Bretton), Kevin Ikin (Whitchurch), Bill Pardoe (Hagley), Graeme Forrester (Wigton), Emyr Hall (Bala), Karen Spencer (Buccaneer, Lindholme & Team Duck), David Grady (Fylde), Paul Maxwell (Quinton), Mike Ashcroft (Aintree), Frances Banning (Matlock), David Rainsbury (MG Car Club), Tom Dooley (Lancs & Ches), Nigel Bayley (ERO)

**WELCOME & MINUTES**

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and was particularly delighted to welcome back Rob Jones as the recently appointed MSA Chief Executive. Rob reported that Allan Dean-Lewis sends his greetings to the meeting and will be in attendance in November all being well.

The minutes of the February General Meeting were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Dave Thomas.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- Clubsport – is now listed in the MSA Blue Book; however not yet been produced in a list by Sports England. Ian Davis is progressing.
- 116 Car Club and the suggestion of a Taster Event – Bob Milloy raised this at the recent Regional Meeting, more details to follow.

**MSA REPORTS**

**MSA CHIEF EXECUTIVE – Rob Jones**

- Absolutely delighted to be entrusted by MSA Board to become Chief Executive, as have been involved in motor sport for many years and is something I enjoy. There has been a period of change over the past 10 months – with 4 chairmen (inc IMS), everyone is entitled to stability and this is something I want to provide to the 32 staff as last year 6 staff have just completed 25 years.
- Focus on grass roots motor sport
- Licence issued in first third of the year (to end of April)

		2013	2014
Karting	National A	1442	1301
	National B	1084	1080
	Total	3365	3289
Race		8814	9051
Rally	National A	1720	1646
	National B	3045	3024
	Total	6056	5926
	Overall Issued	28820	28854

- Events / Permits in the first quarter of the year (to end of March)

	2013	2014	
Auto Solo	19	30	permits
	315	508	entrants
Auto Tests	745	756	
Rally < 45 mls	7	9	events
	605	636	entrants
Rally > 45 mls	3	2	events
	221	174	entrants
Total	15990	17863	entrants

- Club Survey – 307 clubs responded. Rob gave a review of some poignant answers – a full report will be issued in due course.  
Thank you to those clubs that responded, and we hope that we are making ourselves more “open” to you all.
- Closed Roads – going well, whether we get across the finishing line who knows however it is certainly looking good and we are getting close.
- Insurance – per capita insurance has been fixed for this year; 30% rebate for 2013 (normally circa 15%)
- Recruiting for MSA General Secretary.
- Congratulations to Ben Taylor on his promotion to Managing Director of IMS.
- Bill Turner asked about car tracking and whether any progress; and also the extra radio frequency?  
Rob Jones reported that the car tracking is on-going and are assessing all applications as it needs to be cost effective. Bob Milloy reported that the radio frequency is sat with DTi awaiting frequency.
- Bob Milloy commented that we have been asked with regards to the “recruitment process” for the MSA Committees/Panels. Rob Jones reported that the Elections Panel is MSA Chief Executive, MSA Chairman, MSA Council Chairman, MSA Regional Committee Chairman. Bob Milloy also commented that there is a set of criteria to meet.
- Derek Machin asked for an update with regards to the IT at MSA House?  
Rob Jones replied that they are now on cloud based servers and have been since Autumn 2013; they are currently looking at an IT Manager role and are in discussions and reviewing relationships with their external IT providers.
- Dave Thomas started a discussion on e-Marked Tyres in South Wales.  
Rob Jones replied that the position as he understands it is there was a meeting in Llandovery attended by local clubs, police and a couple of MSA staff – if non e-marked tyres were used then it could result in a prosecution. Rob Jones commented that he has asked for the conversation in writing on 11/02 and is still waiting for the letter from Dyfed Powys police. It is currently elevated to Chief Inspector of Dyfed Powys.
- Rob passed on his email should people wish to contact him direct – [rob.jones@msauk.org](mailto:rob.jones@msauk.org)

#### **AUTOTEST**

- Steve Johnson reported that they are looking at Blue Book regulations, and all have been tasked.

#### **RALLIES**

- Met on 8<sup>th</sup> April, points discussed included asking John Symes for advice on buying seats, safety and medical radio frequency, zero and safety cars procedures, low cost entry level rallying, introduction of scheduled timing on stage events, deferring compulsory use of FHR devices, upgrading of rally licences and the relevance of BARS courses, an update on e-marked tyres (also refer to Rob Jones' answer to DVT).

#### **COUNCIL**

- Met on 4th March, points covered included credit card payment of fines, protest and appeal fees, various regulation changes from Kart, Cross Country and Executive Committees, Chief Executive's Report, Regional Committee and Home Country Reports, seat lifing regulation that had 'not gone down well with clubman rallying' and FHR devices, track limits, single seater racing championships, the Autosport Show autosolo event and the closure of the English Dunlop factory.

#### **REGIONAL**

- Met on 12th Feb, points discussed included seat lifing, MSA fixture list presentation from Simon Fowler, Sport England Club Sport Events definition listing, Club recognition criteria, Chief Executive's Report, Go Motorsport activities, Club Seminars, Club and Rescue Development update, LARA, specialist committee reports, Mike Sones' 'straight forward approach to autotesting' presentation, inter association events (Manx National was supposed to be IA stage rally, but email glitch prevented it being publicised as such, a replacement is tba), Certificate of Exemption fees (taster night navigational rally suggested as an alternative), MSA approval of RLO localised 'requirements', local Sports Councils and Environmental Inspectors.

## REPORTS

### GENERAL SECRETARY

#### MINUTES RECEIVED FROM OTHER REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- EMAMC Mins April AGM 13
- EMAMC Mins Jan 14
- WAMC Mins & AGM April 14
- ANEMMC Mins Jan 14
- ASWMC Mins Mar 14
- WAMC AGM Apr 13 and Agenda Apr 14
- AEMC Mins Apr 14
- ASEMC Mins Mar 14 and Agenda May 14

#### LARA

- AGM on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> May – Eric Cowcill will be attending
- Currently working on de-regulation bill – devolve more to local levels and going through Parliament.
- Renewal is due at £250 pa, proposed Eric Cowcill, seconded Bill Turner

#### EVENT INVITATIONS

- JRT Enville Stages – 29<sup>th</sup> June – <http://www.warringtondmc.org/90280/info.php?p=5>
- Tunnock's Mull Rally – 10-12 October – [www.mullrally.org](http://www.mullrally.org)

#### NEW MEMBER CLUBS

- Mini Cooper Register – money received. All voted to allow them to become members.
- Received letter of invitation to observe DMACK Carlisle Stages on 21<sup>st</sup> June, watch this space.

### TREASURER

- 1 club not renewed – Alwoodley.  
*Post meeting note – Alwoodley have since renewed*
- 110 member clubs (including Mini Cooper Register)

### CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 267 competitors (278 last year)
- Average age is 45 and a bit
- 46 events held to date this year
- Marshals draw:
  - February (58 claims) – Peter Langtree (Gemini)
  - March (140 claims) – Lee Skilling (Gemini)
  - April (51 claims) – Dawn Quinn (Team Duck)

### PRESS OFFICER

- Katy reported that she recently connected with Social Media for an event at Barbon – the gates revenue was up £700 – it was supposed to be raining, took a picture when there was blue sky and posted it...

### TRAINING OFFICER

- 11 turned out for North Wales Fire Training
- 92% rated the recent sessions as good/excellent.
- Dates for 2015:
  - Stockport – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January
  - York – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

### GO MOTORSPORT!

- Feedback from recent MSA Club Seminars has been good, and that they have been the most informative.

### MSA FLO

- No report.

### MSA RLO

- No report.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Wales Rally GB – Bill Wilmer has had the first Communications Meeting – 3 day event starting in Macynlleth on Friday, Saturday will be in the Bala area, Sunday will be North of A5 area – all help will be welcomed.
- Bill Wilmer mentioned the SD34 Gymkhana run in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event is being run on 10<sup>th</sup> August, if anyone would like more details please contact [w.wilmer@btinternet.com](mailto:w.wilmer@btinternet.com)
- Charles Burgess (Ground Hog) mentioned that in conjunction with Bala on 28/29 June they are joining forces for a "winching day".

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August                      Monday 24<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

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Association Minutes Received

LARA

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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