



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015

### ATTENDANCE

Jim Spencer (BRCA and Hagley), John Harden (Liverpool), David Gregory (Quinton), Chris Cornes (ERO), Josh Cornes (ERO), Mark Bailey (ERO), Eric Cowcill (PAN), David Rainsbury (MGCC), Paul Goodman (MGCC), Bill Wilmer (SD34 and Gemini), Steve Johnson (U17, CSMA, AMSC, F1000), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe and Hexham), Katy Mashiter (KLMC and Morecambe), Derek Machin (BRMC), Matt Thompson (BADLRC), Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Kris Coombes (Preston), Louis Baines (Preston), Mike Harris (Wallasey and BRSCC), Alan Smith (Wallasey), Jim Jones (C&A), Dave Thomas (North Wales), Bob Milloy (KLMC and Stockport 061), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061, 2300 and Motor Sport (NW))

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), John Harden (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wilkinson (Secretary), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Dave Thomas (Championship), Katy Mashiter (Press & Training).

Apologies were received from Philip Wood, Martin White (Quinton), Terry May (Preston), Steve Bishop (Longmynd), Graeme Forrester (Wigton), Mike Vokes (Knutsford), Brian Howatson (Clwyd Vale), Rod Pierce (116), Ken Wilkinson (Stockport 061 & Motor Sport NW), Ann McCormack (Warrington & Motor Sport NW), Chris Noble (Clwyd Vale), Bill Turner (Wallasey), Tom Dooley (MG), Emyr Hall (Bala), Chris Winstanley (Longton)

### WELCOME & MINUTES

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

Mark Wilkinson apologised for missing Matt Thompson off the Apologies list at the May meeting.

The minutes of the May General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Eric Cowcill and seconded by Derek Machin.

### MATTERS ARISING

- Radios – if you have any concerns over the second frequency – please speak with Bill Wilmer. Scotland has its own frequency – if you require this adding to your set, please speak with Gary Headridge - [gheadridge@aol.com](mailto:gheadridge@aol.com).
- Frontal Head Restraints – Council have mandated from 2016, Tony Scott-Andrews has been quoted saying it won't be universally popular but we need to go through it, we can't not do it. Broughton & Bretton raised the issue that a road spec sprint car doing 150mph doesn't need to use one, yet a rally car doing 100mph does. Bob Milloy commented that they should write to Tony Scott-Andrews at MSA with 'technicalities' meaning X number of people are going to need to spend £X to upgrade / amend roll-cages. Katy Mashiter commented that she hopes there will be instructions issued on how to use them, and also the width of belts for HANs. Mike Harris discussed various matters after the meeting. Eric Cowcill asked if cars would need to be re-logged if changes to roll cages were made.
- Rally Tracking – Couple of systems didn't work, Pete Baker's is now working, the Australian system is preferred but very expensive. Will be discussed at Rallies Committee.
- Regional Timekeeper List – Rallies committee are saying we don't need it, Regional committee want it – you can be a Chief Timekeeper on an event timed to less than a minute if not using automatic timing (beam). We have now submitted a list.

### MSA REPORTS

#### AUTOTEST

- Met last month – picking way through Blue Book and harmonising the disciplines, so easier for Clerk, won't be done for 2016 unfortunately.

#### RALLIES

- Meeting tomorrow

#### COUNCIL

- Met 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Mike Harris commented that he's been asking MSA to put link in from FIA website to a document about specification of HANs.
- Not received printed minutes yet, will receive them with agenda of 8 September meeting.

#### REGIONAL

- Meet next week

- From May meeting:
  - Car tax – if it needs it, then it's up to the owner to say you've got it, declaration on signing-on form will be amended.
  - European Vehicle Insurance – any motorised vehicle, EU are saying has to be insured, 18 months left. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/insurance/motorinsurance/11493891/Youll-need-100-car-insurance-for-lawnmowers-says-EU.html>
  - Inter-Association Events – Steve Johnson mentioned there are no autosolo events in the calendar, Dave Thomas mentioned there was a clash with the car trial in Maidstone and also on the same day BTRDA/ANWCC event.  
Cross-Country – 6<sup>th</sup> September in Clitheroe, vehicles provided by ANCC.  
Stage Rally – Nicky Grist – confusion over teams as the rules weren't interpreted correctly!

## REPORTS

### GENERAL SECRETARY

#### EVENT INVITATIONS

- Tour of Hamsterley – 12<sup>th</sup> September - <http://www.tourofhamsterley.co.uk>

#### LARA

- Romanian farmer was knocked off his ladder, hence the EU Insurance requirement which the MSA are objecting to.
- Derbyshire – closure of 'whites' having TROs placed on them.
  - If any road rally clubs are experiencing problems, please let us know and we can pass on.
- Peak District Vehicle User Group

### TREASURER

- Eric reported that come AGM, a new Treasurer would be well received – guidance would be provided.
- Dave Thomas reported that invoices are going out monthly, 2 clubs have not paid subscriptions to date – Morgan Sports Car Club and Hagley & District.

### CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 261 competitors to date (270 last year)
- 100+ events run so far
- 2015 awards night is booked for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016, if anyone would like to help to run please get in touch.
- 2016 championship/events – forms will be going out next month, a couple are getting flat, so ideas for improvements please...
- Had an approach from somebody who would like to support a North Wales Road Rally Championship.
- If anyone sees someone not entering our championship, please encourage them to register.
- Marshals draw:
  - May – Merion Williams
  - June – Les Fragle
  - July – Jim Livesey

### PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing to report

### TRAINING OFFICER

- Forms will soon be available to identify training dates/funding for next year. 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 is our training day.

### GO MOTORSPORT!

- Pleased with number of contacts back in sport and other areas – coming from contacts within the sport – will get local clubs to assist with local councils – hoping to grow these path-finders.
- Event City – 20/21 September, MG Car Club will have a stand and Under 17 have a permit to run an autosolo.

### MSA FLO

- No report.

### MSA RLO

- No report.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Club of the Year & Volunteer of the Year – forms available and due back by 1<sup>st</sup> October  
<https://www.msauk.org/assets/coy2015.doc>  
<https://www.msauk.org/assets/voy2015.doc>
- Safeguarding Statement has been updated  
<https://www.msauk.org/assets/msaclubchildsafeguardingpolicyversion1190515.pdf>  
Clubs can share an Officer, and accreditation is now transportable between disciplines – eg Scouts to Motorsport
- Tim S is trying to start a link between Associations to produce a newsletter so it can be published. Maurice Ellison is happy to compile on behalf of ANWCC and the format may change.
- Media on events – MSA used to have an accredited list of media, some events have said no media unless in spectator areas. On 20<sup>th</sup> July, MSA organised a meeting with the photographic media – there will now be a register of about 50 professional photographers – intention is almost back to accredited members of that group,

potentially having enhanced access, subject to agreement with the organisers – professional, insured and business so should know what they're doing.

- Bill Wilmer commented that he is still waiting details of goodies for Wales Rally GB, short of marshals on Gartheiniog on Saturday and Alwen on Sunday if anyone is available.
- Jim Harden commented that he has concerns about the number of regulation changes being introduced in 2016/2017 at short notice.
- Jim Harden commented that it appears the Sprint & Hillclimb Sub-Committee Chair has been tasked with re-wording section S of the Blue Book, said person has come straight in as Chair having not been on Committee before.
- Jim Spencer commented that the word 'safety' is being used too often, which is under-mining the real safety issues.

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

2015 - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Simon Blunt (MSA General Secretary) will be in attendance. Please submit questions in advance so that Simon can be prepared.

2016 - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August & Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Toft Cricket Club, Booths Hall, Chelford Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 8QP. ([www.toftcc.co.uk](http://www.toftcc.co.uk))

## **AGENDA**

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

MSA Reports

Autotest

Rallies

Council

Regional

Reports

General Secretary

Events – Association Invitations

New Member Clubs

Treasurer

LARA

Championship Coordinator

Press Officer

Training Officer

Go Motorsport

MSA Forestry Liaison Officer

MSA Route Liaison Officer

Any Other Business