

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT TOFT CRICKET CLUB, KNUTSFORD ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

ATTENDANCE

Dave Thomas (North Wales), Jim Spencer (BRCA/Hagley), John Harden (Liverpool), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe / Hexham), Steve Kenyon (GPMC), Eric Cowcill (PAN), Dave Read (Warrington / Motor Sport NW), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey), Bill Turner (Wallasey), Mike Harris (Wallasey / BRSCC NW), Derek Machin (BRMC), Mike McKeown (Broughton & Bretton), Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Paul Goodman (MGCC), Steve Johnson (AMSC / CSMA / U17), Bill Wilmer (Gemini / SD34), Steve Mather (Bolton), Andy Taylor (Huddersfield), Stuart Holland (Huddersfield), Chris Winstanley (Longton), Mike Vokes (Knutsford), Richard Crozier (Jaguar), Chris Noble (Clwyd Vale), Rod Pierce (116), Matt Thompson (Buxton Land Rover), Bob Milloy (KLMC / Stockport 061), Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061 / Motor Sport NW / 2300)

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

Apologies were received from Sue Sanders, David Rainsbury (MGCC), Steve Bishop (Longmynd), Louis Baines (Preston), David Gregory (Quinton), Katy Mashiter (KLMC), Jim Jones (C&A), Tom Dooley (BRSCC), Graham Maxwell (CSMA)

WELCOME & MINUTES

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and also Simon Blunt (MSA General Secretary), having left MSA House at 15.30 to come to the meeting and then going back tonight.

The minutes of the August 2015 General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mike Harris and seconded by Maurice Ellison.

MATTERS ARISING

- Frontal Head Restraints – Bob reported that some articles have been issued, but disappointed on the guidance from the MSA – too little/too late. Mike Harris to take up with Technical. Simon Blunt also noted the concern.
- Car Tax – signing on sheet still not been updated to include the self-declaration despite being in place since October 2014. Mike Harris suggested organisers could dip sample. Maurice Ellison commented that he goes on DVLA website each Saturday and prints off so there is documented evidence on the event for his car.
- European Insurance – Simon Blunt reported that he met with DfT on 29/10/15, they have been struggling with Impact Assessment and they are going to do an internal Impact Assessment before going to public consultation, likely to be Summer 2017 at the earliest. Leaves us as Organisers in a good place, but the Government may be open to claims for damages against Government! The insurance industry has no suitable cover at present.
- Inter-Association AutoSolo – maybe in 2017.
- Child Safeguarding – Clubs can share Officers. Mandatory for Clubs to have one from 2016. Training nights have been held. Eric Cowcill commented that they don't need to be on an event, just contactable and should not be a Senior Official of the event, to avoid a conflict.
- Media Press Release – Media Accreditation from 2016 issued today by MSA for Multi Venue / Single Venue rallies.
- Paul Goodman commented that Event City was very successful for them and would be worthwhile ANWCC having a presence.
- Graeme Forrester has been accepted on to Sprint & Hillclimb Sub Committee, unfortunately Dave Thomas was unsuccessful for Rallies Committee – however Chris Woodcock has been elected as Regional Committee Rep.

MSA REPORTS

SIMON BLUNT

- Came to motorsport late, studied engineering at University but decided to be a Lawyer in London, then moved to Tokyo, France working for Airbus, then moved to Capital One and on to AIG (Director of Strategy & Planning), was on holiday and saw advert for MSA General Secretary in MSA News...
- Had competition licence since 2010/2011 – racing with Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, fortunate this year to do Rally Cross at Lydden Hill – we do motorsport as it's **fun** and cheap.
- Job Description – deal with board related issues for MSA and subsidiary companies – IMS etc. Competition & Clubs report to me through Simon Fowler and also Sporting Services. Deal with HR issues of the 38 full-time employees. National Court – run prosecution side, admin is outsourced.
- Club Development Fund has funded for the new radio channel – 620 sets retuned and 120 new sets totalling £140,000.
- There is a new Director of Development starting employment on 11/01/16 – Jonathan Day, picking up some of ADL's role.

- MESR – Derek Machin asked if the marshal training would become compulsory. Simon commented that there are 3 online marshal training modules in development and from 01/01/16 any new marshals signing up will be required to undertake these (around 40 minutes).
Safety plan – list them as predicted marshal numbers, registration not required until 2017.
- Jim Spencer raised the subject of Clubsport events not being recognised by Sport England. Bob noted that Ian Davis has this as an ongoing matter arising on Regional Committee's agenda. Simon agreed to speak with Ian about it.

AUTOTEST

- Not met, still in consultation

RALLIES

- Met 11/08/15
 - Tracking is still ongoing – costs v GSM coverage
 - Chart 32.2 has been updated

COUNCIL

- Met 07/09/15
 - Lots of new regulations including 7 pages of new regulations for rallies – a lot of it we already know about.

REGIONAL

- Met 19/08/15
 - Departments gave reports
 - Still pushing for Ian Johnson to become Environmental Inspector
 - Rally Car Log Books are to become Passports – currently being trialed.

REPORTS

GENERAL SECRETARY

MSA Seminars for Club Officials in 2016 – if you've not received the notification, please let me know and I can send it on. Bob Milloy urged Clubs to attend the very useful events.

EVENT INVITATIONS

- Glenrothes MSC – Aquarius Navigational Rally – 23/24 January - <http://www.glenrothes-msc.com/?q=events/54>
- Legend Fires North West Stages – 5/6 February – www.nwstages.co.uk
- Hexham – John Robson Rally – 19th March - <http://www.hexhammotorclub.co.uk>
- Matlock – Kick Start Rally of Derbyshire – 9th April
- Huddersfield & York are running the Keith Patterson sprint at Blyton on 30th May
- Matlock – Dansport Road Rally - 19th November

TREASURER

- Paid Information Commissioners Office fee, so covered under Data Protection again
- 113 member clubs, 58 paid to for 2016 so far

LARA

- Met last week and awaiting minutes.
- Still quite a lot of illegal off-road – last weekend 1 4x4 went down the hill and 60 emergency vehicles were called out in Brecon.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

- 20154 almost finished, 3 events left to run.
- 262 competitors (270 in 2015) and 176 events (slightly up)
- Youngest was born in 2001 and oldest was born in 1932
- Awards Presentation – 30th January 2016, details will go out beginning of December.
- 2016 calendar is being updated
- **Keep us updated on official changes – particularly email addresses please!**
- Marshals draw:
 - August - Ian Graham
 - September - Graham Maxwell
 - October - Paul Cross

PRESS OFFICER

- Nothing reported in Katy's absence.

TRAINING OFFICER

- First Marshal on Scene – 5th December at M65 Services, if interested please contact Steve Johnson on steve.johnson@csmclub.org

GO MOTORSPORT!

- Steve Johnson gave overview of all events that have recently raised money for North West Air Ambulance.
- Trying to put in place succession planning / what if scenario

MSA FLO

- No report.

MSA RLO

- No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Bill Wilmer thanked all marshals for help on recent Wales Rally GB – 1300 marshals a day signed on. Feedback is that the door number weren't readable in the dark so font needs looking at.
- John Harden commented that on page 58 of the Blue Book, there are classes (G & H) for cars 'that are no longer eligible for current competition' – has spoken to Ian Davis seeking clarification and has always been there.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

2016 - **Monday 15th February**, Monday 9th May, Monday 8th August & **Monday 14th November**

Please note new dates for February & November meetings

2017 – Monday 20th February, Monday 8th May, Monday 14th August & Monday 13th 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

Sprint & Hillclimb

Council

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General Secretary

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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