

With the cancellation of the May meeting, our Chairman and Championship Coordinator have jotted some pertinent notes for us all which can be found below.

Kind Regards

**Mark Wilkinson**

General Secretary

Chairman

I had intended visiting the Kilton Inn for our second quarterly meeting on 12 May, however that trip was ruled out a few weeks ago. Instead, it is therefore appropriate to at least let you have some information.

There were several items raised by delegates at the February meeting that would have been discussed as 'Matters Arising'; I am able to report on a couple.

The term 'Interclub' that Paul Goodman thought inappropriate, was also discussed at the last Race Committee meeting, with simply 'Club' suggested. This was also referred to in the resurrected 'virtual' Regional Committee meeting on 29 April. I suspect that it might not change very soon, but it is being considered.

The continued 'displeasure' with 2020 licence fees, for those disciplines that pay for them and the universal and disproportionate £5 increase in permit fees was also recorded at the RC meeting.

Rallies Committee managed to hold a meeting on 11 March, before 'lockdown' with several rule changes proposed, several of which have been 'discussed' in various social media outlets. A particularly controversial one is 'The use of handbrakes to assist or perform turns or manoeuvres on public roads is

forbidden'. It has been pointed out that the Highway Code requires application of the handbrake during a multi-point turn etc. This one is going to have an interesting future. The proposal to reduce maximum lateness to a minimum 15 minutes has since been modified to omit 'single venue' events. The additional declaration to confirm compliance with tax and MoT requirements on public road makes sense, as does the requirement to provide 'adequate sanitation' on events, even though this could have both cost and siting implications. There were also a few technical tweaks included. One proposal that will help Closed Road organisers, relaxes the PR requirement for access/egress to/from Stage to Public Highway changed from 'D' (personal visit) to 'E' (consult RLO).

We have also seen a raft of electric vehicle regulations appear, although event specific requirements to cater for them have yet to do so.

We should have had a Marshals' draw at the Kilton, but this has been moved to the Thomas home where Val drew appropriate numbers for February and March using a set of Bingo Balls. Details via Dave elsewhere.

I mentioned the virtual Regional Committee meeting. This followed from Chairman Pete Weall's earlier decision to cancel a real one. The intention was to use the new-fangled technology of Zoom, which actually worked quite well for a lot of people, but I and another three had to resort to the phone, it even defeated David Richards who sent his apologies instead. I've attached a resume based on Ronnie Sandham's notes; I didn't find it easy holding my phone for two hours.

I do want to mention a few points here. MSUK are taking time to look forward. One current initiative is under a heading of "Motorsport UK is Listening". A programme of [Sport Development Consultation](#) ended this weekend. Every competition licence holder, licenced official and registered marshal should have received an invitation to complete a survey. Also, a comprehensive survey was sent to each registered club (to the email address of the club secretary as advised to MSUK by the club) which closed earlier last week.

Also very important is to read what they have to say about [Getting motorsport back on track](#).

You will have seen the announcement of the [Club Continuity Funds](#). This may not be appropriate to every club but it is a valuable offer of financial support. I understand that several well-presented claims have been received.

It is very important to keep Dave Thomas informed about event cancellations or postponements. It's disappointing to hear that Dave has only learned of some changes 'secondhand' via social media. It is going to be very difficult to formulate a sensible calendar when we are allowed to start playing again, so please let Dave of any proposals for rearranged events, particularly those forming ANWCC Championship rounds. It is also important that we have current up to date club and event contact details.

Finally, our next scheduled quarterly meeting is on 11 August, however at the time of writing, it is very unlikely that the Kilton will be open by then, unless there's a change to Covid-19 restrictions from 10 May announcements.

We'll let you know more in due time, but for now keep safe, reasonably sane and of course alert.

Championship Coordinator

### **Treasurer items**

120 clubs have paid subs for 2020, four still outstanding which are Barcud MC, Druidale MC, High Moor MC (are £5 in credit from last year) and Sheffield & Hallamshire MC.

Five clubs are owing for event registration fees, these being Accrington MSC (£29), Barcud MC (£13), Hagley & DLCC (£5), Under 17 MC (£10) and Wigan & DMC (£31) – some of these are for 2019 events and include the marshals levy,

some are for the few events we have held in 2020.

### **Championship Co-Ordinator notes**

Obviously, no-one knows the future so until we have definite information we cannot speculate on what will happen to events this year, and consequently our championships. Our championship regulations do provide for the cancellation of a championship if insufficient events are held, similarly they do provide for a reduction in the qualification requirements if events cancelled or postponed.

Our regulations also provide for date changes, so events that have been cancelled or postponed can continue to be championship qualifiers if a suitable date can be found to run the event in 2020.

For 2021 we shall request applications for championship status later when we know what is happening. In the meantime, we would appreciate clubs keeping us updated so that we can update the Calendar 2020 on our website ... this file also includes dates for 2021 that we have been given.

Looking at 2020, I have optimistically taken early September as being the time when we can get back to normal, although this looks to be a new "normal". Obviously the decision has to be taken in conjunction with our member clubs, event organisers, championship contenders and all officials.

Stage Rallies – Three events have been held (Ormco, Lee Holland and Questmead). 61 championship contenders (31 drivers and 30 co-drivers) have started an event. There are seven events on the list scheduled for September to December so there is potential for this championship to be concluded. With regards to the North Wales Stage Challenge there has only been one event, with only one more late in the year.

Forest Rallies – Two events held to date (Cambrian and Malcolm Wilson). 32 championship contenders (16 drivers and 16 co-drivers) have started an event. Between September and December there are a further three on the list,

also Rally North Wales and Nicky Grist events are looking at dates in November, so there is potential for the Forest Championship to be concluded.

Road Rallies – only one event held (Robson). 12 championship contenders (five drivers and seven navigators) have started an event. Between September and December there are eight qualifying rounds on the calendar, but a lot of upfront PR work may not be possible in time to run the events. No events qualifying for the North Wales Road Rally Challenge have been run, with four possible at the end of the year.

Historic Road Rallies – two events held to date (Hexham and Cheshire). 12 championship contenders (five drivers and seven navigators) have started an event. There are no championship rounds planned for the last four months of the year.

Targa Road Rallies – unfortunately, having managed to get a series together there have been no events and only one event planned for near the end of the year.

Ladies Rallies – there have been eight qualifying events so far, with 14 championship contenders (five drivers and nine co-drivers) having started at least one event. As things stand now there are 27 qualifying events in the last four months of 2020.

Autotests – three events held to date (Bolton, Accrington and Hagley) with six championship contenders having started at least one. There are five events planned for September to December.

Production Car Autotests – three events held to date, (Bolton, Accrington and Under 17)s, with five championship contenders having scored. There are six events planned for the end of the year.

Autosolos – three events held to date, same as the PCA's, with 18 championship contenders having started at least one. Seven events scheduled

for September to December.

Trials – no events held to date, with four planned for the last four months of the year, plus two of the postponed events also looking for September dates.

Sprints – no events held to date, and there are five scheduled for September and early October.

Hillclimbs – no events held to date and none scheduled for September to December.

Allrounders – 17 qualifying events held to date and there is actually one championship contender who has already qualified for an award by starting in three disciplines! There are 48 qualifying events planned for September to December.

Inter-Club – 17 qualifying events to date. 51 clubs have at least one member who has registered for our championships, with 37 clubs on the scoreboard to date. Potentially another 48 events.

Marshals ... claims have been submitted for 27 different events to date, this does include training sessions, with 78 marshals on the scoreboard. The marshals fund is healthy.

Up to the date of lockdown we had received 195 registrations for our championships. This was slightly up on last year, which ended on 221. 124 of the 195 have started at least one event.

Until such time as all the Covid-19 problem has been dealt with we are unable to make definite plans for the future.

### **Marshals Prize Draw**

The draw was held and can be viewed on our website by going to

[www.anwcc.co.uk/marshals-draw.ppsx](http://www.anwcc.co.uk/marshals-draw.ppsx) (Powerpoint file) - the winner for February being Robin Mortiboys of the Gemini Communications team, and for March it was Paul Henry of Catseye Recovery. No claims were received during April. The winners have been contacted and received their prize money.

### **Any Other Business**

The lockdown has given DVT time to add more events to the Archives pages of [www.anwcc.co.uk](http://www.anwcc.co.uk) ... All championship qualifying events back to the year 2000 can now be viewed online and we are working backwards to add more, many are already on the pages. If you find broken links or have any missing information please e-mail [anwcc@talktalk.net](mailto:anwcc@talktalk.net) to that we can see about sorting out any problems or adding information!

Dave came across lever arch files whilst sorting out his garage - snippet below - luckily we still have him 25 years later!!!!

**ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS  
LATE CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS No. 94/3**

The NEWS bulletin was put to print a couple of weeks ago, so here is the late news and updates! Note that the last item on this page is serious!

... ee Cars, and it is hoped that the rally will be run  
... in January 1995.

**SITUATION(s) VACANT**

Having run the ANWCC Championships for some 12 years, our Championship Secretary Dave Thomas is retiring and is not seeking re-election at the next AGM (Feb 95). We are therefore looking for either someone to take over the whole task, or to take on parts of the job - e.g. championship by championship, bulletin editor, general administrator and suchlike. All clubs are asked to consider a replacement, and anyone interested in taking on part or all of the post is invited to contact Dave Thomas on 0492 584872 for further information.