

ANWCC Minutes of Annual General Meeting

held on 21 February 2023 at the Kilton Inn



Apologies for Absence:

Dawn Weaver (WSSCC), Olwen Davies (Teifi Valley Motor Club) and Paul Kelly (Boundless by CSMA)

Present were:

Gareth Roberts (Broughton & Bretton), Steve Southall (Broughton & Bretton), Paul Goodman (MGCC), David Gregory (Quinton), Mike Lawson (Knutsford), Steve Kenyon (Garstang & Preston), John Buckley (Glossop), Eric Cowcill (P&N) and Chris Winstanley (Longton).

Present via Zoom were:

Jon Cordery (British Rally Marshals Club), Neil Rogers (The Hillrally Club), David James (North Humberside), Stephen Mather (Bolton-le-Moors CC), Richard Murtha (Lancs AC), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey), Stephen Johnson (U17MCNW), Roy Bell (ANEMMC) and Jonathan Armishaw (Crossrigg).

Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman/Stockport 061/Motor Sport (North West)/2300 Club/Ecurie Royal Oak), Tracey Smith (Secretary/Accrington MSC via Zoom), Jim Spencer (Treasurer/BRCA and Hagley), John Harden (Vice-Chairman and Liverpool MC), Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC), Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator) and Maurice Ellison (Press Officer/Clitheroe DMC).

Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting which was held as a hybrid meeting. The minute of the previous Annual General Meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Katy Mashiter and seconded by Eric Cowcill.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

Mark Wilkinson asked delegates to take a few moments to think about and celebrate the lives of those that are no longer with us now.

In his report, Mark Wilkinson stated that 130 guests attended the ANWCC 2022 Awards Presentation at Mere Court in Knutsford. This was the largest number for a few years. Mark Wilkinson thanked Dave Thomas and Tracey Smith for organising the evening. Mark Wilkinson stated that our President, Allan Dean-Lewis, zoom'ing in to present the Bob Milloy Trophy to the award winner was very worthwhile and congratulated Dave Thomas.

Mark Wilkinson stated that as an association, we are moving in the right direction–all our numbers are up, with new member clubs and championship contenders and asked everyone to keep doing what we're all doing.

Mark thanked John Harden as Vice-Chairperson for being a good-listener and sense-checker through the year and stated that John is willing to step down if anyone would like to join the executive, and is happy to remain in position whilst shadowing, more on that later. Mark also thanked Jim Spencer for his work as Treasurer. Mark also thanked Maurice Ellison for producing the excellent Spotlight magazine each month, Katy Mashiter and her team for arranging training events throughout the year, Gordon Pirie and Keith Wain for their event liaison work Mark thanked Dave Thomas for running the championship with 317 competitors across 130 events and Tracey Smith for taking over the Secretariat role.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Spencer stated that 2022 was a good year for ANWCC, showing £ 2,322.51 profit. Costs for the 2022 awards will be shown in the 2023 accounts. Jim stated that this year's surplus is very much a reflection of a superb number of registrations and minimal expenses in running the Association. Jim Spencer thanked Dave Thomas for supplying much of the info.

Championship Report

Dave Thomas stated that 2022 was the most successful championship, in terms of registered contender numbers, for 15 years. We ended the year with 317 registered competitors, up 25% on 2021. Of that number there were 24% who were totally new to the ANWCC championships, and a further 22% who returned after missing at least one year. In one instance a contender registered for 2022, having last contested ANWCC championships back in 1977, before my time! All championships had the highest number of points scorers for the past 5 years. All the statistics are on the website.

Awards Night held earlier this month at the Mere Court was a successful night with a new presentation team. Dave Thomas thanked Mark Wilkinson and Tracey Smith for their help. Dave Thomas also thanked his family who laid out the 200+ awards ready for presentation. Over £5,000 of glassware was presented. Dave Thomas also stated that it had been a particularly difficult week for himself and family but thanks to good friends he got through it. Dave Thomas thanked all clubs, event organisers, marshals and championship contenders for making 2022 a very successful year.

Appointment of Officials

The following officers were elected unopposed:

- Chairman Mark Wilkinson
- Vice-Chairman John Harden
- Secretary Tracey Smith
- Treasurer Jim Spencer
- Press Officer Maurice Ellison
- Training Officer Katy Mashiter
- Motorsport UK RLO (Cheshire/Merseyside) Gordon Pirie
- MoD Liaison Officer Keith Wain

A new role of Social Media Officer has been created to take over the running of our social media account and to promote the ANWCC Championships.

Proposer – Eric Cowcill, Seconder – Steve Kenyon

Training Officer's Report

Katy Mashiter reported that a practical training session was held in Clitheroe in January 2022 to embed the online training held during the pandemic. Katy reported that the training was well

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received. Katy also stated that due to the high costs of hiring venues training will be based around club nights, with several clubs joining each session.

Motions

The cost of subscriptions have remained unchanged for many years; however, our costs are increasing. Dave Thomas proposed that annual club subscriptions should increase from £25 to £30 (effective for 2024).

Proposed by – Eric Cowcill, Seconder – Chris Winstanley

Any Other Business

None.

Meeting ended at 20.21 hours.

Date of next AGM Tuesday 12th March 2024 starting at 8 pm

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