



**ANWCC Minutes of Meeting**  
**held 13th August 2024**  
**Mere and Tabley Community Club,**  
**Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford**  
**WA16 0TD**



**Action Summary**

The following actions are summarised from the meeting minutes:

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>	
2024.30 - Matters Arising	Contact BBC journalist regarding the Colwyn Bay Speed trials article.	Dave Thomas
2024.30 - Matters Arising	Obtain quotes for 2024 Awards Evening.	Tracey Smith
2024.30 - Matters Arising	Ask MSUK to provide a hard copy of the new National Competition Rules (NCR) on request.	Mark Wilkinson
2024.37 – Championships	Clubs to inform Dave Thomas when their event regulations are published.	All.
2024.37 – Championships	Clubs to promote the marshal championship at their events.	All.
2024.40 - Any Other Business	Ask Regional Committee what progress has been made to license Event Secretaries.	Mark Wilkinson

**Apologies for Absence:**

Martin Blackburn (Manx MSMA), Richard Murtha (Lancashire Automobile Club), John Coe (Blackpool & Fylde Land Rover Club), Martin Jelley (PDVCC), Roy Holder (Hagley & District Light Car Club), Jon Cordery (British Rally Marshals Club), Roy Bell (ANEMMC), Chris Brown (Lindholme Motor Sports Club), Paul Kelly (Boundless by CSMA NW Motor Sports Group), Phil Howarth (Liverpool MC), Martin and Helen Fox (Wigan DMC) and John Buckley (Glossop & District Car Club).

**Present were:**

Jack Mather (Bolton-le-Moors CC), Gareth Roberts and Steve Southall (Broughton and Bretton MC), David Gregory (Quinton MC/Knutsford DMC), Chris Winstanley (Longton DMC), Eric Cowcill (PaN), Paul Goodman (MGCC (NW)), Steve Kenyon, (Garstang and Preston MC), Debby Goodband (116CC and Clwb Moduro y Ddraig Fach), Roger Hopkins and Mike Lawson (Knutsford DMC).

**Officials present were:**

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

**2024.28 - Welcome**

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting.

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ANWCC was saddened by the death of Andrew Watson at the Greystoke Rally in July and offered condolences to the competitor's family and friends.

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### **2024.29 - Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Katy Mashiter and seconded by Paul Goodman.

#### **Actions from the previous meeting:**

**2023.67 (Any Other Business)** Mark Wilkinson to raise concerns about the increasing administrative burden placed on clubs by MSUK. *Complete.*

**2023.67 (Any Other Business)** Mark Wilkinson to raise the importance of recognising grassroots motorsport with MSUK and ask MSUK to escalate this to Sport England. *Awaiting response from MSUK.*

**2024.03 (Matters Arising)** Mark Wilkinson to raise concerns about the poor quality of documentation provided by MSUK. *Complete.*

**2024.11 (Any Other Business)** Tracey Smith to add sustainability as a standing agenda item for future meetings. *Complete.*

**2024.18 a) (Racing)** Eric Cowcill to contact BARC (NW) and report any recommendations on how ANWCC may help BARC (NW). Eric reported that BARC (NW) run the CNC Heads Championship for Sports Saloons. They have their own year-end awards and stated that if this was included as an ANWCC Championship it would only be a duplication. Dave Thomas added that under the new National Competition Rules (NCR), a Regional Association cannot host a race championship.

**2024.19 (Sustainability)** Tracey Smith to begin ANWCC application for sustainability accreditation. *Ongoing.*

**2024.24 (Training)** Tracey Smith to find venue for practical fire training. *Complete.*

**2024.25 (Any Other Business)** Tracey Smith to add Safeguarding as a standing agenda item. *Complete.*

**2024.25 (Any Other Business)** Mark Wilkinson/Tracey Smith to write to MSUK requesting information on the recruitment and training of new Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. *Awaiting response from MSUK.*

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### **2024.30 - Matters Arising**

Colwyn Bay Speed trials-a Content Producer from the Welsh language website BBC Cymru Fyw is interested in writing an article about the history of the Colwyn Bay Speed trials. Dave Thomas agreed to contact the journalist directly. Information is available from the [ANWCC website](#) under "Motorsport before ANWCC" in the right-hand column.

2024 Awards Evening-a number of proposals were discussed. It was agreed that a lunch-time event might make the event more attractive to families. Delegates suggested a couple of venues might be suitable; Mere and Tabley Community Club and Marthall Village Hall. Tracey Smith to obtain quotes.

Pat Jones, on behalf of Clwyd Vale Motor Club, was disappointed to learn that the MSUK Year Book (National Competition Rules (NCR)) will only be available online from next year. Concerns include availability of a reliable internet connection (or remembering to download a version before the event), the cost of purchasing electronic equipment and the fact that not everyone is comfortable using technology. Clwyd Vale Motor Club would like the Regional Associations to raise these concerns with MSUK and ask MSUK to continue to provide a printed version of the Year Book.

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Delegates discussed a number of options, including an option for clubs to request a hard-copy of the NCR from MSUK. Mark Wilkinson agreed to raise this with MSUK.

Delegates were reminded that MSUK will support volunteer clubs to host trial events in 2024 to test the NCR. The new rules will be effective from 1 January 2025. Any club wanting to trial the NCR will receive an updated version of their event regulations in the new format from MSUK. Interested clubs should contact [NCR@motorsportuk.org](mailto:NCR@motorsportuk.org).

Paul Kelly from Boundless by CSMA NW Motor Sports Group has written to MSUK to express his frustration that the online permit payment system was not available during the launch of the new membership platform. No-one at MSUK was available to advise if the 2-week payment period could be extended - Paul was kept on hold for 25 minutes. Boundless by CSMA NW Motor Sports Group also expressed concern that volunteers were going to have to learn to use another new system. Debby Goodband added that the weight of bureaucracy was too great for volunteers and this is impacting grassroots motorsport. Events are not sustainable and were losing money due to the increased fees charged by councils and venues.

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### **2024.31 - Motorsport UK Reports**

Motorsport UK has launched a new platform for members to obtain and renew their licence and to update training and qualifications. Members will continue to receive a physical licence and will also be able to access a digit copy via the platform. The platform also provides access to Regional Association's membership and information on affiliated clubs.

Sophia MacBeth has left Motorsport UK and ANWCC wish her well with studying for her Masters.

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### **2024.32 - Discussion**

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#### **a) Racing**

Paul Goodman stated that a recent consultation about the banning of GPS from vehicles did not consider the fact that most modern vehicles have GPS systems that cannot be removed. All clubs are actively encouraged to respond to consultations.

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#### **b) Rallying**

Nothing to report.

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#### **c) Karting**

Nothing to report.

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#### **d) Cross-Country**

Nothing to report.

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#### **e) Autotest/Autosolo**

Nothing to report.

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#### **f) Sprint/Hillclimb**

Nothing to report.

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### **2024.33 - Sustainability**

Regional Associations are expected to apply for MSUK sustainability accreditation. Tracey Smith met with Alex Chan (Sustainability Manager at MSUK) to discuss key topic areas. These include our digital footprint, hybrid meetings and our awards evening. We could also consider supporting and influencing local clubs (showcasing their ambitions), supporting local communities and organisations such as the local Wildlife Trusts.

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## **2024.34 – Safeguarding**

Nothing to report.

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## **2024.35 - Secretary's Report**

### **a.) Correspondence**

Proposed regulation changes for Section H (RS Licence Upgrade), Section R (Rallying) and Section S (Sprints, Hill Climbs & Drag Racing) have been circulated to all member clubs.

Minutes received from AEMC delegates meeting held on 11 June.

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### **b.) New Member Clubs**

Applications to join ANWCC were received from Beverley & District Motor Club, Clwb Moduro y Ddraig Fach (Little Dragon Motor Club) and Chester Vintage Enthusiasts Club.

Debby Goodband represented Little Dragon Motor Club at the meeting and stated that the new club was a consortium of local motor clubs that hope to organise closed road events in North Wales. Mark Wilkinson wished the club every success with their events.

No objections were received and all clubs were welcomed as full members of ANWCC.

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### **c.) LARA**

Eric Cowcill reported that Bamford Clough is on the agenda for the next meeting. The road has been resurfaced and is restricted to downhill traffic only.

North Yorkshire Council is currently advertising for applications for membership of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum (LAF). Closing dates for applications is 23 August 2024.

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## **2024.36 - Treasurer's Report**

Jim Spencer reported that issues with correspondence from Lloyds Bank have now been resolved. There has been no significant expenditure, just a few expenses.

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## **2024.37 - Championships**

Dave Thomas reported that the number of registered competitors was now 302. There have been 103 events so far in 2024.

Chris Bramhall is helping Dave with compiling the Sprint Championship and thanked Chris Winstanley of Time Team Timing for supplying speed event results.

Dave asked clubs to let him know when event regulations are published and entries are open so that he can publicise the event on the ANWCC webpage.

Dave Thomas has responded to the recent MSUK consultation on proposed rally class changes for 2025 and reported that he was considering an amendment to the ANWCC Championship Regulations for 2025. Championship contenders will be contacted for their views, this will be for stage rally classes and speed championship scoring.

Marshals Monthly Prize Draw-the winners were:

- May - Sean Robertson (Liverpool MC)
- June - Rob Jos (Harlech, NWCC and C&A)
- July - Rob O'Brien (Warrington DMC)

Mark Wilkinson congratulated the winners of the £25 monthly prize draw.

Dave Thomas asked clubs to promote the marshal championship at their events.

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**2024.38 - Press**

Maurice Ellison reported that the December 2024 copy will be his last edition of Spotlight.

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**2024.39 - Training**

Practical fire training-we have identified a number of suitable venues.

Training venues-we have asked MSUK to find suitable locations to hold training events as part of the venues project. When speaking with sites that could run practical fire training (ie those with burning pits and full containment of fire-water) Tracey Smith found that she was unable to reassure venues that MSUK provided full insurance cover. It is hoped that the governing body will have the authority needed to negotiate with potential venues and provide that assurance.

2025 British Motorsport Trust Training Event Grant aid - reviewing the process for 2025 grant applications. Details will be announced with the formal 'Invitation to Bid' letters expected August/September. The review focused around the need to reduce the Trust's overall financial commitment including grants for training, safety development fund and special projects. Motorsport UK will continue to identify training needs. Jim Spencer stated that ANWCC will underwrite any regional training requirements not funded by BMT or MSUK.

Motorsport UK have asked the British Rally Marshals Club to run a face-to-face rally marshals practical training day in November. We will circulate a registration link when it becomes available.

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**2024.40 - Any Other Business**

Paul Goodman asked what progress had been made on MSUK's proposal to license Event Secretaries. Mark Wilkinson to raise at Regional Committee.

Maurice Ellison asked how many ANWCC clubs were StreetCar registered and asked what it brought to their club. Mark responded that he did not have the exact numbers but stated that Stockport 061 was a member club and StreetCar had brought membership enquiries for the club.

Delegates joined Mark Wilkinson in congratulating Jack Mather from Bolton-le-Moors Car Club on attaining his Clerk of the Course official's registration.

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**2024.41 - Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 12th November 2024 from 8pm at Mere and Tabley Community Club, Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford WA16 0TD.

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**2024.42 - Meeting ended** at 22:09 hours.

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