



MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH-WESTERN CAR CLUBS, HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, RUNCORN ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2008

WELCOME

The Chairman, Bob Milloy, welcomed delegates to the meeting with the news that our Secretary, Stan Appleton, had resigned from the post and would be reducing his overall involvement in motor sport, mainly due to family health problems. Thanks recorded to Stan for his fine effort over the four years of being in the post.

ATTENDANCE

13 member clubs were represented by 13 delegates as follows:

Accrington MSC (Eve Fisher, Steve Johnson), British Radio Car Association (Jim Spencer), Bury AC (Richard Murtha), Civil Service Motoring Association (Eve Fisher, Steve Johnson), Cumbrian Rover OC (Katy Mashiter), Garstang & Preston MC (Steve Kenyon), Glossop & District CC (John Buckley), Kirkby Lonsdale MC (Katy Mashiter, Bob Milloy), Liverpool MC (Ron Hunt), Longton & District MC (Mike Ashcroft), Motor Sport NW (Mark Wilkinson), North Wales CC (Dave Thomas), Stockport 061 MC (Bob Milloy, Mark Wilkinson).

Officials present were Bob Milloy (Chairman), Ron Hunt (Vice-Chairman), Dave Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator), Katy Mashiter (Press Officer), Mike Farnworth (Training Officer)

Apologies were received from Stan Appleton (General Secretary/Ilkley & DMC/Historic Rally Car Register), David Bell (Lancashire AC) Nigel Bayley (Ecurie Royal Oak MC), Eric Cowcill (Treasurer), Tom Dooley (British Racing & Sports CC), Richard Duddell (Knutsford & District MC), Graeme Forrester (Wigton MC), Barry Green (Rhyl & District MC), John Harden (Liverpool MC/Aintree Liaison), Peter Riley (Longton & District MC), Gordon Waddington (Lindholme MSC), Rosemary Wilkinson (Slaitwaite MC)

MINUTES

Apologies for lateness in sending out minutes of the last meeting and by e-mail/website only due to timescale, minutes of the February 2008 meeting were agreed as a true record on a proposal from BRCA, seconded by Motor Sport NW.

MATTERS ARISING

Wheels has now gone completely electronic and club secretaries should be receiving this direct from MSA by e-mail. It is also available on www.msauk.org.

Steve Johnson outlined his role with the Blackburn & Darwen Casualty Reduction Partnership – seconded to give education packages to “pre” drivers (15 to 17-year-olds), info re statistics, shortened 20 minute presentation available for clubs, series of infomercials (information commercials), info re legal places to do handbrake turns or doughnuts – taking part in Autotests and Autosolos. The secondment has been extended to 12 months, and school classroom presentations are scheduled to start in September. Blackpool Council Road Safety Group had recently held a “Young Driver of the Year” competition, format similar to car gymkhanas of old (balancing buckets of water on the car roof, slalom test, reverse test) to teach kids car control. Blackpool South Shore MC members had supplied equipment and manpower, and the ANWCC Stage Rally Championship leading F1000 Nissan Micra drew a lot of attention. Steve stated that there is great mileage for clubs getting involved with Road Safety. The only other club known to be involved is Ludlow Castle MC promoting safety in rally cars through schools, educating the kids on car safety. Kids have been impressed that Autosolos are legal and fun, important to get local Road Safety Groups into contact with clubs. Lancashire Fire Service attend 25 times more road deaths than fire deaths, a statistic that applies throughout the UK. *Motorsports Now!* has featured the benefits of Autotests and Autosolos. Driving schools have been impressed by the £30M insurance cover available for authorised events. Pre-driver days are planned for August 2008, where 9 youngsters will be split into three groups, each group having an instructor for manouverability tests. The classroom will feature talks on causes of crashes and road safety. Estimated fee to be £25 but will include at least one hour driving.

MSA MATTERS

COUNCIL

Environmental issues presentation, Carbon off-setting – is this appropriate in Motor Sport? MSA should work up a policy, statistics required;

“Next Generation” forum;

“Women in Motorsport”;

New Marshals award to be announced soon;

Catalytic Convertors not in the Blue Book.

REGIONAL

Nicky Moffitt doing work on the History of Associations (DVT has some early stuff on ANWCC!);

Timekeepers list – does it exist? – Associations to update list per H68/H194 (ANWCC clubs to be e-mailed and request their lists for collation);

“Let’s Go Karting” recently launched;

New launch of “Go Motorsport!” – down to clubs and associations to promote – e-mail from Ben Taylor to clubs re pro forma for event publicity, should have been sent recently to club secretaries;

New MSA website going ahead – promised to be more user-friendly! This is on the same server as the London Congestion Charge so should be big enough to handle the task!;

2008 licence queries dealt with by Call Centre near to Motorsports House – only 3 complaints from 19,000 licence holders. System considered much improved;

Seeking charity status for the MSA foundation. £95k (2007 figure) given out under Club and Rescue development schemes;

Child Protection Officers (CPO) – still being received, only 200 clubs have appointed a CPO;

Paul Parker (Association of South-Western Motor Clubs) new to Regional committee – views on Sprints and Hillclimbs;

Inter-Association events:

Autotest – this coming weekend, poor response from ANWCC with only two “volunteers” (in the same car);

Sprint – organised by Nottingham Sports CC at Curborough on June 15 – ANWCC healthy in this discipline so hopefully a team can be arranged;

Trial – Wye Valley Trial run by Ross & DMSC on June 29;

Stage Rally – will not be Tour of Mull this year – Association of North-East Midlands Motor Clubs to decide on suitable event;

Road Rally – being held in Scotland in November.

Lindholme MSC proposal to extend number of invitations – MSA last reviewed the invitation system in 1992 when Restricted events changed to National B; after some debate decided to leave the regulation as is; Ian Davis to review the structure of event grading;

Speed championship permits in Scotland now sorted;

Culling of Associations – no plans other than natural selection;

Claims that scrutineers are being overruled by clerks-of-the-course on road rallies; stated if car is road legal then it cannot be stopped; safety issue; remind clubs of duty of care; such claims to be included in Steward’s reports;

Steve Johnson’s report (see Matters Arising) included with MSA meeting minutes as an appendix;

“Volunteers in Motorsport” (ViM) funding to end in March (2008) but scheme will continue; Association Trainers encouraged to promote scheme through newsletters and buddy systems and to be aware of Club Training volunteers – contact ADL with info;

Next Regional Meeting scheduled for next Wednesday (21st May).

SPEED COMMITTEE

No report.

Graeme Forrester of Wigton MC requested support of ANWCC in applying for nomination to the Speed Committee. Unanimous vote to support his application.

RALLIES COMMITTEE

No minutes received from last meeting, held 9th April.

Junior drivers ongoing; Co-Drivers minimum age on Multi-Use Stage Rallies being reduced to 14;

Road Rally working group (see MSA website);

Proposal to ban auxiliary lights on road rallies – supported by Martin Chinery, rejected by Owen Turner re endurance rallies with special tests on private land.

Anyone wishing to be considered for nomination to any of the MSA committees should first contact their local Association.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lockton Insurance – letter being sent to clubs re Road Rally insurance which will remain at same premium of £26 from the general renewal date of 13th May 2008 with Brit Insurance; loadings to be capped at 100% (affects young drivers and those with disabilities or endorsements); clubs may take a commission of £0.50 from each premium collected; Lockton offering loyalty discount if clubs sign up to use Lockton for all their events to 13th May 2009. Lockton offer is being countered by Richard Egger Insurance, offering Road Insurance for rallies. Also offering this cover are JLT at £35 per car.

REPORTS

SECRETARY

Stan Appleton has tendered his resignation due to family commitments, and the position is to be advertised as "Situation Vacant". Bob explained that the role includes being a mailbox for the Association, taking and issuing minutes.

(Since the meeting we have appointed a willing volunteer as the new ANWCC Secretary – Mark Wilkinson of Stockport 061 MC and Motor Sport NW, and he will be taking up office immediately!)

TREASURER

Eric had sent apologies due to being abroad, but had little to report other than he is still a clearing house for Marshals Training payments.

Dave Thomas stated that the list of clubs with outstanding subscriptions had now dropped to just two – BARC and Keighley. There were, however, some clubs with outstanding event registration fees for 2007, these being Aberystwyth, Alwoodley, Barcud and Matlock. Invoices were being sent monthly and £5 surcharge was being added if fees were more than two months overdue. One club had returned the invoice with cheque including £10 surcharge (having had three reminders) and complained that the fees were financially unreasonable – a suitable reply had been sent.

CHAMPIONSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

Dave Thomas reported that the total registrations for 2007 had been 336, and that the number received to date for 2008 was also 336, so the downward slide had stopped – registrations were still dribbling in!

Road Rallies and Sprints were doing well with registrations, Historic Stage Rallies were down whilst other championships were stable. Unfortunately, despite getting a permit for the second year, the Endurance Rally Championship will not happen as there are just two available events within the Association.

Event results were being received quickly, often within hours of the event finishing, so championship tables were uploaded to the website promptly.

The draw for the marshals for each of the last six months was held, the result being as follows: Nov 07 – Graham Bray (Accrington), Dec 07 – David Barratt (Accrington), Jan 08 – Tony Murphy (Liverpool), Feb 08 – Ian Mather (Liverpool), Mar 08 – Daniel Swainbank of the Myerscough team, Apr 08 – Graham Bray again!

FOREST LIAISON

No report.

AINTREE LIAISON

John Harden had sent apologies. It was stated that everything was as before with regard to events at the circuit.

OTHER VENUES

Anglesey had seen two rallies this year, both very successful on the day. In the case of the Lee Holland Stages the organisers (Pendle District MC and Garstang & Preston MC) had been faced with insufficient entries near the closing date, but negotiated with the management to ensure that the event was held, thanks due to all concerned. There is a national problem due to competitors entering late, to hold onto their money and ensure they do not lose if they are unable to start the event. Clubs should consider their refund policy. Dates at Anglesey are a problem as Sprints have lost championship status due to being unable to get the preferred date, or suitable alternative, and it is hoped that this can be resolved by earlier settlement of calendars.

Weeton – Stockport 061 MC had run their event successfully, Blackpool South Shore MC are running next month.

PRESS OFFICER

Nothing to report

TRAINING

Mike Farnworth stated that this would be his last year of co-ordinating National and Regional Training, but has someone in mind to take over the important duty.

Training Days have been successful, pickup up lots of new recruits. Oulton Park had a very successful recruitment drive with about 60 new marshals who are now also appearing on non-race events such as Aintree sprints and rallies.

It is anticipated that Katy Mashiter will take on the role of Training Officer for the northern sector of the ANWCC, and the new official will take over the southern half.

RALLY \LIAISON OFFICER

No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Ashcroft put forward brief details of the Grand Prix Heritage Event to be part of the Liverpool City of Culture celebrations and held on 26/27th July on the King's Waterfront. There would be displays and a parade of Formula 1, GP, sports, saloons, 50's & 60's and it will be organised by the Aintree Circuit Club

with Longton & District MC. The event would highlight current motor sport industry in the North-West, which includes Ford's WRC team at Cockermouth, along with Jaguar, Chevron and many others.

The Pageant of Power to be held at Cholmondeley (Chumley) Castle in Cheshire on 9/10th August was attracting interest. Jim Spencer stated that a 4 metre wide tarmac road had been laid and would be a very fast sprint course, albeit lined with trees. The event is organised by BARC and it was suggested that the Association may wish to display there.

The Gold Cup meeting at Oulton Park, where ANWCC displayed in 2007, was scheduled for 24/26th August.

Steve Johnson stated that the CSMA Autotest and Autosolo meeting on 31st August would be at a new venue – the Lymm Truck Stop near the junction of the M56 and M6.

Steve Johnson offered to bring his 20-minute presentation on Young Drivers and Road Safety to the August meeting for showing to member clubs - this would be an abridged version of the course.

Jim Spencer raised the question on fuel sampling, as highlighted in the latest *Motorsports Now!* As a proposed rule change, whereby it will be mandatory for certain classes of cars (including stage rallies, sprints, hillclimbs) to be fitted with an FIA approved dry coupling to enable fuel samples to be taken. It was stated that a standard coupling costs less than £40 whereas the FIA approved part is in excess of £250. This was a good example of taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut, as the problem is caused by a small minority at top level who flaunt the regulations regarding fuel octane – and they should be penalised rather than making every club competitor suffer financially. The Association was to bring the complaint to the ears of the MSA at the next Regional meeting, basically asking the MSA what are they playing at.

The meeting closed at 2151 hours.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th August 2008, 2000 hours, at the Holiday Inn, Runcorn.

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Apologies for absence
Minutes of meeting held 13th May 2008
Matters arising
MSA reports
Correspondence
Reports
 General Secretary
 Treasurer
 Championships Co-Ordinator
 Forestry Liaison Officer
 Aintree Liaison Officer
 Other Venue Liaison
 Press Officer
 Training Officer
 MSA CTRL0
Any other business
Date and place of next meeting

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