

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 9th July 02

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Charlie Wheeldon (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Barry Jeffrey (Vice President), Jeff Parker (Registrar), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Andy Large (Marshals Training Officer), Howard Wilcock (Forestry Liaison Officer), Colin Mason (Road Rally Liaison Officer), Helen-Claire Stone (Press Officer).

Delegates From the Following 19 Member Clubs:

Lincoln, HRCR, Grimsby, NWMC, Notts SCC, Worksop, Dukeries, Matlock, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Rolls Royce, De Lacy, Eastwood, Peterborough, Lindholme, Compass Motorsport, Watling MC, Mercia Motorsports Club, Mid-Derbyshire, Carlton & DMC.

1. Apologies

Charles Potter (Vice President), Steve Ritchie (Multi Use Rally Co-ordinator), Tracy Wood (Multi-Venue Co-ordinator), Terry Kirby (CSMA), Simon Haas (Autotest Co-ordinator), John Symes (MSA), John Hickling (EDMC), Ian James (North Humberside), Jeff Moss (Dukeries)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Item 8, Appointment of FLO/RLO's. The chairman had taken the question of how the MSA appoint FLO/RLO to the MSA meeting. Some delegates at the previous EMAMC delegates meeting were not happy with the lack of any apparent input from the clubs. The method of selection is that appointments are made on the basis of a proposal by the outgoing FLO/RLO, & then ratification by the MSA. The MSA regard good communication with the FLO/RLO to be the way in which Associations can influence future changes.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the last Regional Committee, all items of which have now been reported in various MSA publications.

A few points are however worthy of note :-

- 3.1 14/28 day planning rule. All member clubs & individual members are urged to write to their MP, & the MP for the location of the venue, to try to get the proposed change stopped, or amended, such that planning permission for events on Private land would not be required. A copy of a suitable letter is on the LARA website, or there is one on the Watling MC site.
- 3.2 ANCC have complained that clubs are claiming to have 'invited clubs' (Blue Book B3.1.3) when in fact they don't have any written acceptance from the clubs concerned or the Association. The MSA stance is 'write to the clubs concerned'.
- 3.3 Mis-use or ignoring of SOS boards. Attention was drawn to the use of SOS/OK boards. In one case 26 cars passed a crashed competitor where the occupants were unconscious without any report being made. Other instances of competitors trying to nudge crashed cars out of the way in order to proceed were also reported. Consideration for the welfare others is therefore required.

4. Secretaries Report

The secretary reported a good response to the request for 2003 dates.

Newton & DMC had requested their Multi-venue rally return to the EMAMC championship in 2003. This was agreed in principle, the MV co-ordinator to handle the details.

An application for membership of EMAMC by Mercia Motorsports Club had been received. Their representative gave a brief outline of the make up of the club, it's membership & activities. Proposed Rolls-Royce, Seconded Peterborough. All in favour, bar one abstention.

Mercia MSC requested that their Mercia Road Rally be observed this year for possible inclusion in the Road Rally Championship in 2003. Action Charlie Wheeldon.

Dates of the forthcoming Inter Association events have been received from Steve Smith (Inter Association Event Co-ordinator). These are appended to the minutes.

A copy of a letter was received from Charlie Wheeldon answering criticism of the EMAMC Road Rally Championship by Roger Hage, a member of EDMC & ANEMMC.

Action : Charlie Wheeldon to follow up on any response.

Invites to the Rally of Kent, High Peak & 061 Road Rally & Sea King Stages have all been accepted on behalf of the EMAMC.

Lastly Steve Ritchie had tendered his resignation as Multi-Use co-ordinator due to work commitments. The EMAMC proposed a vote of thanks to Steve for his efforts in building up a successful Championship.

5. Treasurer's Report

Balances stood at £9050. Guy Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to Roger Ashmead for the standard of the accounts handed over.

55 Clubs had so far renewed their membership. Watling, Keighley & Bexley have still to pay. Watling replied that their 'Cheque was in the post' to the general amusement of those present. Sponsorship from ADR had been received as had the re-imbursements to the Marshals Training Day from the ANEMMC & the MSA.

The Treasurer informed the committee that for convenience he may move the EMAMC account from the TSB to Nat West. This was agreed subject to the terms of business being as good or better than the existing arrangement.

6. Registrar's Report

Registrations total 204 so far. Just over half of this number are 'newcomers' to their current championship registration, though not necessarily to EMAMC championships. The numbers are up on 2001 in all disciplines except for Multi-use contenders. Historic and Autotest registrations remain at low levels.

7. Championship Reports

Stage Rally – 4 Rounds held so far, 2 to go. Several new crews signed up for the Championship at the Dukeries round. A bulletin was issued before the Dukeries. Work continues on rounds for 2003. The co-ordinator also hoped that Richard Egger would continue to sponsor the Championship in 2003.

Action Tracy Wood to contact Richard Egger.

Multi Use

'There have now been 6 rounds of the championship, with 4 more to go & there is still all to play for. Unfortunately work commitments mean that I have to stand down from the Co-ordinators role. However to date this has been an encouraging year for the championship which is looking quite healthy. I should like to pass on my thanks to the sponsors, CJ Rallying and to all the competitors for their support.' Steve Ritchie.

Note :- During the meeting the Chairman approached Steve Flanagan of Sheffield Hallamshire to take on the role of Multi-use co-ordinator which Steve accepted – this was not however generally announced or voted upon. **Action Secretary to put co-opting of Steve Flanagan onto the August Exec agenda.**

Autotest – 4 rounds cancelled so the 2002 Championship is declared void. Remaining rounds this year will run as Dual Permit events with the aim of building a Championship for 2003. Richard Egger of Loughborough renewed his offer of an organisers training day & a contenders training day. Roger Ashmead resigned as Co-ordinator. Simon Haas of Rolls-Royce was proposed by RR as the new co-ordinator. Seconded Grimsby. Voting, all bar two FOR. Abstentions - two.

Action Simon Haas to liase with Richard Egger

Road Rally – The Matlock half-night rally had a full entry of 50 cars. There was just one irritant of the local Police stumbling on the event who had not been informed by HQ that the event was on. Lincoln MC suggested their practice of lodging information with the Police duty incident room including a contact telephone number which has been successful in reducing problems of this type.

Action Charlie Wheeldon to liase with Police HQ

Charlie Wheeldon requested that the EMAMC provide the £100 sponsorship for the Inter- Association event to be held in Scotland. Proposed – Worksop, Seconded – Carlton. Accepted unanimously.

The principle of sponsorship for all Inter Association events was then raised. It was agreed the Exec. would consider this & bring back proposals for the October meeting. **Action : Exec.**

8. Reduction of Speeds in Road Rallying

Chris Brown of the MSA Rallies committee reported on the MSA concern over speeds in Road Rallies. The MSA had become concerned about the number of high speed 4WD Turbo Cars e.g. Subaru Impreza appearing on some events, apparently some 20 of this type on one event in particular, with the question being asked 'Why is a 4WD Turbo 'Super car' required to average just 30 mph?' The point was also made that the MSA insurers are concerned over Road Rally speeds & may refuse to cover events, or indeed refuse to pay out for an incident where speed well in excess of the national speed limit is shown to be the prime contributor. Chris commented that far greater adherence to the Road Rally rules on distance/timing was required as events were being set too tough with the consequent need for high speed to keep up.

A lively discussion was held with many suggestions being put forward, including several received in advance in writing. Suggestions included a ban on 'Super cars' (due to their ease to be able to drive quickly), capacity limits (either overall or just for Standard cars), voluntary speed checks (& penalties) by the organisers. Alternatively some suggested that it would be easier to allow any car into events and one club suggested that the 'sanity of the driver' was perhaps the most telling influence on overall speed on an event. Comment was also made that some of the fastest & noisiest cars taking part are some of the historic class. Chris thanked the meeting for the input which will be used at the MSA Rallies meeting in August.

The Chairman invited Chris to make a further presentation at a future EMAMC meeting after the MSA meeting.

9. 2003 Championship dates review

The dates received to date were presented to those present. A current list is appended to these minutes.

10. MSA Officers Reports

FLO – The Chairman welcomed Howard Wilcock as the FLO for Sherwood & Northants. The FLO reported that he had been in discussion with the new Forestry District Officer who has come from East Yorkshire. He was very supportive of rallying & various proposals are in preparation e.g. road maintenance, access to venues etc.

RLO - Colin Mason reported good news (for himself) in that he is emigrating to Australia. His retirement as RLO is therefore imminent & a suggestion as to a replacement has been put forward to the MSA. The EMAMC Exec. are aware of the name suggested, and approve, but are not at liberty to publish this until the appointment is ratified by the MSA.

The EMAMC proposed a vote of thanks to Colin for his efforts as RLO and wish him well for the future.

11. EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – The Chairman welcomed Andy Large as the new Marshals Training Officer. Andy reported that the MSA initiative on Marshal Registration needs to be taken forward. There were many familiar faces at the Donington meeting, however a larger contingent of younger people are required. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome & endeavours will be made to obtain MSA funding/grants for Marshals Training.

Press Officer – Helen-Claire requested articles and black & white photos for a news letter.

Awards Secretary – Dennis reported that the 2002 Season Annual Dinner will be held on the 18th January 2003 at The Hostess Restaurant, Warsop and the seating limit is 160. After last years success the feeling is that people requesting tickets late may be disappointed. Dennis was asked to enquire if accommodation would be available this time around. **Action Dennis Turner**

Dennis requested that any trophies which have not been given out be returned to him for recycling. He also requested to be put on the distribution list for all Championship bulletins so keep up to date with the likely award winners. **Action : Championship co-ordinators**

Any Other Business

None

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2002 at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield. (Co-ordinators elections)