

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 8th October 2002

Present: Phil Foster, Roger Ashmead, Dennis Turner, Tracy Wood, Charlie Wheeldon, Helen-Claire Stone, Barry Jeffrey. Guest – Alan Dean-Lewis of the MSA.

Delegates From the Following Member Clubs:

HRCR, Grimsby, Lincoln MCC, CSMA (East Midlands), Matlock, Carlton, Dukeries, Mablethorpe, Notts SCC, Grantham Poachers, Eastwood, Lincs. Louth, Lindholme, Sheffield & Hallamshire, North Humberside, Mid Derbyshire, Rolls-Royce

1. Apologies

Guy Robinson, Jeff Parker, Anthony Northcote, De Lacy MC

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 08th July were agreed.
Proposed Notts SCC, Seconded Sheffield & Hallamshire.

Matters Arising

14/28 rule – this is not to change, however the Bill is to be redrafted & the current proposal would be to reduce motorsport to 14 days. Alan Dean-Lewis requested that any individual who had received a letter from their MP send a copy for his attention at the MSA.

Action : all club secretaries & delegates to pass the request on please.

Multi-use co-ordinator. The Exec. co-opted Steve Flanagan at the August exec. to replace Steve Ritchie. The multi-use championship has now been brought up to date.

Sponsorship of Inter-Association events. The Exec proposed that the EMAMC should support all EMAMC Inter Association event teams. The amount of that support to depend on the cost of the event & discussed at a meeting beforehand. Proposed Eastwood, Seconded Carlton, all in favour.

Action : The relevant championship co-ordinator to request funds one delegates meeting before the event.

2002 Awards Dinner – (Jan 18th at the Hostess Restaurant, Mansfield) – Dennis Turner confirmed that accommodation would not be available. Arrangements are therefore as 2001.

Charlie Wheeldon reported that there had been no further comeback from the complaints about the EMAMC road rally navigation rules from Roger Hage of Eastwood. – Matter closed.

3. Chairman's Report

The chairman reported on the 14/28 rule – see above.

Training & Development fund – there is a form on the MSA website for clubs to apply for funding.

Off-road committee are discussing helmet standards

Rallies committee – 4WD Turbo super cars , SOS boards – matters all rolled forward.

Safety committee – all matters rolled forward.

Inter Association events – the stage rally event was organised, & won, by Quinton.

John Symes – Risk Management report – a paper is to come out to clubs soon.

Colin Hilton's report mentioned marshal seminars – see later.

Strategic review committee – results due out soon

Regional committee meetings – have been reduced from 3 to 2 per annum.

All full reports are available from Phil Foster if any club or individual wishes to see them, the chairman then welcomed Alan Dean-Lewis of the MSA.

Alan Dean-Lewis MSA

Approx. 2600 people attended the rally seminars. These were intended to be a start only & the 'green' video sent to clubs was for reference only & not for marshals training. The official training video has been sent to Association Chairmen along with training information. There is an offer to issue copies to clubs on request to the MSA.

The position taken by the MSA is that membership of the marshals register is entirely voluntary & there is no MSA mandate that only MSA registered marshals shall be used on any rally. The position

taken by the organisers of the Network Q is that they wish all marshals to be registered. To obtain a registration card by the Network Q rally, applicants must have applied by the 31st October. The basic form must be endorsed by a club that the applicant has marshalled on three events. This is for a basic registration to grade 3.

A question was raised about how many marshals would be required for the rally. The reply was approx. 3000 points or 6000 marshals minimum.

Strategy group – there will be a report in the next MSA club bulletin.

FIA – licence requirements for events on mainland Europe. The MSA have been putting pressure on the FIA to relent on their requirement for competitors to have a full international licence for mainland Europe events – see MSA club bulletin 5.

Statistics

The seminars have shown that women play an important part in motor sport. Approx. 9% of race marshals, 15% of rally marshals & 6% of competitors are women.

Licensed officials – there are now 2750, up 10% on 2 years ago.

Officials – 138 over 65 with the oldest nearly 90.

Competitors – 7% over 50, 9% under 17.

Rallies – 5000 per average year, split 80% are road rallies, 20% stage.

Danger? – Motorsport ranks 12th of 14 in the dangerous sports league. The MOST dangerous sport in the UK is FELL WALKING with 82 deaths in 2002. Even conkers is now listed!

Interesting gadget – a helmet ‘airbag’. A useful tool for removal of a helmet without disturbing the wearers neck – approx. £10 apparently – a must for rescue crews.

Insurance – there is likely to be a big hike in Insurance premiums. The market is very jittery but also bullish about how much increase there will be. As a result permit rebates are likely to be low or nil.

Motor sport Council have talked about a 40-60% increase & some track day venues have experienced an 800% increase!

Child Protection Policy. The MSA does have a policy for karting. Extension of this to other disciplines is being considered.

Training Sessions for Marshals

Contact Andy Large or Anthony Northcote. ANEMMC are also going to do some sessions with Avril Clarke & EMAMC are requested to host a session in the ‘middle of the patch’.

Lindholme are having one session on 30th October.

Purpose of the register after the Network Q

Clubs will be able to write in & request a marshals list from the MSA – a disclaimer to this effect appears on the registration form. This list will be able to be sorted by region, however it will only be distributed by **e-mail**.

4. **Secretary’s Report**

The Secretary reported on the correspondence received since the last meeting.

- 4.1) Web site – Les Twigg has declined to quote further with regard to update of the web site. We therefore need a new webmaster. Barry Jeffery stood down as the EMAMC contact for the website. The Secretary agreed to take on the role. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Barry for his efforts with the website. The Secretary was requested to write directly to John Pegg to thank him for creating the website.

Action Secretary .

- 4.2) RLO Derbyshire
Derbyshire to be covered by John Thornhill in addition to Notts.
Peak National Park to be covered by Rob Bateman in addition to Staffs.
Effective 1st October

- 4.3) Request for updated club info. are out. Not many clubs have replied – yet. **Action all please**

- 4.4) Sponsorship of Inter Association events – Exec propose to subsidise all Inter Association Events considering each on it’s cost to enter , Road Rally continues at £100. Off-Road, Stage Rally & Autotest will be judged on their cost.

Action Co-ordinators to apply for funding one delegates meeting in advance of the event.

- 4.5) Rally of Kent – Moved to March 2003, likely 16th. Same date as Trackrod MU rally at Melbourne. Request to be observed for MV Championship in 2004. Memories suggested that the event may have been in the championship previously & may therefore be able to come back in directly.
Action Tracy Wood to investigate.
- 4.6) DRT Charity Stages Rally - 1st Dec 2002, Binbrook – invite accepted on behalf of EMAMC
- 4.7) Shenstone decided to stay with EMAMC & have paid their subscriptions. Bexley & Watling have also paid their subs to the EMAMC
- 4.8) Movement of events in the calendar. The secretary commented that events were being moved & EMAMC were not being informed. This was creating some clashes between different championship events. EDMC commented, that is not easy to project dates often more than 12 months in advance.
Action – all to please keep EMAMC informed as dates change.
- 4.9) De Lacy event in November has become Multi-venue due to it using just 0.25 miles of public road. There will be a total of 15 road miles in the event.

5. Treasurer's Report

Total income to date in 2002, £5,075.23
Total expenditure to date in 2002, £2,387.01.

Change of Bank Account. Guy has investigated changing from Lloyds/TSB to NatWest to make handling the account on a day to day basis easier. The terms on offer were reported as more favourable than the current bank account. Guy had proposed that he be present to answer questions before proposing a change. However the delegates in attendance at the meeting preferred to trust Guy's judgement & proposed the Treasurer be given authority to change immediately. Proposed Lindholme, Seconded Dukeries & all in favour.

Action Guy Robinson to change Banks.

6. Registrar's Report

We now have 222 registered competitors for 2002. Up 42 on 2001 & up in all categories in all championships.

7. Championship Reports

Stage Rally – Tracy Wood

Lots of options are in for next year it may be 7, 8 or even 9 rounds. The Mid Wales stages 11 May is definitely in. The Riponian stages will be observed in 2003 for 2004 inclusion.

There were 11 crews out on the Trackrod Rally Yorkshire. Results are now out & the Championship tables will be out by the end of the month.

Championship Sponsorship – **Action outstanding – Tracy Wood to contact Richard Egger**

Multi Use – Steve Flanagan

2002 Championship table has now been sorted out in accordance with the rules of the championship & published. A few registration anomalies have also been sorted out.

2003 will have 10 rounds with 8 to count.

Mablethorpes' Cadwell park event will be observed in 2003 for 2004 inclusion should it continue beyond 1 year. Mablethorpe/Carlton Wolds Rally will be in the 2003 championship.

Action Secretary to inform all multi-use organisers of the final list.

Much discussion took place about this 'split' & why the Mablethorpe event couldn't be included in the 2003 calendar, especially as it would contain most of the Wolds organising team.

Action Exec to consider the rule book & report back.

CJ Rallying will continue to support the Championship as before & not move to being a sponsor as such.

Road—Charlie Wheeldon

2002, 9 events run & 4 to run. All championships are still wide open with many potential winners. 6th bulletin issued recently. Entries (or intent to enter) were awaited from competitors in the Inter Association event in the Scottish borders on 16/17 Nov.. Note – the event starts at 7.30 p.m. & finishes at 2.00 am.

2003. An approach for sponsorship has been made to ADR, but no reply received as yet.. A contingency plan is in place if this falls through. The events list for 2003 is nearly complete. There will be 12 events with 3 events leaving the championship & 1 new one coming in.

For 2003 engine capacity classes are to be abolished & the awards split differently viz., first beginners, first lady etc. There will be no change to allowable cars for 2003, therefore 4WD Turbo cars remain until the MSA decides one way or the other.

The Historic class will continue for 2003.

Autotest – No report

8. **Election of Co-ordinators**

Multi-venue Stage Rally – Tracy Wood. Nominated by Notts Sports Car Club, Seconded CSMA and all in favour

Multi-use stage rally – Steve Flanagan. Nominated EDMC, Seconded Dukeries and all in favour.

Road Rally – Charlie Wheeldon. Nominated Matlock MC, Seconded Mid Derbyshire and all in favour.

Autotest – Simon Haas. Nominated Rolls-Royce, Seconded Lincoln MCC and all in favour.

10. **MSA Officer's Reports**

RLO – No report, however note the change to the Derbyshire RLO in the Secretaries report. The two relevant addresses are already in the EMAMC Yearbook

FLO – No report

11. **EMAMC Officer Reports**

Marshals Training – No report, except to add that Alan Dean-Lewis confirmed that funds are available for marshals training initiatives.

Press Officer – Helen-Claire. Contributions for a news letter have been nil received. Consignia have apparently lost the MU co-ordinators contribution, & there have been other broken promises of contributions to the news letter – but no names of course Mr Chairman. Seriously though, no contributions, no newsletter so it is up to everyone to contribute, large articles or small, snippets etc. send them to Helen at Helen-Claire@Orange.net, or via the Sec.

Awards Secretary –. Menus for the 2002 Awards dinner to be done soon. Trophies are due back by the next month - please remind your club members. Please note invoices will be sent to those award holders who are late returning their trophies in accordance with the agreement they signed at the awards presentation. Information will be circulated to the co-ordinators for distribution.

Action – Dennis to circulate the information

- Co-ordinators to send Dennis championship tables.

12. **Any Other Business**

12.1 Website

To re-iterate the EMAMC requires a new webmaster. Some enquiries are to be made by the Sec. into professional webmasters. Several delegates offered suggestions as to possible replacements.

Action Charlie Wheeldon & John Hickling

13. **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 7th Jan 2003 at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

14. **Please also note delegates meeting dates for 2003**

Tuesday 7th January., Tuesday 8th April – AGM, Tuesday 8th July, Tuesday 7th October

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd.