

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 7th January 2003

Present: Phil Foster, Roger Ashmead, Dennis Turner, Tracy Wood, Guy Robinson, Helen-Claire Stone, Barry Jeffrey, Jeff Parker. Guest – Mike Broad - MSA.

Delegates From the Following Member Clubs:

Matlock, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Worksop, HRCR, Grimsby, Lincoln MCC, CSMA (East Midlands), Watling, Carlton, Peterborough, Rolls-Royce, Mid-Derbyshire, North Humberside, Quinton, Notts. SCC.

1. Apologies

Charlie Wheeldon, Anthony Northcote, Andy Large, John Thornhill, Simon Haas, Carlton, Dukeries, Eastwood

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 09th October were agreed.
Proposed Sheffield & Hallamshire, Seconded CSMA.

Matters Arising

Carlton & DMC – Thurlby Motors – Cadwell Park Rally

This item was discussed by the Exec. The Exec position was to back the Multi-use co-ordinators decision to not allow this rally immediate Championship status. The proposal brought back to the meeting was that rule 7.5.1 would stay as is on the basis that this sort of issue does not arise very often. Proposed Lincoln, Seconded Rolls-Royce, all in favour.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed Mike Broad, representing the MSA to the meeting.

Regional committees for 2003 will be 20th May & 3rd September.

Change of MSA Safety & Medical Radio frequencies. This has been a subject on the cards for some time, however the regulatory authorities have pulled the plug & as of **01 June 03** the new frequency of 81FM will be in force. This topic generated a lot of discussion with information pouring out such as

- a) the MSA don't actually have the licence for the new frequency yet
- b) the spec. for the new radio is high & at present only one type of set will meet it. New sets cost ~£400 & at present there are no second hand sets available.
- c) the new equipment must be MSA certified.
- d) as the EMAMC has lodge a development plan, EMAMC clubs could apply to the MSA for development funds to assist with the cost of replacing radio sets they own.
- e) for more info talk to Brian Avery.

Eligible cars for road rallying – EMAMC has NOT banned 4WD Turbo cars from the 2003 Road Rally Championship (as was reported in the Motorsport News). It is the AWMCC that have done so.

As fallout from this Jonathon Mudd of MSN has agreed, by way of apology, to publish EMAMC info about forthcoming events, results etc. Co-ordinators may send material direct to JM at MSN, however pieces plugging the EMAMC sponsors are unlikely to be published – they will not advertise our sponsors for free - unfortunately.

4. Secretary's Report

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

4.1) The Secretary has written to John Pegg to thank him for creating the original website.

4.2) RLO Derbyshire

John Thornhill sent his apologies & some information relating to how events would be approved for Derbyshire in future. Please see the attached letter.

4.3) The John Overend stages have moved to the 18th May at Melbourne Airfield.

4.4) The Sea King Stages (Aug17th) has been cancelled due to withdrawal of the venue by the site organisers. It would appear this is to do with the amount of revenue generated from the event compared to the motor bike meeting that replaces it. This action was taken without discussion with North Humberside MC.

- 4.5) Rally acceptances
The following have been accepted on behalf of the EMAMC – Wellington Stages, 8th March at Hixon Airfield, Robin Hood Stages – Lindholme MC, Mablethorpe/Carlton MC – Thurlby Motors in February.
- 4.6) The Sec. apologised for getting two of this years meeting dates on the wrong Tuesday of the month, accordingly the October meeting is moved to 14th October. The other dates remain as previously published.
- 4.8 Anthony Northcote had offered to assist Dennis Turner with the awards evening.
- 4.9) Website. The website has been transferred to the custody of the Designory of Doncaster. The site is currently being rebuilt to match the software being used by Designory & will be relaunched on the 16th January. It will include a banner advert for our sponsors on the relevant Championship pages & a separate sponsor's section. There will be a monthly update. Closing date for updates will be the **21st of each month**. After that it is wait a month. Please send any updates to EMAMCsecretary@AOL.com or by post.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Total in the bank at the year's end was £9k

Projected profit for 2002 will be £200. This is drawn down by an increased awards cost (to £1100, £200 up) & the website (first half) rebuild cost of £250.

Change of Annual Accounts auditing procedure.

The Treasurer proposed that the task of preparing the accounts be taken over by Mills & Black of Chesterfield for a fee of £100. Proposed Sheffield & Hallamshire, Secoded Worksop, all in favour.

6. **Registrar's Report**

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Jeff for the early production of the 2003 Yearbook.

To date we have 48 registered competitors for 2003. 25 Road rally, 7 Stage rally, 4 Multi Use stage rally, 6 Historic rally, 5 Millennium & 1 Autotest.

7. **Awards Secretary**

To date 105 people had ordered tickets for the Awards dinner – at this rate some people will be unable to enjoy the dinner as 160 is the maximum. All bar one of the class winners were already booked in to attend – a huge improvement on a year ago.

Dennis made a few suggestions about how to improve the evening further based on observations by Stuart Turner at a separate previous awards evening.

A press photographer was to be invited to the dinner – **Action Helen-Claire Stone**

8. **Review of Rallying in the UK – Mike Broad**

Mike talked about how this review came about from a discussion with Colin Hilton about reviewing the BRC. From this, the task has widened into a review of rallying activity across the UK. Mike's objective is to ultimately propose things that are achievable, however in the first instance suggestions & comments about rallying & how it may be improved are welcome.

He started his review with stage rally drivers as opposed to organisers or co-drivers on the basis that the majority of the budget often comes from the driver. The basic message was that the Driver seems to want affordable motor sport.

From there he has spoken to MSA Championship co-ordinators & has had interesting preliminary discussions with the Forestry commission as the devolution into 3 commissions may affect costs. Motorsport is the Forestry Commissions second highest income after trees, but revenue is slowly falling.

Insurance is an area yet to be investigated; for instance the issue of insurance being done in discreet mileages was felt to be something carried over from the BTRDA.

Mike intends to talk to rally organisers (he had his ear well bent by the North Humberside delegates on the night!)

Issues that have popped out are a desire to rationalise classes in the BRC so a competitor can start at the bottom & follow a path all the way through to BRC & beyond. The current BRC class structure is regarded as unwieldy & not easy to understand. A comparison to other countries e.g. Finland show the UK to have an additional strata of competition between novice & outright BRC contender. Then there are pace notes, in Finland all club rallying & 'juniors' (under 27) is done without pace notes. Only the Finnish Championship (7 events) uses pace notes.

In Finland there are 4 classes, under & over 2 litre Gp N, under & over 2 litre Gp A & they have four champions each year.

Another area for review is the levels of licences & in what size of car a person may start rallying with upward progress then based on results. There were other comments about central servicing (copying the WRC) & more on pace notes.

It is fairly obvious from the above that the main thrust of the review is the running of the BRC. Mike stressed this has to be done in a business like fashion while offering value for money per event.

My ears picked up when it was stated that there was a desire at the MSA that all rally cars should be taxed & insured including single venue cars. I had to ask, why? In this case I made Mike aware that this would be a very unpopular move for rallying at the bottom end of the rally budget.

The review is ongoing & your comments are welcome, but send them soon please. Send them direct to MikeBroad@irmshcer.co.uk or by post to 56, Heritage Court, Litchfield, Staffs, WS14 9SD before the end of March.

9. Championship Co-ordinators Reports

Multi Venue Stage Rally – Tracy Wood

Richard Egger will once again be sponsoring the Championship this year to the tune of £500, he will also be arranging the car stickers. **Action Guy to send an invoice to Tracy**

2003 Championship includes the Rally of Kent but could not include the Mid Wales stages due to a date clash with the Rally of Wales (no, not the Wales Rally GB!)

First round of the Championship is the Kall Kwik.

Multi Use – Steve Flanagan

2003 was to have 10 rounds with 8 to count, however we have already lost the Sea King stages in August so it is 9 rounds 7 to count. Consensus was that a reserve event could be included if all contenders signed up.

The Inter Association Stage Rally event will be held at Swinderby on the 6th September hosted by Mablethorpe on behalf of the ANEMMC. Assistance will be requested/accepted from any other Association member so as to make a successful event.

A question was raised as to what constitutes a team.

Action Phil Foster to raise at the next ANEMMC meeting on 13th Jan.

A further question was raised about monetary support for the EMAMC team. It was decided to review this later depending on how many teams wish to enter & the cost of the event.

Road –Charlie Wheeldon

All results are in & final for 2002. The print for the awards evening has also been completed.

2003 begins with Peterborough's Alnyte Rally on the 25th 26th Jan.

To re-iterate the EMAMC has NOT banned 4WD Turbo cars from the 2003 Road Rally championship.

Autotest – Simon Haas - No issues to report at present

10. MSA Officer's Reports

RLO – Report from John Thornhill appended. The two relevant addresses for the Derbyshire RLO arrangement are already in the EMAMC Yearbook.
FLO – No report

11. EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – There is a marshals training day at Donington Park on the 26th Jan. Starting at 9.00 am & finishing at 3.00 p.m. People wishing to attend **must** phone Andy Large on 01773-748416 or e-mail to andrew@clowns-nursery.co.uk. A packed lunch is required. Meet at Redgate Lodge.

Numbers attending will determine the training done on the day. A rally stage will be done if enough people attend as will the MSA training module else it will focus all on race marshal training.

Press Officer – Helen-Claire. reported that the e-mail was not working & please to use helenclairestone@hotmail.com instead. Please resend anything sent to her recently.

12. Any Other Business

PCT's. Mike Jones of S&H (& the trials committee of the BTRDA & MSA) was at the meeting & raised the possibility of running an EMAMC PCT Championship. Mike was encouraged to write to the Association members to see who may be interested in running an event. The delegates were agreed to run a Championship on a start up basis as the Autotest with free registration for the first year.

Roland English was the last PCT co-ordinator & was to be approached as to a set of Championship rules as a basis to start from.

13. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

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

14. Please also note delegates meeting dates for 2003

, Tuesday 8th April – AGM, Tuesday 8th July, Tuesday 14th October

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

Appendix

John Thornhills letter – (edited just a little to keep us to four pages - RA)

There are some points and comments which I would like you to convey to Delegates and Executives on my behalf. Firstly I am both pleased and honoured to be RLO for Derbyshire as well as continuing in my role as RLO for Nottinghamshire. I wish to make it clear that I shall carry on being fair and impartial in all matters relating to the running of our sport as it affects my remit, in my contact with clubs and organisers and in my dealings with MSA, the Police and the Public.

To clarify, organisers should submit all Derbyshire routes to me with a copy of sections traversing the Peak District National Park to Rob Bateman. In the first instance, any matters arising out of PR complaints from the Police both prior and after events will be dealt with by me.

I would like to ask all organisers to respect the fact that well over twenty events affecting the public highway are already scheduled for 2003 in Notts. and Derbys. It is therefore very important that route submission dates are adhered to, three months for a permit event and four weeks for a waiver or exemption event. Some clubs are regularly late! If it becomes a problem I won't shirk from refusing such routes. Please also, contact your RLO by all means but at a reasonable hour - 7.30pm to 9.30pm weeknights and try to avoid Sunday.

Last point, the EMAMC yearbook is incorrect and contains a phone number for me several years old. My contact details are: Phone/fax 01773 785927 (H) 0115 854 1506 (Daytime) 07976 152416 (mob) email - john.thornhill3@ntlworld.com

I look forward to seeing many of you out an about on events.

Best regards, John Thornhill RLO Notts. /Derbys