

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 13th July 04

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Charlie Wheeldon (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator), Barry Jeffery (Vice President), Andy Large, Roger Hage (Registrar), Alan Dean-Lewis (MSA).

Delegates From the Following 15 Member Clubs:

Rolls-Royce MC, Nottingham Sports Car Club, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Matlock Motor Club, CSMA, Lincoln Motorcycle & Car Club, HRCR, Grimsby Motor Club, Dukeries Motor Club, Carlton & District Motor Club, Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, Eastwood & District Motor Club, Lindholme MSC, Knutsford & DMC, High Peak & 061 MC, Mablethorpe & DMC, Ecurie Royal Oak MC

1. Apologies

John Thornhill (RLO), The Motor Cycling Club, North Humberside MC

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes for April meeting did not recognise Barry Jeffery as an attendee.

With the above addition the minutes were proposed a true record by NSCC, Seconded S&H & all in favour.

Matters arising.

2.3 The acceptable technical spec. for a noise meter, write to the Technical Committee to seek guidance on allowable variation. Calibration - how long is it valid for? Outstanding

Action Sec. for the October Meeting

2.5 Vehicular access to green lanes. **Phil Foster** had consulted with the ANEMCC.

7.2 The matter of proposals for a format to define the overall rally champion was deferred.

Action Steve Flanagan for the October meeting.

3 Chairman's Report

There was a Regional Committee on the 19th May.

On the issue of access to Green Lanes, DEFRA had received a huge response (16 thousand letters) & it's members were overwhelmed. A re-think is underway & the outcome will be published as soon as it is available. A dialogue between LARA & DEFRA is ongoing for a 'code of conduct' for responsible clubs to embed into any legislation.

Graham Stoker reported 3 main issues

- a) The Blue Book requires simplification
- b) The MSA & its committees need to have better links with 'grass roots motorsport'
- c) Communication needs to improve between clubs & the associations and the MSA.

Colin Hilton

The MSA had a good year in 2003. It put £300k into training trust & working groups are to be set up to oversee the use of this fund for recruitment & training of marshals in particular.

The MSA is looking inward at it's own structure & disciplines.

2005 will see the application of the Mike Broad blueprint for Rallying.

Karting will have a regional committee of Karting Clubs.

A review of judicial procedures is ongoing.

A review of rules for duty of care is ongoing particularly w.r.t youngsters.

Club Development Fund - this has returned to a more normal level of activity in 2004 following the use of £30k in 2003 to subsidise 593 rally radios. There are 6 projects in 2003 amounting to £4650 with a further £6200 in reserve, some of which will go toward the Club & Marshal of the Year.

Nominations for Club of the Year need to be in by September. If you want EMAMC to nominate your club you need to contact the Sec.

Marshal register stands at 10,000 total. 6500 are rally marshals. Note the licences are now for 2 years. A list of marshal training days is on the MSA website.

The Blue Book is now on the website.

Off road - the JDV formula has been very successful.

Rallies committee are looking to standardise the rules for the 'practice rally' for competitors in multi-use rallies. Re-fuelling areas - no proposal as yet.

Seat belts - the FIA lead is proposed to be followed & the items to be life limited.

Media Tabards - these will be numbered to aid identification of bone fide media.

The role of 'O' cars & the manner of their driving is to be examined.

Use of SOS/OK boards & warning triangles is under review.

Rallytrack gave a presentation to rallies committee. No further info. at present.

There was a debate over the use of 'D' to distinguish disabled competitors.

Nat B timekeepers - see A.O.B.

Inter association events

Stage Rally - this will be the Plains Rally in September, a BTRDA round.

PCT was the Wye Valley in June

Road Rally will be the Northern Ireland - 12 Nov

Autotest - was to be 12 Aug but was cancelled for lack of entries

Autocross - TBD

4 Secretaries report

4.1 An application to join the Association was presented by Knutsford MC. The club are one of the largest in the country & were runners up in the Club of the Year competition 2003. They are members of the ANWCC & WAMC. Amongst other events they run the Plains Stage Rally a BTRDA round, are active in Autotesting hosting a BTRDA round & have a number Historic Rally members. They run an Historic Road Rally and have 53 registered marshals.

Proposed to be members of the EMAMC by Matlock MC, Seconded by Nottingham Sports Car Club. All those present were in favour, therefore a warm welcome to Knutsford MC.

Action Sec. to write to Knutsford MC

Action Registrar to please send their Sec. some Year Books.

4.2 A second application had been received to join the Association from Malton MC. The club has 120 members & runs 12 car rallies, the Ryemoor Trophy Road Rally, the Malton Forest Rally in December & autotests. Most of their members are competitors with only a few registered marshals. Proposed to be members of the EMAMC by Dukeries & seconded by Eastwood & DMC. All those present were in favour, therefore a warm welcome also to Malton MC.

Action Sec. to write to Malton MC

Action Registrar to please send their Sec. some Year Books.

Action Treasurer to invoice Malton MC for subs. to year end 2004

4.3 The following clubs had invited the EMAMC to their events & all have received replies from the sec. Mablethorpe for the Wolds Rally, Eastwood & DMC for the Phoenix Stages & Harold Palin Stages & Sheffield & Hallamshire for the Centenary Stages.

4.4 A letter had been received from Daphne White seeking signatures to a petition against violent Internet pornography. While sympathising with the cause, it was not felt that this was something the clubs wanted to be involved with. **Action Sec to reply to DW.**

5 Treasurer's Report

The following clubs have now paid Bexley, Cambridge, Kettering, Loughborough, North Humberside, RAFMSA. Thank you. The following clubs are still outstanding subs, Glossop, South Bank & Worksop.

For the sponsorship both the Multi Venue Stage Rally & the Road Rally sponsorships were outstanding. **Action Tracy Wood & Charlie Wheeldon respectively.**

6 Allan Dean-Lewis MSA

Phil Foster welcomed Alan to the meeting who then spoke on a variety of topics.

Marshals register - 2000 more MSA tabards were ordered recently (10wks delivery) & the register has increased by 500 recently. In terms of licence upgrades the MSA have concentrated on increasing the numbers in grade 3 to grade 2. The next stage is to get upgrades from grade 2 to grade 1.

Club Development fund - the MSA has been having trouble giving money away, clubs were encouraged to apply for development fund monies. Subsidies for rally radios are also still available. MSA website - there is a password required to get into the revised website to be able to do club updates - again clubs are encouraged to obtain a password & update their information.

The 2004 blue book is now online in pdf format, however it does not contain any of the updates.

Club officials - this book is badly out of date. For 2005 the events dates list is to go on the website.

Club mini-webs on the MSA site are to be linked to the main database, which should help keep them more up to date.

Permits for smaller events are now available on line - Alan said soon, I believe this has been launched.

Event regs - research suggests fewer clubs are producing traditional regs. Clubs were encouraged to look at their own rules to see if they covered the use of electronic information.

A profile of your club can go on the MSA website, 300 words maximum, include the club logo. These should be sent to Alan Dean-Lewis (adean-lewis@msauk.org) or the usual address.

Children in Sport - motorsport is recognised as relatively low-risk, however a Child Protection policy will be put in place during 2005.

Insurance problems - there was a case in the USA recently where a woman was awarded compensation for slipping on a drink she split! (Almost unreal)

Judicial review - this is about the fair application of justice e.g. do we really need the number of levels of appeal we currently have in place? In particular with respect to karting, currently there is no method to penalise the parents. This is being looked at.

Insurance again - the insurance for paramedics has gone to £600. The MSA has been requested to assist but cannot directly. The cost must be met by the sport, however the MSA is trying to broker a deal with the Insurance companies.

A new class of medical assistants is to be licensed. A panel of 12 doctors is currently trying hammer out a definition.

SOS/OK boards - the first competitor must stop at a stopped/off/rolled etc. rally car if no SOS/OK board is exhibited. The second competitor must stop at the next radio point & report the incident.

This rule has been introduced to ensure that crews in need of medical assistance get it. The onus is therefore also on competitors who simply break down to show their OK board as quickly as possible to prevent disruption to following crews.

Impact of the National Minimum Wage - some sports have volunteers who are paid. This is being monitored as it has been criticised.

Cruises - one recent event wanted the use of a noise meter - for the loudest sound system in the car! The next cruise - 21st August 04.

The issue of competent timekeepers was raised.

Nat B timekeepers - the EMAMC list dates to 2000 & the Blue Book Rules say to take timekeepers names from the regional list. An enquiry form as to whom your Nat B timekeepers are is appended.

Clubs to provide the information requested & send it back to the Sec. **Action ALL.** The Sec. then to forward the list to the MSA in time for the October timekeepers list. Note there is no formal course of training for a Nat B timekeeper, timekeepers must be nominated by clubs, club input is therefore very important.

7 Registrar's Report - Roger Hage

We have 226 registered contenders, just 2 short of the 2002 total of 228, up in all categories except Historic Road rally. Financially this has contributed RR £390, Multi venue £318, Multi use £402 & Historic Rally £48. Total £1158.

Multi-use	67
Multi venue	53
Historics	10
Road	96 (of which 31 are registered as Novices)

As a reminder Roger Hage is at 18 Hawthorn Rise, Barrow upon Humber, DN19 7TH, tel. 01469 532731, & mobile 07765 006288.

An EMAMC website analysis shows that the most popular destination after the home page is the Road Rally with a 13% hit rate. Matlock, Grantham Poachers & Eastwood & DMC are the three clubs accessed most often through the website links & 'ADR accident repair centres' is the most popular non direct link or search phrase used to reach the EMAMC site. How do people find your club?

8 Championship Co-ordinators Reports

8.1 Multi Venue Stage Rally – Tracy Wood

Chris Draycott is leading the drivers' championship. Dukeries are the leading club. There are 2 rounds to run. To date there have been no questions or complaints about the championship.

8.2 Multi Use – Steve Flanagan

The Ecurie Royal Oak event at Wilbarston was cancelled. The championship is therefore 9 events but still 7 to count. Next rounds Manby - Opposite Lock stages & EDMC - Phoenix stages.

- 8.3 *Road Rally* - Charlie Wheeldon
4 events gone only, with the mid summer recess about to finish. Regs out for the next two events.
The navigation seminar was held & various changes proposed to allow some variation in the rules for 2005. These rules may be applied in 2004 providing that there are no objections received from the current competitors when they are balloted with the next bulletin.

9 MSA Officer's Reports

RLO (John Thornhill)

A letter has been sent to all clubs requesting adherence to the time scale for notification of event information to the RLO. Several clubs have been late with the info. for events in the Notts. & Derbyshire area. In future events will not be approved if the information is late.

John Thornhill was running a classic car run on Sun Aug 15th in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Chairman Input - An e-mail was received from Bill Troughear about use of 'green lanes' in the Peak District. There was to be a LARA meeting with the Derbyshire County Council for a Peak District Park Code of Practice at Bakewell on the 22/23 July. Charlie Wheeldon agreed to represent the EMAMC at the meeting. ANCC were also sending a representative.

Action Chairman to forward the e-mail to CW.

FLO – (Howard Wilcock) - No report

10 EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – Andy Large

Annual training day at There is a possibility of arranging some marshals training at Derby Uni. in 2005.

Press Officer – Position vacant.

The task can be 'moulded to suit' if someone wishes to take it on.

Awards Secretary - Dennis Turner

The date for the 2004 awards dinner has been set at January 15th 2005.

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Date change - Matlock MC Guy Fawkes autotest 2005 will go to 6th Nov.

11.2 Barry Jeffery requested that he would prefer that anyone wishing to consider use of his timekeeping equipment would contact him direct. 01773-748361

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th October at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd.

TO ALL EMAMC MEMBER CLUBS

31st August 2004

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION RALLY TIMEKEEPERS

It has become noticeable that a number of Chief Timekeeper names appearing in event regulations, as far as the Associations records are concerned, may not have the requisite approval.

To enable the EMAMC to hold an up to date approved register of **Nat B timekeepers for manual timing** we need your assistance. Please could you submit to the Association secretary **no later than 9th October 2004**, the following information of any member of your motor club who has/could fulfil this official position.

Please provide the name of the nominating club, the nominees' full name, address, including postcode, and telephone number of your nomination(s). We would respectfully suggest that reference be made to the following MSA yearbook regulations covering this issue.

C 7.2.7 – 7.2.9

K 3.12 – 3.12.4

K 17.2

K 30.1

FF 3.1.3

A detailed list of nominated Rally Timekeepers will then be submitted to the MSA for their consideration and approval at the October 2004 timekeeping meeting. The approved list will then be printed in the EMAMC 2005 yearbook.

If at a later date your club needs to amend, for whatever reason, its Rally Timekeeper nominations then please repeat the above procedure as and when required.

Thank you for your kind co-operation and we would appreciate an early response to this important subject.

Data Protection Act

Names & addresses will be held on a computer database. They will only be supplied to the MSA and the list copied to bone fide EMAMC clubs. The information will be used for no other purpose.

THE EMAMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE