

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 12th October 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), Roger Hage (Registrar).

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, Dukeries Motor Club, Carlton & District Motor Club, Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, Eastwood & District Motor Club, Lindholme MSC, Knutsford & DMC, High Peak & 061 MC, Ecurie Royal Oak MC, BARC Midlands, Grantham Poachers MC, North Humberside MC.

1. Apologies

The Motor Cycling Club

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

One point of clarification, the EMAMC requested information on club timekeepers to be on the Regional Association list. Listing by the EMAMC does not bestow the same status as being an MSA listed Nat B timekeeper, it only allows the person to officiate at a Nat B event using hand held timing equipment.

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

Matters arising.

- 2.1 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. to chase a reply for January
- 2.2 Overall rally champion proposal. Steve Flanagan to talk to Tracy Wood for a consensus proposal.
- 2.3 Sponsorship monies. Both Multi-venue stage & Road Rally sponsorship monies had not been forthcoming. **Action co-ordinators to chase.**
- 2.4 Peak District National Park - the meeting did not go ahead.

3 Chairman's Report

- The Motor Sport Development Board has £16m to spend in various areas e.g. £350k to Donington for circuit widening, the MSA initiative to get participation by 'disadvantaged' groups, more women in motor sport & the cruise sport events where touring assemblies lead to Donington for a session showing off & timed runs. In conjunction with the ACU is training for marshals & officials & they get £50k to carry this out.
- The talent development working group is looking to find 3 to 5 individuals for development support in 2005.
- Risk management report. There is a team looking at the management of risk & the MSA procedures.
- British Rally Championship. Dates list announced but no sponsors yet.
- Judicial review has been completed & adopted by the Motor Sports council - all the details in Motor Sports Now, but there will be tough rules for parents of young karters in particular.
- The MSA Child protection policy - a proposal was put forward by the ANEMC. This seems to have met with general acceptance & is available for comment.
- Changes are ahead in terms of legislation relating to route authorisation. Currently the DoT delegates this responsibility to the RAC. This is to be transferred to the MSA.
- Forest Enterprise - discussions on going about mileage fees for next year - See also Forest Liaison Officer report
- LARA & the MSA with DEFRA are to take part in a new initiative relating to motor vehicles & rights of way. News is hopeful for authorisation for responsible groups.

Special committees
Off road

- Tyres & their aggressiveness i.e. tread pattern, are under examination.

- SOS/OK boards - they are going to have to use them. The committee is still debating the height of the letters!
- Trialling - a pig tail spring can be used to mount the arrows.
- A draft safety plan has been agreed as a guide for events.

Rallies Committee

- K.22 is under review at present - relates to eligible vehicles for road rallies. 'There is talk of a ban on 4WD & turbo vehicles.' - the committees chairman then said NOT. An ongoing debate.
- Stopping at the scene of an accident. This issue is being discussed with respect to multi-use events.
- Service area operation - see the club manual on the MSA web.
- Signing on sheet - apparently the one on the web site had the old declaration on it. Check you are using the correct form.
- Discipline of officials - considering the performance of their duties on safety grounds.
- Inter Association events - Stage Rally was the Plains Rally. Road Rally will be the 12/13 Nov in Northern Ireland for which regs are available.
- Road Rally Inter Association Events in the future - 2005 AWMMC, 2006 ASEMC, 2007 ANWMC, 2008 AWMC.
- 2005 Autocross event will be AEMC
- SOS/OK board letters in rallies ctte - 12cm high with stroke of 1.5cm

Training & Development

The club development fund trustees met. There were 4 application for funding. To date that makes just 13 applications & £13,350 has been awarded. Clubs may look for match funding, safety related claims seem to have the biggest success & sometimes venue development (a point here for those running various single venues perhaps - Sec). The average award is 35%.

The chairman has all the committee documents - anyone wishing to read this info, call Phil Foster.

4 Secretaries report

Invitations received & accepted from various events as listed on the agenda.

Sweet Lamb Forest Rally - this was reported as well organised. The paperwork was thorough & comprehensive. The event will therefore be considered for the 2005 championship.

The MSA has circulated a list of paramedics & doctors to all club secs. The EMAMC Sec. will retain a copy just in case.

Nominations were made by the EMAMC for marshal of the year & club of the year.

Timekeepers. Response from clubs has been poor relating to names & addresses of timekeepers to go onto the Association list, only CSMA, Dukeries, EDMC, Mid Derbyshire & Lincoln MCC have replied. The requirement stands for all clubs to pass the name of people carrying out hand held timing operations for Nat B events to the Association for MSA ratification. Clubs who only use MSA registered timekeepers need not reply.

5 Treasurer's Report - Guy Robinson

Glossop & South Bank are the only two outstanding clubs not to have paid for 2004.

The accounts are showing a £1000 profit at present. The stage rally & road rally sponsorship is still to come in. However the expense of the awards will be £1100 approx.

There is £9000 in the bank accounts.

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

6 Registrar's Report - Roger Hage

We have 238 registered contenders, up in all categories except Historic Road rally & represent the highest total for 6 years.

Multi-use	72
Multi venue	57
Historics	11
Road	99 (of which 34 are registered as Novices)

The subject of registration fees for 2005 was raised & it was decided to maintain the registration fee at £6 per championship.

Items for the 2005 Yearbook were requested from the co-ordinators as soon as is possible but by the end of November latest.

All clubs are also requested to update their contact names & addresses a.s.a.p. with info to the secretary please by the end of November, after that the book will be closed for press.

7 Championship Co-ordinators Reports

7.1 *Multi Venue Stage Rally* – Tracy Wood

Chris Draycott is still leading the drivers' championship with Steve Peatman leading the co-drivers table. Dukeries are the leading club. There was 1 round to run at the meeting date.

For 2005 there will be three new events & one event will leave the championship - the Rally of Kent. The organisers had indicated that due to low entries from the EMAMC they would understand if the rally did not appear in the 2005 calendar. The new events would be the Plains Rally, Malton Forest Rally (subject to observation later this year) and Sweet Lamb Stages.

Action - Tracy to send an invoice for the Stage Rally Championship to Competition Car Insurance

7.2 *Multi Use* – Steve Flanagan

1 event left to run, the Lynn Stages. Chris Platt of ERO has secured the drivers title. S&H are leading the club championship.

For 2005 there will be a new sponsor as Noble Motorsport bow out. The 2005 Championship sponsor will be Rainworth Skoda, along with the two supporters, CJ Rallying & Rallycodriver.co.uk. Final calendar is not yet decided.

7.3 *Road Rally* - Charlie Wheeldon

3 rounds left & all the top positions are open to competition. There have been no responses to the Inter Association event.

2005 Championship was 95% complete. Next year the Championship will be sponsored by A.B, Motorsport.

A letter indicating which events have been chosen was due to go out to the clubs.

Scrutineers

For 2005, scrutineers for road rallies are recommended to be MSA registered. For 2006 this will be mandatory.

Historic contenders

Ideas for ways to attract more historic contenders would be appreciated. Phil Foster reported that for 2005 the HRCR have a road rally championship whereby the night event would be more similar to our road events & the daytime events would continue to be very navigational. It is a split championship.

The Association championship is now limited to 12 events by the MSA rules.

Phil Foster then proposed a vote of thanks to Charlie Wheeldon for all the hard work put in over the years & all were in favour.

8 Election of Championship Co-ordinators

- 8.1 Multi-venue Stage Rally
Tracy Wood was proposed by Nottingham Sports Car Club, Seconded by S&H. There were no other candidates. Tracy was unanimously approved.
- 8.2 Multi-use stage rally
Steve Flanagan was proposed by Grantham Poachers MC & Seconded by Lincoln MCC. There were no other candidates. Steve was unanimously approved.
- 8.3 Road Rally
Charlie Wheeldon stepped down after many years of service in this role. There were no nominations for a successor. It has to be said it will be difficult to sustain the successful Road Rally Championship without a co-ordinator & clubs are asked to enquire among their members as to interest in the post. It can also be said that most of the work relating to setting up 2005 has already been done so it would be an easy introduction. Any volunteers to please contact the Secretary.

9 MSA Officer's Reports

RLO (John Thornhill)

No report

FLO – (Howard Wilcock) - No report but Anthony Northcote made a report.

A rise in stage mileage costs looks likely for 2005. No final decision yet.

The 'Right to Roam' does not cover cultivated forest & therefore most mileage used by EMAMC events is unaffected by this legislation.

10 EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – Andy Large

Anthony Northcote reported a national series of events

Sun 23rd January - York,

27th February Rodbaston (M6/A6 junction) - modules for upgrade from grade 2 to grade 1 will be running.

There is a possibility of arranging some marshals training at Derby Uni. in 2005 - date TBA

Training day at Donington - date TBA

Sheffield University - date TBA - someone from the MSA will be in attendance.

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 is January 15th 2005, application forms for tickets to go out soon.

Please note trophies are due back by the end of November, a letter to each trophy holder will be sent out.

11 Topic for discussion - seeding on events

This sparked a frank exchange of views & a series of suggestions, needless to say no one method is fool proof. It would also appear that competitors are sometimes lazy & rely on their name to get them a good seeding or misrepresent their results to achieve the same end, neither of which helps the organisers.

EDMC offered the view that seeding should never be left just to one person, they stack into groups 1-10, 11-20 etc, based on the entry form results presented, then seed within the groups but without reference to the names. The list is then passed to a second person else to consider & sift finally passing back for consideration of the actual competitors. This does mean that the organisers has to

be aware of who is doing what locally. It was also noted that most complaints come from the mid to rear field competitors & rarely from the top 20.

Carlton stated that many competitors do not put in results on their forms.

ERO suggested that the EMAMC compile a database of stage times available to all organisers.

North Humberside suggested re-seeding during the event - this is done in historic events

S&H - co-ordinator suggested the EMAMC send the current championship tables to event organisers in class order.

Anthony Northcote suggested consultation with the championship co-ordinators.

Roger Hage suggested consideration of the layout of stages & leave areas available for overtaking.

North Humberside cited the case of Matthew Wilson out in a WRC Focus on only his 3rd event but running in the top end of the field i.e. seed according to proven ability (in this case karting plus the surname Wilson as a give away.)

12 Any Other Business

12.1 S&H offered an apology to Carlton MC over a competitor who bounced a cheque on them, who subsequently did the same to the Wolds Rally after a mix up in communication.

12.2 EDMC 2005 Harold Palin Stages moves to October 1st & the Phoenix stages moves to 16th April.

Would any clubs who know of further changes to their event dates please now send them to the Sec. by NOVEMBER 9th latest.

12.3 Matlock MC Guy Fawkes Autotest is on 14th November, cost £8 for Nat B & £4 for clubsport. Regs are out, contact Charlie Wheeldon.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2005 at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd.