

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 12th July 2005

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator), Barry Jeffery (Life Vice President), Alex Kirk-Willey (Registrar), Howard Wilcock (FLO & Wales Rally GB)

Delegates from the Following 20 Member Clubs:

Rolls-Royce MC, 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, Grantham Poachers Motor Club, High Peak & 061, Bury Motor Club, Lindholme Motor Club, Mablethorpe & DMC, Ecurie Royal Oak MC

1. Apologies

Quinton Motor Club, Knutsford, Andrew Large, North Humberside, Roger Hage (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary),

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed a true record by Sheffield & Hallamshire, Seconded by Lincoln MCCC. & all in favour.

Matters arising.

2.1 The acceptable technical spec. for a noise meter. There had been no reply from the MSA. Phil Foster proposed to wait another opportunity to ask the question direct at Regional Council.

7.3 Ryemoor trophy rally. This had been run under a Navigational Permit which does not meet the Championship requirements. **Action Roger Hage to discuss with Malton MC**

Championship Bulletins – Phil Foster reminded all the co-ordinators that all championship bulletins must be distributed to the members of the Exec and the championship stewards.

3. Chairman's Report

Regional committee 18th May

Child protection policy – a draft has been issued which has been compiled with the assistance of the NSPCC. A copy was tabled but request to the MSA for an electronic copy has resulted in a request not to circulate it yet to the clubs. Suffice to say it is a large document with attendant responsibilities for clubs to sort out in due course.

DEFRA – the issue of use of agricultural land for motor sport is not over. No new info. But there are legal people involved in Whitehall.

Training & Development Fund - £27k allocated the majority for venue development but also for 40 more rally radios. £15k has been allocated to LARA for judicial expenses.

'Wheels' bulletin – 95% response to this is positive & an electronic distribution option has been requested.

Club workshops – Allan Dean-Lewis will be doing these on mid-week evenings.

Colin Hilton

MSA hasn't managed to obtain any of the £16 million allocated by the government to a Motor sport Development board.

Talent development – 6 people selected so far.

British GP – 5 year deal in place.

Rally Ireland – raises speculation over the future of Wales, Rally GB, however Rally Ireland has £0.5m backing from both Irish governments.

Judicial – parents are signing for minors

Anti-doping regs

Russell Brookes – 'Rally Star' Presentation

A focus on forest rallying (& concern about finding a Burns/McRae replacement?)

A variety of issues presented such as only 38 of 65 forest allocation taken up, a lack of newcomers, small talent pool and low TV coverage.

Russell is looking for 14 clubs countrywide to be willing to organise a rally star event – however to register any interest it must be done via the EMAMC Chairman, Phil Foster – the format is one of using Endurance rally spec. cars, trying that way to get cheaper forest costs. Note however the events can be single venue as well.

There has been a mixed reaction to date with only two Associations expressing an interest.

Comment – Anthony Northcote expressed the opinion that the whole format was mis-guided, we don't need another championship and that there is no attention being paid as to how the clubs survive the expense of these events. In addition 45 miles is a better format due to lower insurance costs. There are no spare allocations in the Midlands, all the available allocation is in Kielder, Wales or Scotland. Finally 14 rounds were just too many.

Lindholme commented that like Formula 1300 it could all too soon fizzle out.

Phil Foster noted that the Peugeot & BMW Challenges are doing well, but the organisation has taken time & effort to put together.

Howard Wilcock thought the idea was to get new people into the sport but currently the figures don't stack up. 120 entries won't be available immediately. The BTRDA has been approached but the idea is not to attach this as a category, they are looking for 14 stand alone events.

MS Council reports available – contact Phil Foster
Motor Sport Council, Autotest, Off Road, Safety, Historics

Safety in Service areas – see the MSA Club Bulletin for April 05 or for those on the Internet see http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/msa_forms/MSA_Club_Bulletin1_05.pdf

Training days 2006 – grant aid – Andy Large

4 Secretaries report

Firstly apologies to Malton MC for the EMAMC foul up over its incoming subscription records.

Secretary Position

Very significant is the announcement that the position of secretary is to become vacant as my job is moving to Germany sometime near the year end. Therefore the EMAMC needs a new Secretary as soon as possible. Please advertise in ALL club magazines for anyone who would consider taking on the role and for them to get in touch with me as soon as possible. Preference would be for someone to step forward in time for the October delegates meeting to have a short EAGM such there will be time for continuity before I leave the UK.

Event invitations received.

Lincolnshire Clubman's Rally, organised by Lincs Louth MC
Essex Charity Stages - Wickford Autoclub

Event invitation not accepted

Speedy Hire stages – Cambridge Car Club – due to date & geographical clash with the EMAMC multi sue championship event on the same day, Oct 23rd

Event cancelled & Multi-use championship

We did receive notification that the North Humberside Armstrong Massey event was cancelled. This resulted in the Slaithwaite MC Opposite Lock event entering the Multi-use championship as the reserve event.

Inter Club Quiz Result – Matlock MC won, despite their best efforts to come second. Dukeries 'old farts' were second! Therefore next year's event will once again be at the Civil Service Club, Chesterfield.

Other correspondence

Motor sport safety fund has put all it's videos onto one DVD available for £10 from Motorsports safety fund, PO Box 200, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 8JL or www.motorsportsafetyfund.com

Lombard Revival Rally – info previously distributed to all clubs.

Welsh Rarebit Endurance Rally, 14-16 October – 700 miles, 3 days and an entry fee of £650, contact the rally office on 01874 730772 or visit www.historicrallies.co.uk
Forestry Allocations 2006 – forms have been distributed to those clubs who normally organise such events. If anyone else wants a copy I have a set. They have to be returned by 1 August 05.
Rally day 2005, 13 August at Castle Combe. Lots of rally stars in action including the McRae brothers see www.rallyday.com

5 Treasurer's Report - Guy Robinson

Guy Robinson apologised to Malton MC for the mistake over the subscriptions.
2 further clubs have now paid their subscriptions – Shenstone & Kettering, leaving only Compass outstanding.

Slaithwaite MC has paid their levy for the Opposite Lock Rally.
Competition Car Insurance has paid their sponsorship money for 2005.
AB Motorsport has paid the first half of their sponsorship as promised.

At this stage of the year estimate for the rest of the year is as follows

Expected income:-

Road Sponsor £200

Registrations £100

Incoming money £3468

Known Expenses

Awards £1400

Auditors £100

Website £500

Other £800

Total -£2800

Predicted profit £668

6 Registrar's Report - Roger Hage

Alex Kirk-Willey had not received the registration paperwork from Roger Hage at the time of the meeting & therefore was unable to make a report. However a verbal report was available & the Secretary was due to collect the file & transfer to Alex Kirk-Willey within the week.

7 Championship Co-ordinators Reports

7.1 *Multi Venue Stage Rally* – Tracy Wood

Seven events run, one cancelled. There is a gap now until the Trackrod event in October.

Inter Association Event

Tracy had managed to put together 3 EMAMC teams out of 18 teams entered. (An excellent effort – Sec) Result – this was won by the AWMMC B team who had the overall event winner and the 1400cc class winner in their team.

7.2 *Multi Use* – Steve Flanagan

North Humberside, Armstrong Massey event was cancelled & Slaithwaite MC Opposite Lock event was put into the championship as the reserve event.
The S&H Centenary stages will be at Twyford & not Wilbaston.

7.3 *Road Rally* - Roger Hage

Regs for the St Wilfrids are out.
Bulletin due out by Friday 15th

8 Wales Rally GB

Howard Wilcock made a presentation on behalf of the Wales Rally GB. As background HW's involvement with the UK event now totals 30 years & in the past he has been a severe critic of it.

The Event

The event to day takes a lot more organising than was previously the case a lot of which covers the commercial issues which surround it. The organisers freely admit it is not the rally of old, it is FIA and ISTC controlled, a 3 day rally with a 2 day recce, single service area and 350 kms of stages.

There was an attempt this year to use some different stages. However to comply with the rule to visit service in the middle of the day it constrains the distance able to be travelled from the service area. (It was noted that the rally New Zealand did not conform to the service format being adhered to by Wales Rally GB.)

The event has to be sponsored to happen at all, this is hard commercial fact. Much as folks may not like it the Welsh Development Agency is the sponsor, hence their name comes first as in Wales Rally GB.

Changes have been made to try & make the event more relevant to motorsport in the UK. A sanction has been obtained to run up to 120 cars so giving people the opportunity to run against the top teams. There is a heavy discount for 1400cc cars. Last year there were none in this class. The standard entry fee is comparable in stage mileage cost to UK forest rally charges.

The club team challenge is back in and the production class WRC cars are in as well.

Marshalling

Much of the criticism knocks the marshal numbers. There are many thousands of people who come out & make the event work. This year there will be better information, tabards, event programmes, free access to service, & free access to the Cardiff Super Special – which is organised by Dukeries & Carlton, both EMAMC clubs.

Spectators

The biggest criticism has been overcharging & flexibility. These criticisms have been taken note of in that charges for this year are down and flexibility has been built in. For instance paid spectating to the Millennium stadium will be £10 for 4 hours entertainment.

Spectator pens are forced on high profile events & their unpopularity is recognised. The main issue is to get people to stand in a safe area.

Conclusion

The event is not something to be hated. You may not like it, but please accept the reality of it.

Questions

Len Fowkes of Lindholme commented that he applauded the organisation of the event, he went to marshal last year & thoroughly enjoyed it.

Television coverage & what people want to see. The FIA are being very difficult. For instance for 2006 there is as yet no car spec, & no dates list. It is therefore difficult to plan coverage or promotion of the events so people know what they will be seeing.

The ISTC concept was to make rallying a challenger to F1 in viewing numbers. It is currently losing money. The FIA have had to accept that rallying is not limited to stadiums & circuits however one event per rally can be good e.g. the Acropolis rally has 60,000 spectators. The Millennium stadium is however smaller.

Steve Flanagan of S&H commented that the link to clubs didn't seem to connect well to rallying elsewhere in the country & those spectators used to be more knowledgeable e.g. many of them were club member travelling round watching their fellow members take part.

HW countered that the link is not as poor as is thought but they are trying to improve things e.g. by allowing more entries.

Charging for watching forest events is difficult. It is an alien concept to many rallying people to pay to watch e.g. some folks wouldn't pay £2 to park to watch the Dukeries. HW considered that value for money was the key.

9 MSA Officer's Reports

RLO (John Thornhill) No report.

Revival Rally – Phil Foster

There is a perception that the 'round the country' events are not doing themselves any favours in stamping all over an Associations events & territory. There is a proposal to change the way in which these events approach Associations put forward by the ANECC. This is not MSA adopted but involves a gentleman's agreement to negotiate with clubs to ensure that they know what they are competing with in terms of events/dates/areas etc. This will be tried in 2006.

FLO – (Howard Wilcock)

Not much to report. Gradually getting access to a little more stage mileage in the forests but no progress yet on reclaimed sites.

10 EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – Andy Large

Anthony Northcote reported that the Derby University event this year was not well attended. He will try to organise a 2006 training day there.

Press Officer – Position vacant.

Awards Secretary – No report.

11 Any Other Business

- 11.1 Drystone Rally** – Mid Derbyshire informed the meeting that they had just 42 entries for the event. They had received no address labels from the co-ordinator, neither had they the championship permit number to publish in the event regs. **Action all co-ordinators to organise address labels about 6-8 weeks in advance of the next event & to circulate the championship registration to all relevant clubs.**

11.2 Position of EMAMC Secretary

This position must be filled. Please enquire within your clubs to see if anyone would consider the post & ask them to get in touch with the present secretary a.s.a.p. on 01332-677461, or Info@EMAMC.org.uk

- 11.3** Colin Hilton will be in attendance at the next delegates meeting. Think of some good questions for him, he was very informative on the last occasion he attended our meeting.

- 11.4** Ecurie Royal Oak requested their Oaks Trophy rally on 3rd/4th Sept be observed for possible championship inclusion in 2006. **Action** Roger Hage

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

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

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd.