

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 20:00

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Barry Jeffrey (Vice President), David James (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Howard Wilcock (FLO), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary)

Delegates from the following Member Clubs

Clowne & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, Grimsby MC, HRCR, Huddersfield MC, Lincoln MC&LCC, Lindholme MSC, Loughborough CC, Matlock MC, Notts SCC, Rotherham MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Silverstone MC, Worksop MC.

1. Apologies

Gemma Cantrell (Vice-Chairman), Ian Pashley (Rally Championship Co-ordinator), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC), Nick Cunnington (Grantham Poachers MC), Simon Taylor (LMS Rallysport), John Roberts (York MC)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (11th October 2011)/Matters Arising

Minutes of the last meeting agreed as a true and accurate record.
Proposed Eastwood DMC, seconded Lindholme MSC. Agreed.

3. Applications for Membership

Silverstone MC – Andy Johnson introduced Silverstone MC. They have started a Junior Academy and are using the club as a gateway to get youngsters into motorsport. Proposed S&H, seconded Dukeries, agreed.

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

The first Regional Committee meeting of 2012 is on 22nd February. The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the new "taster event" regulations.

5. Secretary's Report – David James

Nothing to report

6. Treasurer's Report – Guy Robinson

All invoices for 2012 have gone out to clubs. Several have already paid.

7. Championships Update:

7.1 Rally Co-ordinator – Ian Pashley

A new trophy has been purchased by CCI and this will be used for the overall winner. The previous trophy will now be awarded to the best event. 8 or 9 registrations to date. Championship registration number is 001/2012. First round is the Riponian.

7.2 Single Venue Co-ordinator – Steve Flanagan

Championship registration number is 039/2012. There is a new class 0 for up to 1000 cc cars.10 registrations to date. First round is Mallory Park.13 events in the 2012 championship.

7.3 Road Rally Co-ordinator – Craig Burgess

6 registrations to date. 9 events in the 2012 championship. First event is the Bruce Robinson. The EMAMC team came 2nd on the Inter-Association Rally (the Beaver).

Gordon Waddington noted that the Beaver Rally has changed its date in 2012. Beverley to be asked to communicate with the co-ordinator.

There was some discussion on the cancellation of the Carpet Bagger; the Chairman will ask the MSA if there is a standard PR letter.

8. MSA Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock

Howard reported that an argument had been won at the County Rights of Way Committee. The applicant went to appeal and the Inspector ruled against the Rights of Way Committee.

The Forestry Agreement for 2012 is still awaited.

8.2 RLO Reports:

No reports

9. Other Officers Reports

9.1 Training Dates

Anthony Northcote reported training dates as follows:

4 March University of Derby,

28 January Stockport,

29 January Askham Bryan,

4 February Cambridge.

Eastwood DMC planning a training day on 4 August in association with their rally at Fulbeck.

Break at 21:00

Meeting restarted at 21:30

9.2 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

The closing date for the Annual Dinner is Friday 13th January. Dennis wants more sales and would like the names of those collecting awards for clubs.

9.2 Marshals Training Officer

Vacant Post

9.3 Press Representative

Vacant Post

10. Any other business

Lindholme MSC proposed more communication between EMAMC and member clubs (note attached). The Secretary agreed to implement the proposals but pointed out that they require member clubs to keep him informed of changes in their officials' email addresses.

11. Next Meetings:

Tuesday 10th April 2012 after the AGM (which is at 8pm)

Meeting closed at 22:30

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

2012 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates (to be confirmed)

8th May Executive

10th Jul Delegates (Dates meeting)¹

9th Oct Delegates (Election of Co-ordinators)

13th Nov Executive

Directions to the venue for the next meeting

At the M1 Junction 29 roundabout, take the Palterton turn off (1st exit if travelling S on M1, 4th exit if travelling N on M1) for 100 metres, then take first left leading to Hotel entrance.

Tel 08456 589959 or 01246 855455

EMAMC website links

Club details form (please use to advise of changes to club officials):

http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/Club_Details.doc

2012 Dates submission form: <http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/EMAMCDateapplicationform2011.doc>

Draft 2012 Calendar: http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2012.html

Forthcoming dates

Awards Dinner: 21 January

Dates for events in 2013: to EMAMC Secretary by early July²

Nominations for MSA Club of the Year: to EMAMC Secretary by the end of August

Nominations for MSA Marshal of the Year: to EMAMC Secretary by the end of August

Dates for events in 2013: to EMAMC Secretary by the end of August³

Nominations for EMAMC Special Awards (Silver Jubilee Award, Bell Leisure Marshals Award, John Wheatley Memorial Trophy): to EMAMC Secretary by 30th November.

¹ The Executive Committee intend to propose to the AGM an amendment to the Constitution to remove the requirement to hold an annual Dates Meeting in July.

² Under the present Constitution

³ Under the proposed change to the Constitution

To improve communication between EMAMC and member clubs: proposals by Lindholme Motor Sports Club

Context:

The current “forwarding” service operated by Secretary David James works very effectively, when clubs or event organisers ask for flyers/adverts/supplementary regulations/appeals for marshals to be sent to member clubs.

Many of us are (just) old enough to remember the halcyon days when several copies of all Regs were sent to each club: these were eagerly awaited and scooped up by potential entrants. Alternatively, the club Comp. Sec. could use them to publicise events.

Understandably, this expensive method has been overtaken by electronic publishing of Regs and adverts, aided by posts on forums and other networking media.

Proposals:

- 1) To complete the full loop of circulation, the Association should adopt a policy that each club should be regarded as a registered contender in each of its championships. In this way, all materials sent by the various championship co-ordinators to their contenders would also reach each club: at present this does not happen. These materials would include bulletins/updates/points tables as well as Regs. The ideal recipient would be the club Competition Secretary. However, sending it to the Delegate would be easy, because David James already has the email group list. David could furnish the co-ordinators with this list, or he might do the forwarding for them. It would be up to clubs, then, to circulate the materials (LMSC does this by email when we get flyers, etc) or put championship bulletins and points tables in their magazines or newsletters.
- 2) To ensure that a hyperlink to the website of the event (or club) is placed on the main events on the EMAMC calendar. David has found that this was easy to implement, and he has already done it.
- 3) A further hyperlink to each event should also occur on all publications of the various Championship calendars. (2) and (3) make it easy for a web searcher to get Regs with just a few clicks.

Conclusion:

These measures would assist in the rapid dissemination of materials which would assist clubs and competitors to access relevant information, even if they are not registered contenders. Any action which could increase participation should be pursued – we should “embrace the technology” as fully as possible. Comp. Secs. could be more pro-active, and the Championships would be prompted further.