

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 20:00

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), David James (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Steve Flanagan (Single Venue Stage Rally Registrar), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Registrar), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Nick Bunting (MSA), John Symes (MSA).

Delegates from the following Member Clubs

Clowne & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, Grimsby MC, HRCR, Lincoln MC, Lindholme MSC, Matlock MC, Mid-Derbyshire MC, North Humberside MC, Notts SCC, Peterborough MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Stockport 061 MC, Worksop MC.

1. Apologies

Howard Wilcock (FLO), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC), David Baugh (Dukeries MC), Paul Davison (Kings Lynn DMC), Mike Vokes (Knutsford DMC), Richard Egger (Loughborough CC), Len Fowkes (Lindholme MSC).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (9th July)/Matters Arising

Minutes of the last meeting agreed as a true and accurate record (with the correction that the number of registered contenders for the Road Rally Championship should be 56 not 57).
Proposed Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, seconded Notts SCC. Agreed.

3. Applications for Membership

None.

4. MSA Guests – Nick Bunting (MSA CEO) and John Symes (MSA Technical Director)

Nick Bunting introduced himself – he was brought up in the East Midlands area and is now 5 months into the MSA CEO job.

His background is Sales and Marketing in the commercial world, then working in sport. Has been a volunteer in sport for 25 years – club committee, regional training officer, VP of local rugby club. Started to work for the RFU. Joined RFU to look after referees and training, recruitment and standards. Effectively “COO” of RFU for 14 years. The a new CEO was appointed and the directors were escorted out of the building. Went to work for Prince Charles’ charity, then joined MSA.

Nick raced motorbikes when much younger. His brother-in-law has been a national rally champion. He lives in the middle of motor-sport valley.

For the last five months he has been visiting Regional Associations and listening to people.

He is trying to change the culture in the office. Aiming to answer letters within 7 days.

Asking the question is the MSA a regulator and policeman or a governing body.

He has suggested a moratorium on rule changes (coming from an organization where rule changes only happen every 4 years). He thinks committees “tinker”. There are 28 specialist committees – he has been to meetings of half of them. The specialist committee’s role should be how to make things better for participants

Dennis Turner asked what is Nick’s opinion of motorsport – other sports get grants and have facilities; the barrier to entry in motorsport is high. Nick contrasted motor sport with the FA. We’ve not done a good job in persuading government. Most of government interest in sport is driven by a health agenda. We need to attract young people. Estimate of 50000 people doing track days. 13 Kart clubs average 150 MSA license holders; many more people participating in karting that are not MSA license holders.

John Hickling commented on participation of young people: his children compete, his grandchildren don’t.

John said we need to convince people that there is activity in motor sport – build, prepare, etc – not couch potatoes. Nick says we have no evidence base for this – everything is apocryphal. The MSA will need to ask clubs and members for evidence. John said training of officials is seen as too stringent and time-consuming.

Nick said the MSA and motorsport is inward-looking – we don’t look at what other sports are doing.

Ian James commented that many NHS medics are out on events – can we get anything useful from them to support the health agenda.

Break at 21:10

Meeting restarted at 21:30

Paul Barrett (by email to the Secretary) “Chelmsford has a very successful series of Targa rallies held on military airfields in East Anglia - they use historic-style driving tests (30mph) and have always allowed 'double drives' which has been very successful in encouraging newcomers into the sport. Although there is nothing either way in the Blue Book about this, Ian Davis at the MSA wants to stop this double driving concept (where a crew swap seats and do the tests again, with a second entry) on the basis of reconnaissance (which is a fair

point), but goes against the principle of growing club motorsport.” Nick said he sees no reason why this should be banned.

Howard Wilcock (by email to the Secretary) “It would be very valuable and worthwhile if the MSA were to create a short information DVD which illustrated the correct safety routine which competitors should follow at the start of every stage such as the correct securing of seat belts and helmets plus any other items of basic safety such as closing windows. Also correct seat belt positioning, seat mounting, safety controls within reach etc. (NB: This should be related to rallying and not an afterthought from racing)”. Nick will refer Howard’s suggestion to Ben Taylor.

Ash Chapman asked what has Nick seen but is not yet doing anything about? Nick said he was not going to answer that! He has been looking at tightening time-scales (e.g. the Formula 4 tender).

Phil Foster asked about a moratorium on rule changes. Nick said he would look to the June meeting for rule changes. John Symes commented that many rule changes appear to come from someone’s personal hobby horse.

5. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

There had been a Regional Committee meeting on 23rd August.

- MSA web-site/Fixture List – work on-going. Hardware upgrades to servers scheduled for October. New fixture list to be launched after that.
- Noise – technical advisory panel reviewing noise. If you have any experts get them to contact the advisory panel.
- Road closure – support in government – three Secretaries of State. Trying to get the provisions wrapped into a De-Regulation Bill.
- Go Motorsport – Go Motorsport Live at Silverstone was a success. 49 exhibitors. Oxford MC ran 346 autosolo runs and signed up 88 marshals. Will do it again. Would like to do regional events.
- Training and Development Fund – at 23 August, no outstanding applications. This year to then, 29 applications to club fund (£44,000) and 19 applications to rescue fund (£33,000). Total project value £264,000.
- Club CPO training seminars under way in October and November
- Regional Committee Chairman Nicky Moffitt, Vice Chairman John Arnold.

6. Secretary’s Report – David James

Secretary asked clubs not to use email addresses @club-domain for all contacts. Has had a number of problems where club domains have become inaccessible (or have refused all emails from info@emamc.org.uk) and at that point we have lost contact with the club. Please provide alternative email addresses which are on domains other than the club’s domain.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Guy Robinson

61 clubs paid for 2013. Not paid: Kettering, Newtown, Spondon.

Executive would like to recommend a reduction in club subscription from £25 to £20, effective 1 January 2014.

Proposed by Peterborough MC, seconded by Sheffield & Hallamshire MC. Agreed.

Discussion on increasing championship levy from £20 to £30 – opinion divided.

8. Championships Update:

8.1 Stage Rally Registrar – Steve Flanagan

52 registrations. Two events to go. Steve has an offer from Pete Butler to assist with the Multi-venue championship.

8.2 Single Venue Registrar – Steve Flanagan

92 registrations. Sculthorpe cancelled. Last round Blyton on 7 December. Best 5 of 7 rounds to count. 5 rounds have been cancelled.

8.3 Road Rally Registrar – Craig Burgess

56 registrations. Jackson Trophy has just run with 40 entries (which is the largest entry for some time). No PR issues.

We have two crews out for the Inter-Association event.

9. MSA Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock

Howard reported by email: “As FLO I have nothing specific to report to the meeting. However there is continued expansion of recreational activities within Sherwood Pines and I have been notified of two new

developments for 2014. A large WW 1 'Soldiers Experience' with trenches etc and also elsewhere a new shoot."

8.2 RLO Reports:

No reports

John Thornhill has notified his intention to stand down as RLO with effect from 1 January.

10. Other Officers Reports

10.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

Date for the dinner in 2014 is 18 January. Cost as last year. Dennis has an opportunity to book a good comedian at £500. He is considering this.

EMAMC needs a new Awards Secretary as Dennis intends to step down after the 2014 Annual Dinner.

10.2 Marshals' Training Officer and Press Representative

Vacant Posts – anyone interested, please contact any member of the Executive.

11. Election of championship registrars

Single Venue: Steve Flanagan, proposed Eastwood DMC, seconded Notts SCC. Agreed

Multi-Venue: Steve Flanagan, proposed Notts SCC, seconded Eastwood DMC. Agreed

Road Rally: Craig Burgess, proposed Notts SCC, seconded Mid-Derbyshire. Agreed

12. Any other business

Paul Barrett (by email): Inter-Association Stage Rally was won by AEMC team 2.

John Hickling says clarification needed on Forest Stage Rally tyres – does this regulation apply to single venue as well as multi-venue.

13. Next Meetings:

Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 22:40

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

2014 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates (to be confirmed)

14th Jan	Delegates
11th Mar	Executive
8th Apr	AGM / Delegates
13th May	Executive
8th Jul	Delegates
7th Oct	Delegates / Election of Championship Registrars
11th 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

2014 Dates submission form: <http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/EMAMCDateapplicationform2013.doc>

Draft 2013 Calendar: http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2013.html

Draft 2014 Calendar: (will be at) http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2014.html

Forthcoming dates

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

Annual Dinner – 18 January 2014

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 2015 - to EMAMC Secretary by the end of August