

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on Tuesday 8th July 2014 at 20:00

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Craig Bellworthy (Vice Chairman), David James (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Steve Flanagan (Single Venue Stage Rally Registrar), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Registrar), Howard Wilcock (FLO), Steve Perez (MSA Rallies Committee), John Symes (MSA)

Delegates from the following Member Clubs

Coalville CC, Dukeries MC, Grimsby MC, HRCR, Huddersfield MC, Lincoln MCC, Lindholme MSC, Matlock MC, Mid-Derbyshire MC, North Humberside MC, Peterborough MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC

1. Apologies

Pete Butler (Stage Rally Championship), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Nigel Evans (RLO), Chris Faulkner (RLO & Coalville CC), Paul Davison (Kings Lynn DMC), Alex Kirk-Willey (Rotherham MC), John Hickling (Eastwood DMC), Sandra Hickling (Mablethorpe DMC), Mike Vokes (Knutsford DMC)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (8th April 2014)/Matters Arising

Proposed Sheffield & Hallamshire, seconded Matlock. Agreed.

Matters arising:

Chairmans's Report:

Tyre List – still awaiting clarification in Regional Committee minutes.

Closing Date for Entries – waiting Regional Committee minutes

Communicating with injured marshal – John Symes said there is nothing wrong with expressing concern (and the same applies for an injured competitor).

3. Applications for Membership

None.

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

There was a Regional Committee meeting on 21st May.

- Ben Taylor is the new MD of IMS
- Alan Page is the new Training Officer
- Chief Executive:
 - Closed Roads – draft legislation on version 3
 - Licence figures: 2014 Kart Licence holders down 200. John Symes said there has been a steady decline in Kart and Stage Rally Licences since approx. 2002 or 2003.
- Training and Development Fund: to May: 20 projects received £35K for project value of £130K. More is available. There is a new category of "Club support grant" will give up to 75% of project value. Talk to Allan Dean-Lewis before making an application.
- Inter-Association Events:
 - Road Rally – Spadeadam 7th September
 - Sprint – Bristol MC 26th July
 - Tyro – Milton Keynes 21st September
 - Autocross – Wickford AC 27/28 September
- Club Survey – over 300 responses (the majority of active clubs)
 - 70% have less than 200 members
 - 60% attend Regional Association meetings
 - 3 biggest challenges:
 - Rising cost of participation
 - Lack of new members coming into the sport
 - Ageing membership
 - Venues (finding new venues and keeping existing ones)
- Club Officials seminars in 2016 – what would you like to see on the agenda

5. MSA Guest: John Symes (MSA Technical Director)

- **Howard Wilcock** asked: The Stringwell report recommended publication of Scrutineers' Bulletins on the MSA web-site, what has happened to this? John Symes thought it was there. He will check and ensure there is a mechanism.
- **Howard Wilcock** commented that the training scheme for Rally Clerk of Course licenses is causing problems – the model is based on racing.

- **Howard Wilcock** commented that there is no feedback from the MSA on accidents – causes and lessons to be learnt. John Symes said there is some commercial sensitivity over insurance. He said there is some publication in Clerks and Stewards Bulletins.
- **David James** asked what progress there was on the request for interest on tracking for Special Stage Rallies. John Symes said he is not deeply involved with this. He said there is a question whether there is any evidence of safety effect. There is a cost/benefit question. The law requires you to do what is *reasonable*.

Break at 21:10

Meeting restarted at 21:40

- **Howard Wilcock** commented on encouraging people to participate in rallying: the BARS test is a real hurdle. He's not heard anyone saying "BARS is a real value"! John Symes said he was one of the architects of the ARDS test. Then we invented the ARKS test, then BARS. John argued against BARS. He sees a clear distinction between racing/karting and other disciplines: racing/karting is multi-vehicle starts. Ash Chapman and Steve Perez commented that the £95 fee is too much.
- **Steve Flanagan** commented that old-timers remember the RAC Rally going around the country and with foreign competitors who also did local events. Can we get back to a round-Britain event with foreign competitors.

The meeting thanked John Symes for his presence.

6. Secretary's Report – David James

The Secretary suggested that EMAMC should join LARA as an associate member. Proposed North Humberside MC, seconded Sheffield & Hallamshire MC and agreed. Craig Burgess will talk to road rally organizers about seeking donations to LARA.

7. Treasurer's Report – Guy Robinson

All paid except for Bury AC. Bury are in process of changing their bank mandate.

8. Championships Update:

8.1 Stage Rally Registrar – Steve Flanagan

38 drivers, 32 co-drivers. Next event is Trackrod. Hamsterley got not EMAMC competitors. Next year will be a problem for this championship with the lack of local rounds.

8.2 Single Venue Registrar – Steve Flanagan

44 drivers, 36 co-drivers. Next round Phoenix (3rd August at Fulbeck). Centenary cancelled due to loss of Barkston Heath this year.

Question on venues – John Symes says a document is available, he will look if it can go on the MSA website.

8.3 Road Rally Registrar – Craig Burgess

48 contenders. 3 rounds have taken place. Last round was the 061. Next round Beaver (*moved from Nov/Dec to 19th July). 3 clubs are close at the top of the club championship. Inter-Association Road Rally is the week before the Mercian and the same night as the ERO event.

9. MSA Officers Reports

9.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock

In future stage rallying will be limited to the "autumn part of the year" in Sherwood. The Forestry Commission cite growing environmental pressures with 500,000 visitors per year to Sherwood Pines.

9.2 RLO Reports:

Nigel Evans (by email) "Just to let you know that The JRM Mercian Road Rally, scheduled to run on 20th/21st September 2014 is progressing well, with the same format as the last few years; 150 mile route with up to 10 miles of whites in Northants, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire. A simple good value event."

Chris Faulkner (by email) "I don't have anything to say from an RLO perspective, I have no outstanding PR Issues within my Counties."

10. Other Officers Reports

10.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

Dennis has nothing to report.

10.2 Marshals' Training Officer and Press Representative

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

11. Any other business

None

12. Next Delegates' Meeting:

Tuesday 7th October 2014.

Meeting closed at 22:30

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

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

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>

2015 Dates submission form: <http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/EMAMCDateapplicationform2015.doc>

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

Forthcoming dates

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

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

Annual Dinner – 17 January 2015