

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 20:20

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), David James (Secretary), Steve Flanagan (Stage Rally Championship), Pete Butler (Stage Rally Championship), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Championship), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Karen Spencer (Marshals Training Officer), Howard Wilcock (FLO)

Delegates from the following Member Clubs

Coalville CC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, HRCR, Lincoln MCC, Lindholme MSC, Mablethorpe MC, Mid-Derbyshire MC, Mini-Cross DA, North Humberside MC, Notts SCC, Rough and Ready Off Roaders, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Slaithwaite MC, Worksop DMC.

1. Apologies

Craig Bellworthy (Vice Chairman), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Glyn Byard (RLO), Chris Faulkner (RLO & Coalville CC), Michael Davies (Quinton MC), Derek Holgate & Ian Dixon (Stockton DMC), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC), Gordon Waddington (Huddersfield MC), Richard Elms (Peterborough MC), Richard Ogan (Carlton MC), Alex Kirk-Willey (Rotherham MC), Andrew Chambers (Stockport 061 MC).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (13th January 2015)/Matters Arising

Proposed Dukeries MC, seconded Notts Sporting CC. Agreed.

Matters arising:

Please send any proposed additions to the Regional Rally Timekeepers List to the Secretary as soon as possible.

3. Applications for Membership

Rough and Ready Off Roaders – Stewart Walker (Secretary) present and introduced the club: formed 2+ years ago. Approx. 40 members and 1000 followers on social media. Want to act as a responsible club and become MSA recognized. Based at Towcester using the area between Bedford and Peterborough. Proposed Mid-Derbyshire, seconded Lindholme. Agreed

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

Regional Committee met on 11 February.

- Insurance refund paid approx. £1M back to organizing clubs at the end of 2014
- Club survey – 750 clubs surveyed, 42% response rate
 - Top three topics:
 - Rising costs
 - Lack of new members
 - Aging of existing officials
 - Looking at ways of recruiting and retaining new members
- D 11.1.3 (changes in championship regulations) – no changes. MSC not prepared to change the regulation
- Chief Executive items
 - Marshal representative on MSC – Chris Hobson
 - Will be changing MSA structure in next 6 months
 - Timekeepers regional lists – updates to Michael Duncan. Rallies committee would like to remove the list, move to Licensed Timekeepers, and give grandfather rights to those on the current lists.
- Inter-Association events
 - Road Rally: Border 1000, 25/26 April
 - Stage Rally: Nicky Grist, 11 July
 - Sprint: Notts SCC, 13 September
- Go Motorsport:
 - 625 RDO events, 97 at schools and colleges
 - 15 auto-solo/taster events – 2500 passengers
 - For 2015, thrust is promotion. Looking for events in our region where there might be an opportunity, possibilities:
 - Bakewell Show
 - Dukeries Rally at Donington
 - NHMC Rally at Cadwell Park
 - Hull Show
 - Worksop DMC at Retford Charter Day (Karen Spencer will liaise with RDO)
- Training and Development Fund

- 8 bids received in January (£27,000 for projects worth £61,000)
- Second radio frequency: grants of £40 + VAT for service/re-tuning or £200 + VAT for set replacement
- Funds available for venue improvements – contact Alan Dean-Lewis
- New web-site
 - Up to end of Jan 2014, 1200 events listed. In 2015, 2400
 - Issuing 20 permits per day on-line; 60% of permits now on-line

5. Secretary's Report – David James

Reporting from the ANCC meeting, that Pennine Rescue wish to dispel rumours of their demise – they are still operating contrary to some reports.

6. Treasurer's Report – Guy Robinson (by email)

Apologies but I won't be at the meeting tonight as I have some issues to sort with the Rally of Derbyshire – like putting public PR notices up on A roads!

For the record I will continue to do the Treasurer's job for the rest of this year or until a replacement is found (whichever is sooner!).

2014 accounts

These show a profit for the year of £422 compared to loss of £45 in the previous year – the following items are noteworthy:

- Awards night only made a small loss of £19 (2013: loss £476 - £350 of which related to the "singer")
- No inter-association costs in 2014 (2013: £255)
- Subscriptions down by £300 as a result of reducing the annual club fee from £25 to £20.
- Overall championship sponsors, levies and paid registrations at a similar level.
- Attached is a record of income/expenditure from 2001-2014.

2015 interim accounts

2015 has started very well with all subs/levies/sponsors paid except the following:

- Subs £20
 - Bury (also not paid 2014's, but promised!)
- Sponsors
 - AB Motorsport - £400
 - Sheffield Rolling Road - £400

Statements were sent out at the end of January and end of February.

The MSA grant towards the year book (normally £250) has been applied for but not yet settled.

One club (Grimsby) has resigned their membership saying they cannot really justify to their members being affiliated to two largely overlapping associations.

7. Championships Update:

7.1 Road Rally – Craig Burgess

96 registered contenders

2 rounds have run (Bruce Robinson and Ryemoor) with low entries. Both events got good reports.

This weekend: the Rally of Derbyshire has 45 competitors.

The Inter-Association Road Rally would not lift the E-marked tyres rule or the requirement to bring a marshal – it filled up rapidly with local entries. Craig thinks only 2 Regional Associations sent teams.

Break at 21:10

Meeting restarted at 21:35

7.2 Multi-Surface – Steve Flanagan

The last round was at Melbourne on Sunday.

Sheffield and Hallamshire event at Twyford cancelled – loss of venue.

7.3 Single Venue – Steve Flanagan

The last round was at Cadwell Park; next round is at MIRA.

8. MSA Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock

Discussion at last meeting about withdrawal of Twyford Wood. Howard has had a long-winded discussion with the FC and the outcome is that Twyford Wood is available for no more than 2 events a year. The FC are insisting on a good standard of organization and spectator safety.

The Chairman thanked Howard for his work on this issue.

8.2 RLO Reports:

Rob Bateman (RLO Staffs and Peak District National Park) No report.

Glyn Byard (RLO Notts and Derbyshire) (by email): "Events coming in thick and fast.

No problems have been encountered on any of the events which have taken place so far this year.

The largest entries to date are 250 competitors on the Derbyshire Motor Cycle Club trial on 8/3/15 and 106 competitors on the V.S.C.C. Derbyshire Tour Trial on 7/3/15.

With regards to the Winter Championship 12 cars all clubs have had well supported events.

The KSROD and the 061 rally are both approved and ready to run."

Chris Faulkner (RLO Leicestershire & Rutland) (by email): "It's all quiet on the L&R front.

I do have the Dukeries coming up at Donington, but other than that I'm mostly 12 Cars and Classic Runs."

Nigel Evans (RLO Northamptonshire) no report.

9. Other Officers Reports

9.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

Nothing to report at this time of year.

9.2 Marshals' Training Officer – Karen Spencer

MSA training carried out in January and February,

Karen can provide extra training if required,

Discussion on registration of marshals and training/learning.

9.3 Press Officer - vacancy

10. Any other business

Phil Foster: wants to gauge opinion on Frontal Head Restraints. How would it be received if they became mandatory? One helmet standard expires this year so a number of people will need to replace helmets.

- **Craig Burgess:** from experience of accidents, they should be compulsory but it won't go down well.
- **Howard Wilcock:** most people who have used them would not go back, but the vast majority of competitors do not have them and would resist spending quite a lot of money.
- **John Hickling:** some things should be left to personal choice.
- **Steve Brew:** can see benefits to regular competitors, but it is a barrier to entry for newcomers and occasional competitors.
- **Steve Flanagan:** has had OMP foam collar since 1990's. Used it for 10 to 15 years – better for side impacts.
- **Howard Wilcock:** has no doubt it is an improvement but do we have evidence that there are these injuries to competitors in stage rallying.
- **John Hickling:** fatalities are usually internal organ movements.

11. Next Delegates' Meeting:

Tuesday 14th July 2015.

Meeting closed at 22:20

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

2015 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates (to be confirmed)

14th Jul	Delegates
8th Sep	Executive
13th Oct	Delegates
10th 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

2015 Dates submission form: <http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/EMAMCDateapplicationform2015.doc>
Draft 2015 Calendar: http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2015.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 2016 – 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 – 23 January 2016