

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2015 at 20:00

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Craig Bellworthy (Vice-Chairman), David James (Secretary), Steve Flanagan (Stage Rally Championship), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Championship), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Simon Blunt (MSA)

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, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Stockport 061 MC, Worksop DMC.

1. Apologies

Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Howard Wilcock (FLO), Karen Spencer (Marshals Training Officer), Glyn Byard (RLO), Chris Faulkner (RLO & Coalville CC), Mike Vokes (Knutsford & DMC), Derek Holgate (Stockton & DMC), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC), Paul Davison (Kings Lynn & DMC), Gordon Waddington (Huddersfield MC), Alex Kirk-Willey (Rotherham MC), Stuart Walker (RORR), Richard Elms (Peterborough MC).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (14th July 2015)/Matters Arising

Proposed Notts SCC, seconded Sheffield & Hallamshire MC. Agreed.

Matters arising:

Regional Timekeepers list is still in existence and still being maintained.

3. Applications for Membership

None

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

Regional Committee met in August.

- D 20.1 (Closing date for entries) is still being discussed. Coming back to Regional Committee on 20th October.
- MoT test requirements for brakes and hydraulic handbrakes has been referred back to the Technical Advisory Panel.
- Competition Car Log Books – there has been discussion about replacing them with a Technical Password having a 10-year life-time.
- Car Tax – signing-on forms are being altered to self-declaration for car tax
- Alan Page becomes Training Executive
- A new post of Training and Development Director is being advertised; hope to appoint someone to start from January
- Alan Dean Lewis remains as Safeguarding Officer
- Need to recruit more officials and volunteers – looking at what other sports do
- EU requirement for all motor vehicles to be insured. All EU governments now have less than 18 months to comply with the directive
- Training & Development – from 2016 new volunteers for Rally Marshal will have to do 3 on-line modules (Safety, Incident, Role of Marshal) before they can register. Estimated 20 minutes for each module. Current volunteers will need to do the 3 modules from 2017.
- Child Safeguarding – all clubs should have a safeguarding officer. Nine training dates are to be announced.
- Radio Controllers – 5 Training dates. John Hickling complained of very short notice for these sessions (24 October in Luton, 25 October in Manchester, 14 November in Motherwell, 21 November in Bristol, 13 December in Belfast). The letter announcing these was only issued on 12 October. David Baugh pointed out that the 24 October session clashes with a Senior Officials meeting for WRGB.

5. MSA Guest – Simon Blunt (MSA General Secretary/Company Secretary)

Simon said that the MSA has gone through a period of great change in the last 18 months. Rob Jones has been Chief Executive for 18 months. Simon has been at the MSA for 16 months. He did the ARDS test in 2012 and is circuit racing old Jaguars. Previously, he studied Engineering then Law and prior to the MSA was Chief Executive of a Life Insurance Company.

The MSA has 38 full-time employees (with 2 job shares).

Licensing 5, Finance 2, Competitions & Clubs 4, Chief Exec 1, Admin/PA 11, Sporting Services 4, Training 2, Communications 2, MSA Academy 1, General Secretary 1.

The following report to Simon: Sporting Services, Competitions & Clubs, HR, Pensions, Legal, Insurance.

A new Director of Development starts on 11 January 2016. This is an external appointment previously with British Cycling.

There will be a new role of Director of Safety.

The Board is holding a governance review and a strategy review.

There is a review of the Safety Management system.

Sport funding – the MSA was *bizarrely* proud of not having any government funding. By contrast, Northern Ireland motor sport has had significant funding. There has been some funding in Wales and now some in Scotland. This could be a model for England and Wales. The Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) has just closed a consultation on sports funding.

MSA fees for 2016 have been frozen at 2015 levels.

To end of August:

2704 events (8 fewer than 2015), 98176 competitors (880 fewer).

Autotest +10%, Speed +10%, Karting -8% (Karting has shown a year on year decline since 2003)

Licenses (to end of September): race +251, rally +28, Speed +48, non-race +55; karting down.

John Hickling asked why the MSA won't issue a permit for a club Track Day.

Break at 21:10

Meeting restarted at 21:35

Rally Future – web-site & key milestones document.

There were 30 recommendations from the Scottish Motorsport Safety Review. Safety Delegates and Safety Observers in place. Minimal marshal numbers has been changed to "predicted" marshal numbers. There has been discussion on media accreditation and non-accredited club photographers. Additional radio frequency. The MSA were under-resourced to handle the applications for grant funding for replacement radios; they are working through the backlog and are now up to the end of June.

6. Secretary's Report – David James

EMAMC's request for 2016 event dates has been issued. A request for updates to Club Officials will be issued.

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

All sponsors now paid.

Still only Bury AC subscription outstanding.

8. Championships Update:

7.1 Multi-Surface – Steve Flanagan

Next round: Kings Lynn & DMC.

7.2 Single Venue – Steve Flanagan

Next round: Dukeries at Donington.

7.3 Road Rally – Craig Burgess

2 further rounds held: Mercian (40 entries) and Jackson (26 entries)

Next round: Dansport in 2 to 3 weeks (31 entries so far).

6 of 12 championship positions still to be decided.

9. MSA Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock – no report

8.2 RLO Reports:

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

Glyn Byard (RLO Notts and Derbyshire) – by email:

'I am unable to attend tonight as I am marshalling on a 12 car event.

During the year there will be 49 events (to the end of November) which has comprised of;

Road Rallies	9
Touring Assemblies	18
Trials	5
12 Cars	9

Scatters	7
Treasure Hunts	1

There have been very few problems with the organising and running of the events which in turn has led to very few P.R. complaints.

However I am finding that events both in the EMAMC Championship and also other events which state that they comply to the EMAMC Regulations, in fact do not comply: i.e. rejoin points, handouts and code boards. Could we therefore ensure that all clubs receive a copy of the EMAMC Championship Event Rules (for organisers)?

The Secretary stated that the "EMAMC Championship Event Rules (for Organisers)" are available on the EMAMC web-site.

Dennis Turner reported a daylight Jaguar Touring Assembly (for 25 cars) where the organizers had "a nightmare" getting the route approved.

Chris Faulkner (RLO Leicestershire & Rutland) – by email:
Nothing special to report

Nigel Evans (RLO Northamptonshire) – No report

10. Other Officers Reports

10.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

Dennis asked for trophies to be returned either to the next Executive meeting or sent/brought back to Dennis. There were only 71 present at the dinner in January 2015; this is the first year in which attendance has been below 100.

10.2 Marshals' Training Officer – Karen Spencer – No report

10.3 Press Officer - vacancy

11. Election of Championship Registrars

11.1 Stage Rally Championship
Steve Flanagan – proposed Eastwood & DMC, seconded Notts SCC

11.2 Road Rally Championship
Craig Burgess – proposed Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, seconded Lindholme MSC

12. Any other business

Steve Flanagan – For 2016, there will be one Stage Rally championship (instead of two). Asking for people (sponsors, clubs, and individuals) to support trophies.

Ash Chapman – Said his company is spending money on Facebook for a Social Media presence and asked if the MSA had any plans. Simon said the MSA is aiming for a presence on Twitter and Facebook

Steve Brew – "grass roots" motor sport: they are running autosolos at Donington which are well supported. The grass-roots competitors are resistant to having to have National B licenses. He would like to be able to run a championship for invited clubs on clubman's events – why isn't this allowed?

13. Next Delegates' Meeting:

Tuesday 12th January 2016.
Meeting closed at 21:55

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

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

10th Nov Executive

2016 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates (to be confirmed)

12th Jan Delegates

8th Mar Executive

12th Apr AGM/Delegates

10th May Executive

12th Jul Delegates

13th Sep Executive

11th Oct Delegates/Registrar Elections

8th 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

2016 Dates submission form: <http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/EMAMCDateapplicationform2016.doc>

Draft 2016 Calendar: http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2016.html

Forthcoming dates

Annual Dinner – 30 January 2016

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 2017 – 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.