

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 8th July 2003

Present: Phil Foster (Chairman), Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Charlie Wheeldon (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator).

Delegates From the Following Member Clubs:

Rolls-Royce MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Matlock Motor Club, NW Motor Club, CSMA, Lincoln Motorcycle & Car Club, HRCR, Grimsby Motor Club, Dukeries Motor Club, Mablethorpe & DMC, Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, Eastwood & District Motor Club, Lindholme Motor Sports Club, High Peak & 061, Quinton.

1. Apologies

Ian James, Mike Jones, Andy Large, Guy Robinson, John Symes (MSA), John Thornhill (RLO), Dennis Turner

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 08th April were agreed with one amendment - High Peak & 061 had sent in their apologies but had been missed off the minutes.

Proposed Lincoln, Seconded Rolls-Royce.

2.1 Rally radios

Due to the take up of radio new licences and the new radio units having been tried & to date working reasonably, this item is closed.

2.2 PCT Championship

Only one club replied to the letter inviting clubs to restart a PCT Championship & that was Bexley. Therefore there will be no PCT Championship for 2004.

2.3 Multi Venue Stage Rally Championship rules for 2004

No comments have been received about the proposed rules sent out with the previous minutes. Therefore the proposal was to adopt the rules as written.

Proposed Dukeries, Seconded Quinton, all in favour bar one abstention.

There was a short discussion as to whether the rules should also apply to the Road Rally & Multi Use Championships. **Action Charlie Wheeldon & Steve Flanagan**

3.0 Chairman's Report

3.1 There are a lot of proposed rule changes in rallying - about 20 - for 2004.

(Sec. Note - comments to the MSA are invited & I suggest all clubs with an interest in Road Rallying take a look at the proposals in Motorsports Now).

3.2 Rallies committee

3.3.1 Service Area 'Best Practice' - to be circulated separately. One proposal is that all service vehicles should carry an 'Environmental Spill Kit'. Essentially a bag of absorbent granules & some means of collecting & dealing with them when contaminated.

3.3.2 Radio Controllers - there is on going debate on this issue.

3.3.3 Start lights - there is more info. due to arrive from the MSA on this issue.

3.3.4 ANICC - have a Strategic Plan for 2002-2007- all 35 pages of it. Anyone who wants a copy let the Sec. know. EMAMC had a Development Plan prepared 6/7 years ago. Intent is to revisit this & present to Sport England for possible funding.

Action Exec to report to next delegates meeting.

3.3 Inter Association Road Rally. Discussions are ongoing on this topic. The possibility of holding an event specifically as the Inter Association event, even if this means the event being held over to early 2004, is being considered. The High Peak & 061 event or the Danum Rally could be considered in 2003.

Action Alan Ogden & Len Fowkes to report back to Phil Foster.

- 3.4 Inter Association Autotest Event - this was won by ANICC.
- 3.5 Inter Association Autocross Event - 9/10 August at the Severn View Autocross, Plusterine Farm, Station Road, Woolaston. Contact Diane Bevan 01452-790529
- 3.6 Inter Association Stage Rally. This will now be for normally aspirated 2WD cars. A limit of 2.0 litres may also be imposed. The aim is to bring the event back to a more 'grass root' level. EMAMC will support it's teams at a rate of £40 per car, 6 cars max. i.e. 2 teams. Proposed Mid Derbyshire, Seconded Dukeries, 2 Abstentions otherwise all in favour.

It was pointed out that some of those who own 4WD machinery, who are excluded, do put money into the sport in other ways other than just entering events.

4.0 Secretaries report

4.1 2004 events. There had been a generally good response to the request for provisional dates for 2004.

4.2 Stockkarts. www.stockkarts.co.uk are looking for a Midlands venue, preferably loose. Anyone with any suggestions please get in touch direct on their website or to colin_bunyard@hotmail.com

4.6) Website. Reminder for the monthly update. Closing date for updates will be the **21st of each month**. Please send any updates to EMAMCsecretary@AOL.com or by post.

5. Treasurer's Report

No report.

6. Registrar's Report

This post is vacant & clubs are requested to see if one of their members would be prepared to take on the job. A full job description is available, but duties are basically the holding of the data bases for member clubs names & addresses, competitors registrations, issuing registration cards, distribution of label prints & organising the printing of the handbook each year.

In the interim all registration forms, requests for labels etc. should be sent to the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman to Jeff Parker for his efforts over the last 6 years, especially with respect to the prompt issuing of the Year Books.

To date we have 197 registered competitors for 2003, just seven short of the 2002 total. , compared to 189 at the end of 2002, up in road rally by 8, down in stage rally by 16, up in MU stage rally drivers, down in co-drivers & millennium is down 12.

7. Championship Co-ordinators Reports

Multi Venue Stage Rally – Tracy Wood

The invoice for the Competition Car Insurance Sponsorship was with Ally for payment.

Another 6 contenders signed up at the Dukeries event.

The Wickford Auto Club failed to send any further information about their event & therefore the opportunity to gain this event for the Championship was lost. Similarly the 'Motorpsort in the Midlands' group also failed to respond thus losing what was reported to be a 'cracking' tarmac event.

Multi Use – Steve Flanagan

Results from the Lightning stages at Binbrook had not been received by the Co-ordinator over a week after the event. Could all Championship event organisers please ensure that results are sent to the co-ordinator. Next event is the EDMC 'Shenpar' Phoenix stages at Fulbeck, August the 9th.

Road—Charlie Wheeldon

The mid year lull in the events was about to close with the AB Motor sport half nighter due to run on the 12/13th. The entry was full. Charlie was discussing the possibility of a club moving an event to the June time frame to get another event into the calendar.

Autotest – Simon Haas has reported that the Championship has been cancelled due to lack of registered competitors.

8. 2004 Dates

The point was made about the difficulty of setting a date before the major championships set their dates. This was accepted, however for those who did not reply please note an 'intent to run' could be sent, if not a date. The Sec. will be sending the provisional date's list to the MSA in **mid August** to meet the Blue Book date.

(Sec. note the proposed dates list as at day of writing up minutes is enclosed or will follow by e-mail).

Another point to note, if you wish to be listed as an EMAMC club in the MSA handbook, please ensure your MSA club form is returned to arrive **before** the 1st September.

9. MSA Officer's Reports

RLO (John Thornhill) – Report received by telephone.

Moorlands & Meadows / Mid-Derbyshire event is going to Motor Sports Council on the 5th August. The charge sheet runs to 3 pages.

A report is also going to the MSA about the VK rally & it's complaints.

There have been 37 complaints in Derbyshire, mainly noise related, in the last 12 months. The Drystone, 061 & the VK events, generated almost all of these.

In some instances clubs don't help themselves e.g. a recent Triumph Sporting 6 'Classic Tour' event used the tunnel in the Manifold Valley (during daytime) & were specifically told to go through sounding horns & flashing lights - it doesn't help & they are being pursued over this.

John stated he has received no direct complaints about Blue Book rule application, therefore if clubs feel they have a point to make please put it in writing. Flexibility has been used over the 6-week rule in at least 4 instances, so some credit is due.

John also apologised for not being able to get to this meeting, but should be able to attend the October Delegates meeting.

Charlie Wheeldon wasn't aware of a report going to the MSA about the 10 'complaints' received during the VK rally. CW has investigated & it seems any enquiry received by the Police is logged as a complaint. Of those logged 8 were just queries & only 2 were complaints & in their nature even they were more in the line of a query than a real concern in CW's opinion. The point was also made that there used to be 6 clubs running more events in Derbyshire & that the true complaint level is low.

Mid Derbyshire reported that all the complaints received were passed to the club. Of these many were logged before the event left the start line.

The general opinion of attending clubs was that reports going to the MSA should be shared with the clubs such that concerns may be addressed jointly.

Note - John Thornhill should be able to attend the next meeting in October & clubs may discuss any issues face to face then.

FLO – (Howard Wilcock) No report.

Comment was made by Lindholme that Deer Dale was in an extremely rough condition as used as a route in for marshals. A cracked sump had cost a new engine for Len Fowkes who is going to formally complain to the local authorities.

Anthony Northcote reported that the Highways Authority have responsibility for the road but don't have to repair it as it is officially stopped up. Howard Wilcock is aware of the situation & is trying to do something about it.

10. EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – Andy Large

Andy has applied for funding for training sessions in 2004. He will apply for a repeat of the Donington training day & also others if clubs communicate with him. Andy's e-mail address is: -
andrew@clowns-nursery.co.uk

*Press Officer – Helen-Claire.
No report*

Awards Secretary - Dennis Turner

2003 Awards dinner will be 24th January 2004 at the Hostess Restaurant. Can this please be put on all Championship bulletins from now on. Video clips & photos are also required for the awards evening to be collated by Phil Foster.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Sheffield & Hallamshire noted that one of their members had to join Dukeries Motor Club to take part in the Dukeries Rally. It was felt by S&H that members of the Association should have a right of entry to EMAMC events, especially where the organising club was part of the Championship. The point was not one of money. It was noted however that the Dukeries entry form made it clear that the competitor must be in one of several categories, one of which was being a registered contender of the EMAMC Stage Rally Championship. This seems to have escaped the competitors notice; neither was it pointed out by Dukeries MC to the competitor. By the rulebook Dukeries MC were well within their rights in their invitations within their regs.

11.2 Noise testing for road events - issue to be discussed at the next meeting.

11.3 Mid-Derbyshire Tribunal.

Quinton MC recommended the club to obtain the services of a solicitor such as Jamie Chenkin who represents many other competitors/organisers. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be with the tribunal due to happen on the 5th August.

It was also noted that clubs have been 'bending the rules' for years. Just how far MDMC had bent the rules was not known & not discussed. However there was a general consensus that EMAMC did not wish one member club to be made a scapegoat just to make a point to others.

12. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th October 2003 at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd