

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 13th April 04

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Charlie Wheeldon (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator).

Delegates From the Following 15 Member Clubs:

Rolls-Royce MC, Worksop & DMC, Nottingham Sports Car Club, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Matlock Motor Club, CSMA, Lincoln Motorcycle & Car Club, HRRC, Grimsby Motor Club, Dukeries Motor Club, Carlton & District Motor Club, Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, Eastwood & District Motor Club, Grantham Poachers Motor Club, Spondon & District 4x4.

1. Apologies

Lindholme MC, NHMC, Andrew Large, John Hickling (EDMC), John Thornhill (RLO)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes for January did not recognise Andrew Large as an attendee.

The issue of the rule for scoring Club Championship points was queried. Note the revised Club Championship rule only applies to the Multi-Venue Championship, the Road & Multi-use championships stay as written.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th January 2004 October were agreed with the addition of the above. Proposed NSCC, seconded Mid Derbyshire & all in favour

Matters arising.

2.3 The acceptable technical spec. for a noise meter, write to the Technical Committee to seek guidance on allowable variation. Calibration - how long is it valid for?

2.4 Off-Road activity - see John Thornhill (RLO) report.

2.5 The Green Lane Association is fighting a losing battle with respect to vehicular traffic as local authorities are redefining the first 100m of many tracks as brideways, so preventing vehicular access. **Action Phil Foster to consult with ANEMMC over a unified approach.**

3 Chairman's Report

Very little of note to report.

The MSA are trying to get conformity for race cars in the form of a logbook similar to stage rally cars.

Dick Mayo of the ASWMMC died on 20th March. His last wish was to be buried in a local forest. The MSA & others were well represented.

4 Secretaries report

Development Plan. Due to the Sec. not sending out the form requesting data little progress had been made, other than a discussion at the Exec. meeting.

An invitation to the Association had been received & accepted for an event at Wilbarston Airfield from Wolverhampton & South Staffs MC.

The Vintage Sports Car Club had informed the Association of intent to run the Northern (Ashbourne) rally on the 01 May 04.

Huddersfield & Slaithwaite MC had issued an invitation to the Association to take part in the Opposite Lock Stages at Manby on 16th July. This has been accepted.

Championship Steward. The oversight in not asking Neil Hughes to confirm he would willing to be a Championship steward for 2004 has been rectified & confirmation received that he is willing to continue in this role.

5 Treasurer's Report

The following clubs had paid
HRCR & Stockport

The following clubs had not paid their subs &/or levies
Bexley (£43), Cambridge (£23), Glossop (£23), Kettering (23), Loughborough (£23), North
Humberside (£20 verbally promised but not received at the date of the meeting), RAFMSA (£23),
South Bank (£23) & Worksop (£23).

Watling had sent a letter of resignation & Notts. University have not been heard from for over 2 years
& were regarded as no longer a member at the end of 2003.

6 Registrar's Report

We have 197 registered contenders.

Multi-use	54
Multi venue	47
Historics	9
Road	87 (of which 26 are registered as Novices)

This compares very favourably to last year where we had 203 in total including 9 'doubles' in the free
Millennium Challenge.

By comparison with former years

2003	RR 81, MV 47, MU 48, HR 12, Mill 13	TOTAL 203
2002	RR 73, MV 62, MU 45, HR 14, Mill 28, Auto 6	TOTAL 228
2001	RR 62, MV 47, MU 40, HR 11, Mill 20	TOTAL 180
2000	RR 51, MV 53, MU 21, HR 17, Mill 17	TOTAL 158
1999	RR 57, MV 75, MU 29, HR 25	TOTAL 186

Winners & losers are multi venue down, multi use up, road up & historics down. Millennium peaked
in 2002 & has been discontinued, albeit we have no less than 26 Novices registered this year.

Therefore we are in general about the same as 5 years ago if you discount the novices & healthier
than we were 5 years ago counting them in. Much depends on how many of the novices register for
the full championship in 2005. As a comparison 7 of the 13 contenders for last years Millennium
Champ. have not registered with us for this year. That said there is a general turnover of competitors
from one year to the next of around 50% in most championships e.g. 42 of 87 in the road rally
championship were not registered EMAMC in 2003. this is even higher in the multi-use
championship where the turn over is 36 of 54 - 66%.

7 Championship Co-ordinators Reports

7.1 Multi Venue Stage Rally – Tracy Wood

4 rounds run so far in 2004. There are 47 registered contenders & a bulletin is to go out this week.
There are currently no complaints or topics of discussion. Next round is the Dukeries on June 19th.

7.2 Multi Use – Steve Flanagan

2 rounds run so far with more competitors than last year & so far no complaints.

Championship stickers for the cars are now available & will go out with the bulletin.

A question was raised as to what Rallycodriver.co.uk do for us. The reply was that they provide a
prize for the top lady driver & co-driver equivalent to approx. £100. Lorraine Leeming was reportedly
thoroughly made over with the prize last year.

Steve Flanagan also commented that we should make an overall stage rally championship award.

Action Steve Flanagan to co-ordinate a proposal for the July meeting.

7.3 Road Rally - Charlie Wheeldon

2 events run, Lincoln's & Matlock's & one event cancelled - Loughborough. One event observed for possible inclusion next year (Malton MC) with the proviso that they are accepted as an EMAMC club at the July meeting.

Championship stickers for the cars are now available & will go out with the second bulletin.

The navigation seminar was due to be held on the 18th April.

Charlie thanked Roger Ashmead & Barry Jeffery for taking registrations at the start of the first two events.

During a discussion with the MSA Simon Fowler asked whether the EMAMC clubs give out spectator information & as a general policy we don't. Apparently there had been an incident on a Welsh event where spectators had bought information. The issue is that if spectator information is given out then there is a 'Duty of Care' to ensure that they are looked after. The club should also look at taped areas/barriers & marshals at the spectator points. They should also look at the insurance situation. Charlie recommended that clubs do not give out spectator information.

8 MSA Officer's Reports

RLO (John Thornhill) Report received by the Sec.

Acknowledgement had been received from DEFRA that the letter sent on behalf of the association regarding access to various lanes & venues was safely in their possession & would contribute to the consultation process.

The Matlock MC VK Derbyshire rally took place without a single complaint, a credit to the organising team.

A letter has been sent to the MSA regarding the influx of one make clubs onto EMAMC maps. Some of the less well organised events can cause PR problems.

FLO – (Howard Wilcock) Report via Anthony Northcote.

Some problems on the Lindholme (Robin Hood) event due to logging activities. Several stage miles were cut due to the poor surface. Re-assurance has been obtained that the surface will be graded for the remaining 2004 events.

11 EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – Andy Large

There is a possibility of arranging some marshals training at Derby Uni. in 2005.

Press Officer – Position vacant.

Phil Foster had omitted to report that Helen-Claire had commented she was having difficulties balancing work & outside commitments & had resigned.

The task can be 'moulded to suit' if someone wishes to take it on.

Awards Secretary - Dennis Turner

The date for the 2004 awards dinner has been set at January 15th 2005.

12 Any Other Business

12.1 Carlton & DMC tabled the date for the Inter Association Quiz night, 18th May, at the Commercial Inn, Wollaton Road, Beeston. Separate notification was to be sent to all clubs courtesy of data supplied by the Sec. **Action Sec. to provide address labels for non-email clubs**

12.2 A question was asked about the North Derbyshire Motor Club, the logo for which is on the wall of the meeting room. Apparently this is now a social motor club only.

12.3 Steve Flanagan informed everyone that S&H are celebrating their centenary this year.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th July at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

We will have a guest from the MSA - Allan Dean-Lewis

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd.