

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 14th April 2009 at 20:30

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Barry Jeffery (Vice President), David James (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Ian Pashley (Multi-Venue Stage Co-ordinator), Vicki Pashley (Registrar/Press Officer), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Howard Wilcock (FLO).

Delegates from the Following Member Clubs:

BRMC, Carlton & DMC, Clowne DMC, Coalville MC, De Lacy MC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, Grantham Poachers MC, Grimsby MC, HRCR, Knutsford DMC, Lincoln MC & CC, Lincs Louth MC, Mablethorpe MC, Matlock MC, Mid Derbyshire MC, North Humberside MC, Notts SCC, Quinton MC, Rugby MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Stockport 061 MC, Worksop DMC.

1. Apologies

Craig Burgess (Road Rally Championship Co-ordinator), Andy Large (Marshals Training Officer), Craig Rowland (Amman & DMC), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC), Len Fowkes (Lindholme MSC), Brian Jackson (Mercia MS), Richard Elms (Peterborough MC), Rosemary Wilkinson (Slaitwaite MC),

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (13 January 2009)/Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed a true record by Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, seconded by Grantham Poachers MC and agreed.
There were no matters arising.

3. Applications for membership

None

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

Regional Committee met on 25 February

A. Chief Executive's matters

1. WRC – hoping that WRGB will be a round in 2010
2. New IRC round in Scotland in 2009
3. Rally Elite nominations being sought
4. Go Karting operating at 16 venues. 3000 take-up between July and December 2008
5. Route Authorisation – fees to increase
6. Go Motorsport – 45,000 hits on web site in 6 months to December 2008. Clubs need to re-register for the website. Will launch Go Motorsport TV using Youtube style technology. Looking for three “progressive” clubs in each Regional Association for a pilot – clubs will have ability to upload their own content. Any clubs interested, please liaise with Phil Foster.

B. Average Speed on Rallies – The insurers have said they will not accept the raising of average speeds. BRC were to run the Greenerways Rally to test new tyre patterns in October 2008. It was cancelled then and is now expected to run on 14 June.

C. Limitation on invitations to events/grading of events – perceived confusion on grading of events. A working party formed (Paul Parker (SW), John Arnold (WM), John Richardson (ANCC) to report back on 20 May.

D. Training and Development Fund – In 2008, paid £80K for total project value £300K. \$50K to rescue and recovery units for equipment (£180K project value), 160 applications. In the first 6 weeks of 2009, 12 applications totalling £27K (project value £90K). Have agreed an amount of £750 per rescue unit for defibrillator unit. George Bailey (Stoke Rescue) has the agreed specification.

E. Club of the Year/Marshal of the Year – Nominations required by the MSA by 30 September. The MSA has suggested Regional Associations might like to consider “Lifetime Achievement” awards – they will provide certificates.

F. Inter-Association events –

- 1 Road Rally – in Cardigan Bay area on October 17/18
- 2 Stage Rally – 50th Anniversary Dukeries Rally on June 13
- 3 Car Trial – Wye Valley (Ross-on-Wye) June 28
- 4 Sporting Trial – Maidstone in November to be confirmed
- 5 Autotest – Alwoodley at Rufforth on July 26
- 6 Sprint – Kaymes on August 1/2
- 7 Autocross – Braintree, Essex on September 26/27
- 8 2010 Road Rally in Portadown, Northern Ireland November 20

- G. ANWCC proposed adding £1 per capita to permit fees for events requiring Rescue Units.
The proposal had been defeated.

Break from 21:05 to 21:35

5. Secretary's report – David James

Go Motorsport – clubs that have not filled in the questionnaire should fill it in if they wish to be shown on the *Go Motorsport* website.
Latest issue of *Ewheels* announcing a new Motorsport Apprenticeship scheme.

6. Treasurer's Report - Guy Robinson

Nothing beyond what Guy reported at the AGM – (only outstanding fees to the Association are subscriptions/levies from De Lacy and Kettering, and sponsorship for Multi-Use and Road Rally championships)
Guy is predicting a small surplus for 2008.
The Executive Committee have agreed to make a contribution of £50 to each member club with a stand at the Chatsworth Rally Show.

7. Registrar's Report – Alex Kirk-Willey (outgoing)/Vicki Pashley (incoming)

Nothing to report.

8. Championship Co-ordinators Reports

8.1 *Multi Venue Stage Rally* – Ian Pashley

29 registrations.

1st round of championship re-scheduled, Rounds 2 and 3 cancelled due to lack of entries).

Ian wants to buy some display stand equipment – referred to the Executive to discuss.

8.2 *Multi Use* – Steve Flanagan

48 registrations.

Several championship rounds lost due to lack of venues.

Next round is the Opposite Lock in July.

8.3 *Road Rally* – Craig Burgess

Apologies from Craig. He has sent a report:

43 registrations. Three rounds now complete. Last round (VK Rally) ran with a full entry of 55 plus 3 reserves.

9. MSA Officer's Reports

9.1 FLO – (Howard Wilcock)

Robin Hood cancelled due to lack of entries.

There are issues with Natural England in Sherwood Forest.

In Twyford, there has been damage to the roads due to contractors harvesting over the winter. FC are not interested in spending any money on re-instatement. Howard went round Twyford yesterday – the roads have cleaned up a bit. S&H will be able to run in August. FC are not prepared to give a long-term commitment to Twyford.

9.2 RLOs

John Thornhill is unwell and Simon Fowler at the MSA is handling his duties. (*Note added since this meeting: John has resumed RLO duties.*)

Chris Faulkner - There are currently no outstanding PR Issues, or any blanket Black Spots in Leicestershire & Rutland. For anyone running a competitive event, I have a list of PR sensitive areas which is available on request. There are around 25 events per year, the majority of which are Loughborough and Mercia 12 Cars, and a selection of Tours and Classic runs. The two major events are the Huntsman, which Gerry Blythe kindly looks after so that I can compete; and the Rally of the Midlands. Both these events are well run from my point of view, although I'd wish that the RotM submitted their route a little earlier.

Rob Bateman – no report

10. EMAMC Officer Reports

10.1 *Awards Secretary* – Dennis Turner

The Awards Dinner for the 2009 season will be on 16 January 2010.

10.3 *Press Officer* – Vicki Pashley
Nothing to report.

11. **Any Other Business**

Dukeries MC made a proposal (attached to these minutes) for the amalgamation of EMAMC and ANEMMC.

Howard Wilcock presented Dukeries' proposal. This is an initial proposal to start discussion. The two Scottish associations are discussing amalgamating; LCAMC and another association are discussing amalgamating.

Dennis Turner said the proposal would upset a lot of people in both associations. He asked which association Dukeries is a member of. Howard replied that Dukeries is a member of both associations and will continue to support both associations whether they amalgamate or not.

Ian Pashley thought that we would lose some championship contenders and amalgamation will dilute the efforts of the executive committee. He doesn't see any benefits.

Barry Thompson asked what would be the view of championship sponsors?

Phil Foster said there were advantages in having two voices on the MSA Regional Committee.

John Hickling said we would lose one voice on the MSA Regional Committee. There are also overlaps with other associations (for example ANCC). EMAMC only has 1 unfilled Executive Committee place; ANEMMC has a full Committee. Historically, merging two 50-member motor clubs has not yielded a 100-member motor club. We will lose sponsors and hence money from the sport. He doesn't agree with the proposal in any shape or form.

Sandra Hickling said she was representing Lincs Louth tonight – they would feel too far out of the area of an amalgamated association.

Ray Barlow said the important people were the member clubs who need to be given an opportunity to air their views.

Ian James pointed out the historical precedents of merging motor clubs usually leading to a loss of overall membership, and the end of the Midland Association most of whose leading members had not moved on to take part in the activities of the other associations around the area.

John Hickling said the two associations work well together – merging them would lose competitors and clubs.

Barry Thompson asked what is the MSA's position.

Howard Wilcock said the MSA want associations to align with Sports Council boundaries. The MSA's view is that this is a matter for the member clubs to decide.

Phil Foster said that the MSA will not push an amalgamation through.

Sandra Hickling said that joining the two associations will cause strife and conflict.

Ian James asked whether the amalgamated associations would align with Sports Council boundaries.

Howard Wilcock answered that they would not (they would include North Lincs and South Humberside)

Charlie Wheeldon asked if numbers for the associations' annual dinners would suffer.

John Hickling asked what would happen if a merger was agreed and clubs dissenting to the merger then formed a new association.

North Humberside proposed, Sheffield and Hallamshire seconded, that the proposal be referred to the Executive Committee to consider and to report back to the next Delegates' Meeting.

On a vote on this proposal 15 were in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention (some clubs having left before this point of the meeting). This proposal was therefore agreed.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 8pm, venue **the Conference Room at the Twin Oaks Hotel, Palterton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S44 6UZ, map ref 120/SK 456 671.**

Meeting closed at 22:55

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

2009 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates

12 th May	Executive
14 th July	Delegates/Dates
11 th Aug	Executive
13 th Oct	Delegates/Co-Ordinator Elections
10 th Nov	Executive

Directions to the venue for the July 2009 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

Proposal from Dukeries MC

Motorsport in the East Midlands

Motorsport in the East Midlands Region is currently represented by both the East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs (EMAMC) and the Association of North East Midlands Motor Clubs (ANEMMC). Both Regional Associations have been in existence for many years and can be proud of their achievements in promoting and representing Motorsport in the Region. However there is now a compelling case for the two organisations to merge and operate as a single Regional entity. This case is further strengthened by the economic recession and a downturn in motorsport activity.

Geography:

The area of England covered by the two Associations, (mainly the counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) is usually referred to as the East Midlands Region and this Regional identity has been reinforced by the creation of bodies such as the East Midlands Development Agency. In a sporting context 'Sport England' has a single East Midlands Region based on the 5 counties.

Membership:

The EMAMC has 61 member clubs and the ANEMMC has 40 member clubs. 31 clubs are members of both Associations. These clubs pay registration fees to both organisations, deal with administration from both Associations, submit dates etc to both Associations and ideally should send delegates to both sets of Association meetings.

Management:

Both Regional Associations are well managed and financially very secure but continue to find it difficult to obtain sufficient volunteers to complete all the management tasks. They each hold 4 delegates meeting per year but most member clubs are not able to find delegates to attend these meetings. In addition there are a number of Executive meetings for the management of each Association.

Championships:

Both Associations run championships for road rallies, multi use stage rallies and multi venue stage rallies. The events included in the championships are very similar (approx 80% overlap) and most competitors in the Region participate in the same events and some register for both championships.

Events in the East Midlands Area in 2009:

The number of Rallies in the East Midlands Region has significantly reduced in the last few years and the economic downturn and lack of venues has combined to reduce the number of active competitors.

Multi Venue Stage Rallies	2
Multi Use Stage Rallies	5 / 6
Road Rallies	7 / 8

Duplication of Resources:

The existence of 2 Regional Associations leads to a duplication of expenditure conservatively estimated at:-

Club subscriptions...say 30 x £25	£750
Championship event levies... say 20 x £25	£500
Maintenance of separate Association web sites	£300
Club / delegate correspondence / postage / Year Books	£500
Association meeting costs /delegates costs	£500
Duplication of Executive costs / expenses	£350
Competitor Championship fees...say 50 x £6	£300

Approx £3,200 per annum

Even more important is the duplication in time and effort of the people involved with both the Regional Associations and the member clubs.

Proposal:

That the two existing Regional Associations should unite to form a single 'Association of East Midlands Motor Clubs' (AEMMC) which would build on the strengths of the two current organisations. The new Association would be a better use of both human and financial resources and be better placed to provide cohesive support for motorsport in the East Midlands Region.

This proposal is submitted by the Committee of Dukeries Motor Club Ltd who consider that a single Regional Association will be in the best future interests of motor clubs in the East Midlands Region.

The proposal is likely to be supported by the MSA who are keen to see fewer stronger Regional Associations and want Motorsport Association boundaries to reflect Sport England boundaries where possible.

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