

**East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd**  
**Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 20:20**

**Present:**

Phil Foster (Chairman), David James (Secretary), Steve Flanagan (Stage Rally Championship), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Championship), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Karen Spencer (Marshals Training Officer and Press), Ian Smith (RDO), Howard Wilcok (FLO), Glyn Byard (RLO).

**Delegates from the following Member Clubs**

Carlton & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, HRCR, Lincoln MCC, Lindholme MSC, Mablethorpe & DMC, North Humberside MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Slaithwaite MC, Workshop & DMC.

**1. Apologies**

Craig Bellworthy (Vice Chairman), Nigel Evans (RLO), Ash Chapman (Mid-Derbyshire MC), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC), Steve Johnson (Boundless by CSMA), Mike Vokes (Knutsford DMC), Pat Egger (Loughborough MC), Martin White (Quinton MC).

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting (8<sup>th</sup> January 2019)/Matters Arising**

Correct the spelling of "Wemix" in item 7.1

Proposed Slaithwaite MC, seconded Carlton DMC. Agreed.

The Chairman thanked Steve Flanagan and Jon Leckenby for getting the sponsor for the Stage Rally Championship and thanked Brake Depot for their continuing sponsorship of the Road Rally Championship.

**3. Applications for membership**

None.

**4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster**

Regional Committee met on 20 February. This was the first meeting since the re-branding from MSA to Motorsport UK.

Items from the meeting:

- Don't shorten Motorsport UK to anything else!
- The door is still open for clubs to apply for grant funding
- Suze Endean is in the process of leaving Motorsport UK
- Tim Swietochowski (Head of Communications) has left Motorsport UK for a role at the Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- Regulation D 4.5.4 was referred to the Management Committee and then amended to include "Closed to Club" championships for a 2 year trial. The Executive and the Rallies Committee want to know numbers competing on these events
- R-GT rally cars
- Non-championship MV rallies – please pass information on dates to the Chairman – a Safety Delegate will be appointed
- Ian Berry from MSV now at Motorsport UK - looking at track-day participants as an untapped membership resource. Trying to break down barriers with Javelin Motorsport.
- It is possible to apply for a Practice Day permit (no results, no awards, no timing) – this might cover Track days run by recognized clubs.
- Request that any stage rally organisers who experience any issues with Ambulance cover should report this to Phil

Break at 21:00

Meeting restarted at 21:30

- Items from the CEO
  - Decline in licence numbers. 8,000 don't renew each year, but this is balanced by a similar number of new members
  - Change in propulsion of motor vehicles
  - 90% of Motorsport UK revenue is from licences and permits – perhaps this is the wrong balance
  - Review of role of governing body:
    - on 12 March, Motor Sport Council (MSC) voted to change the Articles of Association of the company.
    - Motorsport UK Board of Directors is now the ultimate decision-making body.
    - MSC informs the Board.
    - MSC will be significantly larger (up to 50 members).

- The Board is reducing in size from 14 to 12.
- A new Rules Committee is to meet twice a year to review rule changes from Committees
- New Chairman of MSC – Tom Purves
- The CEO is focused on **People, Product, Participation, Partnerships**
- New appointees:
  - Commercial Director: Colin Clark
  - Head of Motor Sport Promotion: Ian Berry
  - Commercial manager: Martin Fallon
  - Commercial team and Digital Marketing: Ben Buesnel
  - Kart Manager: Dan Parker
  - (Consultant) Head of Training and Education: Sue Sanders
  - Safety Director: Lesley Cox
  - Regulatory/Council: Jamie Champion
- IMS re-incorporated within Motorsport UK.
- British Kart Championship re-introduced
- “Go into investment mode” – grow licence base; grow revenues outside of licences
- Loss of revenues – profit from British Kart Championship will be ploughed back into venues

Phil reported on Dave Richards’ talk at The Casa Hotel:

- Wants to see a championship where people can do several kinds of events in the same car
- Why does a licence run on the calendar year? He would like to see ability to pay licences on a standing order & that might allow licences to renew annually on the anniversary of the joining date
- VAS in Belgium will issue licences for a day
- Write to Motorsport UK with any issues or thoughts

Returning to the Regional Committee ...

- Education and Training:
  - Competitor pathway from grass roots to the top of the sport (WRC, BTCC)
  - Officials and marshals pathway
  - Identification of training needs and core values
- Sports Promotion
  - Go Motorsport programme under review
  - 9 out of 11 RDO posts filled
  - Motorsport UK would like feedback on process for club and volunteer of the year nominations
- Rally Future
  - Minor tweaks delivered late April for implementation 1<sup>st</sup> July
  - Posters to be replaced; the “Ari” poster will stay
  - Closed Road rallies – two on same weekend in September
- Inter-Association events
  - Autosolo: Abingdon 8 June
  - Autotest: Wrexham 7 July
  - Autocross: Southsea 3/4 August
  - Car Trials: Ross-on-Wye 23 June
  - Road Rally: Beaver 20 July
  - Sprint: Darlington DMC at Croft 22 April
  - Sporting Trial: Bristol 10 November
  - Stag Rally: Scottish Rally 18 May
- **Request to cleanse club data on Motorsport UK web-site. All officials must have an email address.**

## 5. Secretary’s Report – David James

Nothing to report.

## 6. Treasurer’s Report – (vacancy filled at AGM)

No report.

## 7. Championships Update:

### 7.1 Stage Rally Championship – Steve Flanagan

4 rounds run so far. 78 registrations.

Lookout Stages at Melbourne was favourably received by competitors.

Next rounds: NHMC Warcop Stages, John Overend Memorial Stages Rally.

Steve wants to resign as Championship Registrar. Anyone willing to take on the role, please talk to Steve or Phil. Steve said the role could be split between more than one person: registrar, co-ordinator, results.

MIRA (the championship's reserve event) will not be running in 2019.

## **7.2 Road Rally Championship – Craig Burgess**

20 registrations.

First round was the Bruce Robinson which was well received.

2<sup>nd</sup> round (Primrose) cancelled as the Clerk of the Course was injured before the event.

Next round 061 Targa on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Clerk of Course of the Beaver Rally did not know it was the Inter-Association round. He will have to move date – likely to be November.

Mid-Derbyshire looking at running a targa at Twyford Wood on 19 October 2019.

## **8. MSA Officers Reports**

### **8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock**

Forestry application form for 2020 has just been issued.

### **8.2 RLO Reports:**

**Rob Bateman** (RLO Staffordshire and Peak District National Park)

No report

**Nigel Evans** (RLO Northamptonshire & Bedfordshire, Leicestershire & Rutland)

By email: Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland has had 27 applications for events so far, 13 No. 12 car rallies, 12 No. Touring Assenblies, The Measham Rally, which, reportedley had a few problems, but nothing ever came of them and The Mercian Road Rally, the route of which only went to Motorsport UK last month. It does seem that many of the inhabitants of my area either work in the motorsport industry, or know someone who does, so nobody complains - I won't let them!

**Glyn Byard** (RLO Notts and Derbyshire)

23 events (from 17 clubs) processed up to end of July. 4 more events being processed.

Still problems with section 33 permission from Derbyshire County Council.

**Organisers should contact Glyn or Rob before contacting the Council.**

The Council is giving section 33 permission then asking for section 16A closures (which involve payment and advertising costs).

VSCC held an event in March and asked for a meeting with the Council. DCC would not agree to a meeting because of "re-organisation". Also had a problem with the Duke of Devonshire over a bridleway at Chatsworth. Closure notices were put up on the Thursday and the Estate Manager then asked what happened after the closure.

### **8.3 RDO – Ian Smith:**

- Motorsport UK membership benefits are on the Motorsport UK web site.
- In-depth review of safety equipment to reduce burden of replacement of seats and harnesses. Extended life for certain homologated seats and harnesses.
- Want to encourage clubman members of Motorsport UK
- Will be sending out "kit of assets"

## **9. Other Officers Reports**

### **9.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner**

No report. The next dinner is on 25 January 2020.

### **9.2 Marshals' Training Officer – Karen Spencer**

Training at Warrington and York, Telford,Donnington, and Derby.

If clubs arrange their own training, clubs have to pay a proportion of the cost.

Karen is looking at a full-day training for marshals to help people get an overview of setting up a single venue rally. Will be looking for some support before and on the day. Aiming for 100 to 120 delegates. AMRO involved in this

Proposed (Mablethorpe, seconded Carlton) that the Association support Karen's proposal – agreed.

### **9.3 Press Officer – Karen Spencer**

Please send any information to Karen.

## **10. Any other business**

Chelmsford – for information (by email): The association's members may be interested to know that it is likely that the Preston Road Rally is likely to run again (as a closed to club event with membership included in the entry fee) - two former clerks of the course are considering replacing the previous team that stood down in December after ten years at the helm.

Craig Burgess – wants to add a name to the Regional Timekeepers list – talk to David.

**11. Next Delegates' Meeting:**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 20:00.

Meeting closed at 22:52

**David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd**

## **2019 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates (to be confirmed)**

10th Sep	Executive
8th Oct	Delegates/Championship Registrar Elections
12th 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**

**Regional Rally Timekeepers List** – please check the EMAMC Rally Timekeepers List (at [http://www.emamc.org.uk/index\\_timekeepers.shtml](http://www.emamc.org.uk/index_timekeepers.shtml) and let me know of any corrections, deletions or desired additions).

**Club details form** – (please use to advise of changes to club officials):

[http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/Club\\_Details.doc](http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/Club_Details.doc)

**2019 Dates submission form** – <http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/EMAMCDateapplicationform2019.doc>

**Event dates for 2019** – please check the draft 2019 Calendar at [http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index\\_dates\\_2019.html](http://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2019.html) and let me know of any corrections.

### **Forthcoming dates**

*Nominations for 2019 MSA Club of the Year* – to EMAMC Secretary by the end of August 2019

*Nominations for 2019 MSA Marshal of the Year* – to EMAMC Secretary by the end of August 2019

*Dates for events in 2020* – to EMAMC Secretary by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

*Nominations for EMAMC Special Awards (Silver Jubilee Award, Bell Leisure Marshals Award, John Wheatley Memorial Trophy)* – to EMAMC Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

*Annual Dinner* – 25 January 2020