

**East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd**

**Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held (on-line by Zoom meeting) on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 20:00**

**Present:**

Phil Foster (Chairman), David James (Secretary), Craig Burgess (Road Rally Championship), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Keren Spencer (Marshals Training Officer & Press Officer), Steve Flanagan, Ian Smith, Howard Wilcock (FLO), Ian Berry (Motorsport UK).

**Delegates from the following Member Clubs**

BARC Midlands, Boundless by CSMA (NW), Coalville CC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, HRCR, Lincoln MC & CC, Lindholme MSC, Middlesex County AC, Mid-Derbyshire MC, North Humberside MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Stockport 061 MC, Yorkshire Wolds MC

**0. Introduction**

This is the first meeting we have held on-line, and the first meeting since the January Delegates' meeting (the coronavirus pandemic restrictions have forced the cancellation of our other scheduled meetings). The Chairman noted that in the results of the Motorsport UK survey in May run by Ian Berry, 60% of the motor clubs that responded to the survey did not attend their Regional Association meetings. On-line meetings may be a way forward to increase the attendance level.

**1. Apologies**

Craig Bellworthy (Vice Chairman), Ian James (Treasurer), Paul Rees (Stage Rally Championship), Mike Vokes (Knutsford DMC), Jon Riley (York MC), Peter Butler (Dukeries MC), Geoff Moss (Eastwood DMC), Alan Hill (Ripon MSC), Heidi Woodcock (Clitheroe DMC), Richard Egger (Loughborough CC), Jeff Gray (Knutsford DMC), Charlie Wheeldon (Matlock MC), Vicki Harper (Potteries & Newcastle MC), Paul Barrett (Chelmsford MC).

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> January 2020)/Matters Arising**

Proposed Eastwood DMC, seconded Sheffield & Hallamshire MC. Agreed.

The Chairman reported that the Motorsport UK Regional Committee is now back to holding 4 meetings a year (1 face-to-face, 3 on-line using Zoom meetings).

**3. Applications for membership**

None.

**4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster – see apologies (no report)**

There was an on-line meeting of the Regional Committee in August.

- Motorsport UK were going to move into temporary accommodation at Bicester whilst a permanent building was built. The plan has changed and they now plan to move into the building that they were previously going to rent at the end of 2020 or in the first quarter of 2021.
- Covid-19: it is important that clubs ensure their details and communication preferences held by Motorsport UK are up to date – Motorsport UK owing to more communication by email.
- Update on survey results and conclusions from the data:
  - Sport Development Delivery Plan – 6 core programs
    - 1. Revitalised regional structure
    - 2. Well-promoted grass-roots competition structure
    - 3. Effective support infrastructure development for clubs
    - 4. World-class volunteering system
    - 5. Coaching culture
    - 6. Digital infrastructure to regions, clubs, members
- 68% of Stewards and Clerks of the Course and 37% of marshals are over 60
- 25% of competitors think one of the key things is to reduce costs.
- “Street car cup” to be hosted by 8 to 10 “regional hubs” – this raised hackles at Regional Committee! The driving force was seen as Motorsport UK – people pay a fee and then do autosolos promoted by clubs in Regional Associations. Won't work if there is no space in existing events. Regional Associations to find balance between new and existing events. The link to getting new members for clubs appears to have gone away. The proposals have gone back for a re-think. The Chairman has said we (EMAMC) will participate. We need a co-ordinator. Phil has asked Lee Burgess if he will take on the role. Motorsport UK will be providing an entries system. **Ian Berry** said the presentation was a first draft of an idea. Autosolos are one of the easiest starting points and want to highlight those events. He has a meeting tomorrow with the Autotest Committee. **Steve Johnson** said that the Autotest Committee hole-heartedly supports the promotion of grass-roots motorsport.

- MoD property survey – there is a conversation between Motorsport UK and the MoD. A list of venues has been sent to MoD at Warminster, but there have been no meetings because of the pandemic. The discussions are due to restart.
- The Regional Committee Chair (Peter Weall) and Vice Chair (Chris Woodcock) were re-elected.
- Next Regional Committee meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> November

## 5. Secretary's Report – David James

The request for 2021 event dates will be sent out soon.

## 6. Treasurer's Report – Ian James taking over from Guy Robinson

Two clubs have not yet paid their 2020 subscriptions.

## 7. Championships Update:

### 7.1 Stage Rally Championship – Paul Rees

Report by email:

Total of 80 registrations: 34 as drivers only, 35 as co-drivers only, 20 as driver and co-driver – so 54 driver and 55 co-driver registrations.

Main championship was supposed to be 10 rounds, but cancellations due to the pandemic mean this was reduced to 5 rounds with 3 to score. Forestry Cup has been cancelled as no rounds ran. The Asphalt Cup is still running.

After 3 rounds, 38 drivers and 31 co-drivers have scored points. The current top 3 overall drivers and the top 3 overall co-drivers are from different clubs.

There has been some kickback on championship changes, particularly BLMCC taking over the Cadwell event in November from NHMC – concern over the 24-hour priority on entries for MN/MSVR championship contenders. Paul had reduced the number of counting rounds in the championship to offset this.

### 7.2 Road Rally Championship – Craig Burgess

The proposed 2020 championship has been decimated by the pandemic.

One round has run (Bruce Robinson) and one round is due to run (Knutsford Targa). Only one EMAMC crew is entered on the Knutsford Targa and the entry filled within 20 minutes.

30 registrations – only 5 have scored points.

The sponsor (Rob Brook of Clubman Motorsport) is on-board for 2021. We have only charged Clubman Motorsport half of the agreed sponsorship for 2020.

Craig is still looking for a successor as championship registrar – any volunteers, please contact us!

## 8. Motorsport UK Officers Reports

### 8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Howard Wilcock

The Chairman gave thanks to Howard who has been our FLO for something like 20 years, but is stepping down at the end of 2020.

Howard said there is very little activity in the area except for Twyford Wood which is being looked after by Lee Burgess and Mid-Derbyshire MC.

### 8.2 RLO Reports:

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

## 9. Other Officers Reports

### 9.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

No report. We shall not be holding a Dinner in January 2021.

### 9.2 Marshals' Training Officer – Karen Spencer

Some training is planned for 2021. Bob Wright is not organizing the Yorkshire training and Karen has taken that over. This will be the last weekend in January. Offered particularly to new marshals and time-keepers. Also planning competitor "first-on-scene" training.

### 9.3 Press Officer – Karen Spencer

Not receiving any information from clubs to pass on ...

### 10. Election of Championship Registrars

Stage Rally: Paul Rees, proposed Mid-Derbyshire MC, seconded North Humberside MC, Agreed.

Road Rally: Craig Burgess, proposed Stockport 061 MC, seconded Mid-Derbyshire MC, Agreed.

### 11. Any other business

**Chelmsford MC** reported that “that AEMC decided to hold its future AGMs in October so that we can focus on appointing association officials, notably championship coordinators and the regional delegate for the coming year rather than the one that's in full swing by the time a traditional February AGM is held.”

**Lee Burgess** thanks to Howard for his FLO activities and helping when they had an issue 5 years ago.

**Karen Spencer** a few days still left for club, marshal, volunteer, etc. of the year nominations

**Steve Flanagan** thinks we should not have MN/MSVR championship events in our regional championship.

**Lee Burgess** asked could Motorsport UK have a Zoom account for clubs and associations to use?

**Steve Flanagan** reported that S&H MC have got potential new member interest from organising computer gaming (using Dirt Rally 2).

### 12. Next Delegates' Meeting:

AGM: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 20:00 (on-line using Zoom meeting).

Delegates: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 20:00 (on-line using Zoom meeting).

Meeting closed at 22:16

**David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd**

### Meetings currently scheduled are:

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Executive (as a Zoom meeting)

17<sup>th</sup> Nov AGM (as a Zoom meeting)

### 2021 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates - to be confirmed, both as to date and as to venue (whether physical meeting or Zoom meeting)

19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Delegates
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Executive
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	AGM/Delegates
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Executive
13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Delegates
14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Executive
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Delegates/Championship Registrar Elections
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Executive

### Directions to the Twin Oaks (the venue face-to-face meetings)

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 [https://emamc.org.uk/index\\_timekeepers.shtml](https://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):

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

**2021 Dates submission form** – <https://emamc.org.uk/2021.php>

**Event dates for 2021** – please check the draft 2021 Calendar at

[https://emamc.org.uk/dates/index\\_dates\\_2021.html](https://emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2021.html) and let me know of any corrections.

### Forthcoming dates

*Annual Dinner* – No dinner in 2021

*Dates for events in 2022* – to EMAMC Secretary (once form is issued) by 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

*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 2021.