

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held (on-line by Zoom meeting) on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 20:00

Present:

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

Delegates from the following Member Clubs

BARC Midlands, Coalville CC, De Lacy MC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood DMC, Lincoln MC & CC, Lindholme MSC, Loughborough CC, Middlesex County AC, Mid-Derbyshire MC, North Humberstone MC, Rotherham MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Slaithwaite MC, Worksop DMC, Yorkshire Wolds MC

0. Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Ian Berry from Motorsport UK who now has a new role as Head of Membership Development.

1. Apologies

Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary, Ian James (Treasurer), Steve Johnson (Boundless by CSMA (NW)), Ash Chapman (Mid-Derbyshire MC), Mike Yates (Minicross DA).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (27th October 2020)/Matters Arising

Proposed Dukeries MC, seconded Sheffield & Hallamshire MC. Agreed.

3. Applications for membership

None The Secretary reported that Historic Rally Car Register had resigned from membership of EMAMC.

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

Questions from last Delegates' Meeting:

- Are there any funds available from Motorsport UK for Rescue Unit consumables? The answer appears to be yes, write to Motorsport UK.
- Long service award – some years ago nominations to Motorsport UK would produce a certificate to be awarded to the recipient. This appears to have stopped. It has been raised with Motorsport UK and is going to the Motorsport UK Board.
- Licence "badges" – complaints that the font is not clear and the holder's photograph is on the wrong side. Motorsport UK will review for 2022.

Questions from AGM:

- Suggestion of cheating and illegal or ineligible cars on Targa Rallies. Motorsport UK confirm that the early issues with Targa rallies have gone away.
- It was suggested that if cars which are illegal (under legislation) or ineligible (under General Regulations or event regulations) are allowed to compete then the event permit and insurance would be invalid. Simon Fowler confirms that this is **not** the case – the permit and insurance remain valid.
- Street Car Cup – the original thinking was 8 or 10 regional hubs.
- There was a Regional Association workshop hosted by Motorsport UK last night. Questions raised: what do we do well, what do we not do well, what are the challenges. Request to EMAMC Delegates: if you think there is something we are not doing well, or areas where we could support you better, please let us know.

From the Regional Committee:

- Competition Licence renewals were deferred to December and there was a small discount for early renewal.
- The move of Motorsport UK to Bicester will happen at the end of January
- The Motorsport UK web-site is to be updated – it may have pen pictures of staff: what they do, how to contact them

5. Secretary's Report – David James

Thank you to clubs for updated contact details and for 2021 event dates. Please keep me updated with any changes to club's officials and any changes to event dates.

A reminder to keep the Motorsport UK web-site updated with changes of officials and also what information you want to receive from Motorsport UK.

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

No report. The subscription to EMAMC for 2021 will be zero for clubs that were members in 2020. Championship levies will be charged.

7. Championships Update:

7.1 Stage Rally Championship – Paul Rees

4 events ran in the 2020 championship with 3 rounds to count.

Points were scored by 40 drivers, 34 co-drivers, and 12 clubs.

The Forestry Cup did not run in 2020 (no events); the Asphalt Cup did run with 2 events.

Eastwood & DMC won the "Organising Club of the Year" award from Motorsport UK – congratulations to them.

For 2021, the Regulations have been approved and a permit issued by Motorsport UK.

There has been a little tidying up of details in the Regulations, no major changes, small changes to number of events to count and bonus points.

The Chairman acknowledged our gratitude for sponsorship from WeMlx Concrete (Hugh Peat) in 2019 and 2020.

7.2 Road Rally Championship – Craig Burgess

The 2020 Road Rally Championship was Cancelled as only one round ran with only 5 registered contenders.

For 2021, the Regulations have been approved and a permit issued by Motorsport UK.

There are 3 rounds in November: 2 road rallies and one Targa Rally.

The sponsor (Clubman Motorsport, Rob Brook) is happy and continuing sponsorship.

7.3 Street Car Cup

A new initiative from Motorsport UK using Autosolos.

Lee Burgess actively involved in running the Donington Winter Series. Would like EMAMC to get involved as a participant. Lee needs clubs and events (in March to October).

Steve Flanagan said S&H considering running one.

Stuart Taylor asked can they shadow another club's event to learn what is needed.

Richard Egger (Loughborough CC) have an Autosolo planned for the first weekend in June.

Proposal (Lincoln MC & CC, seconded BARC Midlands) that EMAMC run an Autosolo/PCA Championship with Lee Burgess as Championship Registrar – agreed.

Any clubs that have the slightest inkling of organizing an Autosolo should contact Lee.

Ian Smith - BARC Midlands have not done anything like an Autosolo, but might be able to run on.

Jon Lconby - Do autosolos have to be on tarmac? Answer: Yes. PCAs can be on grass, so could be in an EMAMC Championship, but not in the Street Car Cup.

8. Motorsport UK Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Lee Burgess

Lee Burgess is now FLO.

An email from Andrea Richards at Motorsport UK saying "Motorsport UK had been asked last summer not to proceed with the normal process until after the Forestry review has concluded".

In response to a question on Twyford Wood – it falls under the master agreement for permits but not for fees.

Stuart Taylor asked if land is leased by the Forestry Commission from a private landowner and the

landowner is happy, can an event go ahead on that land. Howard said all events must comply with Forestry requirements.

8.2 RLO Reports:

No reports

9. Ian Berry (Motorsport UK)

Now Head of Membership Development.

The community is currently limited to license holders and marshals. Aiming to expand the community to include, for example, race teams, organisations, suppliers, students.

David James asked does "Trackside" fall into Ian's area. Answer "Trackside" had got to well over 1000 members, but has been hit by the Covid pandemic not allowing the events that it was doing. It is to be re-ramped.

Stuart Taylor – need to get more people engaged – geared to profile of motorsport in the media – local club events are not covered in the media.

Steve Flanagan said Sheffield Council and South Yorkshire Council are totally against any form of motorsport. The Sheffield Hallamshire report on economic benefit should be sent out to all councils.

Paul Rees asked about possibility of “rally track days” to attract cross-over from track days to stage rallies. A discussion on running track days under Motorsport UK permit.

10. Other Officers Reports

10.1 Awards Officer – Report from Dennis Turner

2020 Stage Rally Championship awards are being engraved.

We need to think about how to present these in the next few months – any ideas please get in touch.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Bell Leisure Marshals award.

10.2 Marshals’ Training Officer – Karen Spencer

Training at the end of January – 180 delegates being delivered by Zoom. Karen has taken over from Bob Wright. A new short course on new timing developments and a short course on “First on scene”.

The Chairman thanked Karen for all her work and for taking over from Bob.

10.3 Press Officer – Karen Spencer

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

11. Any other business

Howard Wilcock Steve had asked about Stage Practice Days – they still exist, but the permit fees are in accordance with single venue rallies.

Stuart Taylor Yorkshire Wolds MC wants to apply for a grant. The form needs “regional” approval – how to get that? Answer email to Phil or David. Claire Kirkpatrick administers the fund.

Howard Wilcock for Ian Berry – Motorsport UK in process of moving. We need to know who to contact (and how) at Motorsport UK.

Steve Flanagan S & H hoping to run a Single Venue rally at Leconfield. Has been asked by the Army who their Covid officer is and what are their qualifications.

12. Next Delegates’ Meeting:

Delegates: Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 20:00 (on-line using Zoom meeting).

Meeting closed at 21:54

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

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)

16 th Mar	Executive
13 th Apr	AGM/Delegates
11 th May	Executive
13 th Jul	Delegates
14 th Sep	Executive
12 th Oct	Delegates/Championship Registrar Elections
9 th 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) 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

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 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 14th November 2021

Nominations for EMAMC Special Awards (Silver Jubilee Award, Bell Leisure Marshals Award, John Wheatley Memorial Trophy) – to EMAMC Secretary by 30th November 2021.