

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held at The Twin Oaks, Palterton and as a parallel on-line Zoom meeting
on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 20:00

Present (in person):

Phil Foster (Chairman & MLO), Lee Burgess (Autosolo Registrar & FLO).

Present (via Zoom):

Ian Smith (Vice Chairman), David James (Secretary), Karen Spencer (Regional Training Officer & Press Officer), Howard Wilcock

Delegates from the following Member Clubs (in person):

Lincoln MC & CC, Lindholme MSC, Mid-Derbyshire MC.

Delegates from the following Member Clubs (via Zoom):

BARC Midlands, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Lincolnshire Land Rover Club, North Humberside MC, Slaithwaite MC.

1. Apologies

Ian James (Treasurer), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary & Worksop & DMC), Paul Rees (Stage Rally Registrar & Dukeries MC), Mark Wilkinson (RLO & Stockport 061 MC), Charlie Francis (Coalville CC), Ash Chapman (Mid-Derbyshire MC), Jon Leckenby and Nick Taylor (Worksop DMC), Stuart Taylor (Yorkshire Wolds MC), Richard & Pat Egger (Loughborough CC), Mick Pears (Rotherham MC).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (10th October 2023)/Matters Arising

Proposed Slaithwaite MC, seconded Eastwood & DMC, agreed (with the correction that "Mark Freeman" should be "Martin Freeman").

3. Applications for membership

Lincolnshire Land Rover Club

Richard keen that off-road benefits from the training that we are familiar with for rallying. Mostly Land Rover type vehicles in Off-road events: 3 types of Trial (road taxed, fully caged, beginners – tyro), Comp Safari (one of 6 clubs in the country running Comp Safaris, very similar to special stage rally). LLRC runs 8 events in each of the 4 disciplines per year so nearly an event every weekend. Approximately 100 members. Proposed Slaithwaite MC, seconded Mid-Derbyshire MC and agreed.

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

There has been no *Regional Committee* meeting since October.

Rallies Committee (minutes not yet circulated) – Phil understands that the proposed class structure was not approved at that meeting and there are some concerns over tyre restrictions – what is the penalty for misuse? *NCRs*: timetable has been extended several times. Presentation to the Board in November suggesting that the *NCRs* would be completed by the end of 2023.

A whole raft of changes being done as "safety", so no consultation.

Club webinar (David Richards and Hugh Chambers) on 24 January.

Changes to vehicle identification for rallies (yellow numbers in rear side windows and an additional number in the rear screen) – Howard Wilcock says the additional numbers are a waste of time and add £4 per car to the event cost. They are not sustainable: they are use once and then throw away.

5. Secretary's Report – David James

From the Clerks and Stewards Seminar I attended last Sunday, Sue Sanders said that a Club Safeguarding Officer is required for all clubs (previously the statement was that a CSO was required for clubs running permitted events). Phil Foster says focus is now on clubs being able to share a CSO if they don't have one of their own. Should I re-circulate member clubs asking if their CSO is willing to support other clubs or mentor new CSOs? Phil says wait until after next Regional Committee to see what comes out of that.

There has been a delay in printing the Year Book. They have been posted out at the end of last week.

From John Ryan's presentation – a comment that **every** event (right down to the lowest grass-roots level event) should have a Safety Plan. The Incident Pack is now version 6.0, will be updated to version 7.0 after the seminar series.

6. Treasurer's Report – Ian James (apologies)

Subscriptions not yet paid:

- Kettering & DCC
- Mablethorpe & DMC
- Owen MC
- Stockton & DMC (also not paid 2022 subscription)

7. Championships Update:

7.1 Clubman Motorsport 2024 EMAMC Stage Rally Championship – Paul Rees

Lee Burgess: the registrars would like to move to an on-line registration for the championships. The service (membermojo) they would like to use is free for up to 50 members, £50 for 50 to 100 members, up to 500 is £95. Would need the £95 option to cover all 3 championships.

Proposed to allow the registrars to proceed with this: Mid-Derbyshire MC, seconded Lindholme MSC, and agreed. Paul Rees to action.

Len Fowkes: The ANCC stage rally championship is not allowing some cars to be in the championship (e.g. R5 and Rally1). Do we want to do this for the EMAMC championship? Howard Wilcock pointed out that the EMAMC Championship is class-based so the “big” cars are not winning the championship, so why do we need to exclude them?

Phil Foster says he has heard concerns about events in some championships giving priority for entries from championship contenders for the first 7 days.

Break at 21:04; meeting restarted at 21:18.

7.2 Clubman Motorsport EMAMC Road Rally Championship 2023 – Phil Foster

7 rounds and 3 cancelled (Twyford Targa, 061 Targa, De Lacy Targa).

The Peak Trophy ran with only 1 event.

Proposals for 2024: - Martin Freeman

Hoping to make progress in the next few weeks.

Howard Wilcock: are you intending to use both road rallies and targas? Answer: yes.

7.3 EMAMC Spectrum and The One Point Autosolo Championship 2023 – Lee Burgess

14 rounds ran out of a planned 15 (Twyford cancelled).

33 registered contenders, 30 of whom did events. 3 juniors and 6 ladies.

For 2024: a couple of changes – changing class structure

Class A less than 1400 cc

Class B 1400 to 1700 cc

Class C 1700 to 2000 cc

Class D over 2000 cc plus sports cars and kit cars

Class based with bonus points based on overall placings

Looks as if there will be 17 or 18 rounds with (probably) 10 to count.

Zero cost levy for events in the Autosolo championship - proposed Lindholme MSC, seconded Eastwood DMC, and agreed.

8. Motorsport UK Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Lee Burgess

Motorsport UK year Book doesn't show Lee as the FLO – he is speaking to them about it!

Awaiting a reply as to who is the contact at Motorsport UK now that Andrea has left.

Position of Twyford Woods with regard to the Master Agreement is still being discussed.

The Snowman Rally is not running as the agreement for Scotland has not yet been finalized.

8.2 RLO Reports:

Mark Wilkinson (Staffs & Peak NP) (by email) – “all events happening nicely and keeping me informed.”.

Glyn Byard (Notts & Derbyshire) no report. Glyn is still unwell. His area is being handled by David Powell at Motorsport UK.

8.3 MLO Report:

Phil Foster: Steve Flanagan has complained regularly that Motorsport UK has not done enough about finding and retaining venues. MSV wanting to see an increase in use of the MSV venues – more cars on the track for rallies, shorter starting intervals for sprints, etc. Motorsport UK have gone back to MSV saying that MSV needs to think about the rates they are charging clubs. MSV have suggested running more than one event at the same time at a venue – e.g. using grassed or tarmac areas for other activities. Lincoln MC & CC have been asked if they would be interested in running grass autotests at Cadwell.

Howard Wilcock says that Donington is so heavily used that it would be a struggle to fit in any other events. They can't set up on the circuit at Donington on the Saturday. To get access to the tarmac lake for setting up, they have to hire that on the Saturday.

Lee Burgess says he has just paid for the Donington tarmac lake at £1250 + VAT. The hire fee was approx. £750 seven years ago (before Donington was taken over by MSV).

Phil has made two approaches to airfields in the southern part of our region. One replied no for 2023 (because of building work); will try again for 2024. The second one, Phil was passed on from his contact to a more junior officer who said “we don’t feel the venue is appropriate for motorsport” without Phil being able to tell him about different types of motorsport. A lot of the MLOs are feeling a little disillusioned. This has been fed back to John Ryan. Andy Kobasa (North East) has resigned, plus a couple more in the South. Responses from the military have not been open (“let’s have a discussion”) just “no thank you, we don’t think it is appropriate”.

Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has two prices – one for under 30 mph, the other for over 30 mph. The first is much cheaper.

9. Other Officers Reports

9.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

Dennis sends his apologies.

Phil Foster says Dennis has had difficulties (as usual) in getting the perpetual trophies back for engraving, but he is now on top of that. There is a significant increase in the price of replicas. He has been able to recycle approx. 30 that have not been collected in previous years.

Eastwood DMC have now collected the Vernon Knott Trophy.

Dennis could do with some more bookings for the annual dinner but is not yet worried.

The meal price has gone up and Phil and Dennis have decided to subsidise to keep the ticket price the same as last year (£27).

9.2 Regional Training Officer – Karen Spencer

First on scene training at Mid-Derbyshire on 22 January.

Radio training to be at Worksop.

Karen is writing a Stage Rally Sector Marshal Training course.

10. Any other business

None

11. Next Delegates’ Meeting:

Delegates: Tuesday 9th April 2024.

Meeting closed at 22:30

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

2024 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates (to be confirmed) – Delegates’ meetings will be at The Twin Oaks with a Zoom meeting running alongside the face-to-face meeting; Executive meetings will be via Zoom.

12 th Mar	Executive
9 th Apr	AGM and Delegates
14 th May	Executive
9 th Jul	Delegates
10 th Sep	Executive
8 th Oct	Delegates (Election of Championship registrars)
12 th Nov	Executive

Directions to the Twin Oaks (the venue for 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 or http://www.emamc.org.uk/downloads/Club_Details.pdf

2024 Dates submission form: <https://emamc.org.uk/2024.php>

Event dates for 2024 – please check the draft 2024 Fixture List at https://www.emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2024.html and let me know of any corrections.

Forthcoming dates

Annual Dinner – 27 January 2024

Dates for events in 2025 – to EMAMC Secretary by 1st November 2024

Nominations for EMAMC Special Awards (Silver Jubilee Award, Bell Leisure Marshals Award, John Wheatley Memorial Trophy) – to EMAMC Secretary by 30th November 2024