

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 April 2024 at 21:10 (following the AGM)

Present (in person):

Phil Foster (Chairman & MLO), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary).

Present (via Zoom):

Ian Smith (Vice Chairman), David James (Secretary), Ian James (Treasurer), Martin Freeman (Road Rally Registrar), Karen Spencer (Regional Training Officer & Press Officer).

Delegates from the following Member Clubs (in person):

Lincoln MC & CC, Lindholme MSC, Mid-Derbyshire MC, Rotherham MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, Worksop & DMC.

Delegates from the following Member Clubs (via Zoom):

BARC Midlands, Boundless by CSMA, De Lacy MC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, MG Car Club (Lincolnshire), North Humberside MC, Slaithwaite MC, Worksop & DMC.

1. Apologies

Paul Rees (Stage Rally Registrar & Dukeries MC), Heidi Woodcock (Clitheroe & DMC), Richard Egger (Loughborough CC), Charlie Francis (Coalville CC), Richard Blackshaw (Lincolnshire LRC), Howard Wilcock (Dukeries MC).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (9th January 2024)/Matters Arising

Item 8.3 "230 mph" should read "30 mph"!!

Proposed Eastwood & DMC, seconded BARC Midlands, agreed.

3. Applications for membership

MG Car Club Ltd (Lincolnshire)

David Stonehouse: MG Car Club is a central club with 13 (geographical) Regional Centres. In total 32 centres, registers (e.g. MGB), or branches (e.g. young members). They have been told this year that the Regional Centres do not comply with General Regulation A 2.7. They run a number of competitions: an autotest championship and a number of other permitted events. Phil asked if they run race events at Cadwell Park. David said MGCC has stopped running race meetings. The main MGCC still runs competition events but not race meetings. The individual centres run other permitted events. The Lincolnshire Centre has approx. 250 members. Events organized are autotests, scatter rallies, social events, concourse. Five different meeting venues in Lincolnshire.

Proposed Worksop & DMC, seconded Dukeries MC and agreed.

Pre War Austin 7 Club

Not present – the delegate said he would attend if he was able to get away from work in time.

Proposed Boundless by CSMA, seconded Rotherham MC and agreed.

4. Chairman's Report – Phil Foster

Regional Committee met in early March.

The "community" as a whole (officials, competitors, etc.) is now greater than 100,000 people.

- Officials > 4,000
- Marshals ~10,000
- Competition licence holders ~70,000 (30,381 of those hold free RS Clubman licence)
- 676 clubs
- 3,930 permits
- 119,395 competitors on those permits

Must not use the words "off road"; the discipline is "Cross Country". There is a new Head of Cross Country (Steve Blakeman).

The Association of Land Rover Clubs (ALRC) believe they should be treated as a Regional Association.

Motorsport UK left it to Regional Committee to make a decision on this. Regional Committee did not feel this appropriate and suggested that the various Cross Country clubs should engage with Regional Associations.

Motorsport UK is currently working on a new web-site plus CRM system. The ACU use a piece of software called Sport 80 for management of event entries, permitting, and other things. Phil says Sport 8- is fraught with issues and problems (from experience in his own club which is a motorcycle club as well as a car club).

Motorsport UK expect Regional Association web-sites to be more informative and "friendly" in respect of the disciplines that newcomers might engage in (the "street car" disciplines).

Loughborough CC and Mid-Derbyshire MC have been running events at Donington and Richard Egger has been running a disabled drivers' scholarship. This has been very successful. Motorsport UK have taken over

this initiative and there will be a national assessment day on 11th May on the airfield at Bicester for people to have a go in an adapted car.

2025 will see the end of the “Blue Book” and the start of the “National Competition Rules”. A draft is on the Motorsport UK web-site as a single 700+ page PDF and also in sections (under “The Sport”, “Trial NCRs”). They will be updated two or three times before the final version (in September) which will go to Rules Committee for approval and then be approved by the Board in November for introduction from 1st January 2025. Please comment if you spot anything wrong to ncr@motorsportuk.org – don’t expect to get instant replies. The normal committee cycle is continuing, so there will be changes that will need to be merged into the trial NCRs, for example *Rallies Committee* met in February – stage rally tyre restrictions are going out for consultation.

Any events wanting to run under the trial NCRs should formulate regulations as normal and send them in to Motorsport UK and they will convert them to be compliant with the trial NCRs.

5. Secretary’s Report – David James

Fixture List: I have not chased clubs for dates nearly as much as in previous years. Currently 173 events on the fixture list from 56% of member clubs; last year (5 chasing emails) 241 events from 83% of member clubs.

6. Treasurer’s Report – Ian James

Invoices for club subscriptions and championship levies were sent out on 6 April.

7. Championships Update:

7.1 Clubman Motorsport 2024 EMAMC Stage Rally Championship – Paul Rees

A few more registrations prior to Lookout Stages means we now have in total we now have 51 drivers and 45 codrivers registered for the championship which is a marked improvement on registrations from 2023.

A total of 8 events with 5 to count in the main championship and we have had the first 3 – Dukeries at Donington, Alan Healy at Cadwell and Lookout Stages at Melbourne. Next event is Rex Premier Stages at Blyton Park.

7.2 Clubman Motorsport EMAMC Road Rally Championship 2023 – Martin Freeman

Wen live last Friday. 23 registrations, 7 rounds: 4 targa rallies, 3 road rallies. 4 junior navigators, 4 female (3 navigators, 1 driver).

The championship has a Facebook group “Clubman Motorsport EMAMC Road Rally Championship”.

7.3 Autosolo Championship 2023 – Lee Burgess

No report.

Permit and Regulations received by David today, and EMAMC web-site now updated with those.

8. Motorsport UK Officers Reports

8.1 Forestry Liaison Officer – Lee Burgess

No report.

8.2 RLO Reports:

No reports.

8.3 MLO Report:

Phil Foster: has approached 2 MoD venues – turned down by both. He has not given up.

The MLO for the ANCC region (Phil Hall) has resigned.

9. Other Officers Reports

9.1 Awards Officer – Dennis Turner

92 people sat down to dinner, 4 more attended for awards.

9.2 Regional Training Officer – Karen Spencer

A big push is coming from Motorsport UK over clubs attending safeguarding training. Karen did hers at the end of March. The course is not as difficult or onerous as people think. Karen strongly recommends someone from every club to attend. The current course is mainly based around protecting children and young adults (mainly from the karting discipline). There will be a new course coming out for “adults at risk” (what used to be known as “vulnerable adults”). Phil says Motorsport UK are concentrating on Club Safeguarding Officers who have not attended training – there are 446 Club Safeguarding Officers, 337 have renewed their licence and as of the start of March they have trained 167 of those. The course only takes 25 at a time. David points out that

the wording of the most recent email about safeguarding training says the course is for Club Safeguarding Officers.

10. Any other business

Ash Chapman asked whether MGCC (Lincolnshire Centre) organize race meetings. David Stonehouse replied that MGCC nationally finished 100 years of motorsport involvement with racing – they were losing too much money on racing. They have delegated race meeting organisation to other organisations.

11. Next Delegates' Meeting:

Delegates: Tuesday 9th July 2024.

Meeting closed at 22:48

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.

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

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

Annual Dinner – January 2025