



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Spring General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 19th April 2004.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Steve Smith (Hon. Sec.), Ian Tullie (Hon. Treasurer).

Delegates were present from the following 23 clubs:

BRMC, Bury, Clitheroe, COWS, CSMA, Dukeries, Durham, Glossop, Hadrian, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Knutsford, Lancs AC, Lindholme, Liverpool, Malton, Selby, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Trackrod, 2300 Club, Wakefield, Whickham & York.

1. Apologies.

Dave Barker and the YORC, Mike Yates, Ian James, Tim Bendelow and BARC, John Spencer, Bob Wright, MotorSport North West, Lancashire & Cheshire CC, The Motor Cycling Club, Northallerton AC.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2004.

The minutes were accepted as a correct account of the meeting. Proposed by LAC and seconded by Lindholme

3. Matters Arising.

The MSA seminar which clashed with two of our regions stage rallies actually went very well with 85 attendees - many of them new to the sport. So our initial reservations were proved unfounded.

Motor Club of the Year - No changes in last years format have been issued to date but clubs are advised to have a proposal at the ready should the MSA decide to request nominations.

The idea of running marshal licences from the middle of the year was seen to be a good one by the MSA. It would get them away from the rush of the competition licences thus assisting the licencing department at a very busy time.

The Early Day Motion we were to write to our MPs about has received such a backlash from users of mechanically propelled vehicles on by-ways that even Labour MPs are complaining to the Transport Minister about it! The Chairman read out a letter from his MP which supported our cause and this has been sent to the Minister. We hope the bill will now be rejected - watch this space.

4. Treasurers Report.

Iain Tullie reported that we had £3113.36 in the current account and £2059 in the capital account - he was considering transferring some funds, as the current account receives no interest.

The training day ran in January had received full funding of £1347.21 from the MSA Training Trust.

5. Invitations to the Association.

Ilkley & DMC - Classic Trial - 23rd May 2004
Clitheroe & DMC - Proflex Stages - 29th May 2004
Selby & DMC - Road Rally - 26/27th June 2004
Trackrod MC - Barbeque Hillclimb, Harewood - 11th July 2004
Lancashire AC - Sprint at 3 Sisters - 15th August 2004
2300 Club - Tour of Mull - 8-10th October 2004
Lancashire AC - Sprint at Blackpool Lower Promenade - 10th October 2004

6. Applications for Membership.

- **Whickham & DMC** had a delegate in attendance who gave a brief introduction to the club and it's activities. They were proposed by Lindholme MSC and seconded by Huddersfield MC - Accepted unanimously.
- **Bury AC** also applied for renewal of a lapsed membership. They were proposed by Trackrod MC and seconded by Durham AC - Accepted unanimously.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

Durham AC - Durham Dales Classic has moved one week to 26th September 2004

8. Mailing List alteration.

- **Ripon MSC:** Secretary - Lynsey Walsh. 68 Dowber Way, Thirsk. YO7 1EP ☎ 01845 525985
- **Clitheroe & DMC:** Secretary - Heidi Winstanley. 234 Shear Brow, Blackburn BB1 8DS ☎ 01254 681350
- **Clitheroe & DMC:** Comp Sec - Chris Woodcock. 234 Shear Brow, Blackburn BB1 8DS ☎ 01254 681350

9. Championship co-ordinators reports.

- a). Autotests
- b). Production Car Trials*
- c). Road Rallies*
- d). Stage Rallies*

* Report at end of minutes

10. Time, Date & Place of next meeting. - 8.00pm on Monday 21st June 2004 at Whitcliffe Mount. (AGM)

11. Correspondence.

Stage Rally Championship Newsletters.
Road Rally Championship Newsletters.
Autotest Championship Newsletter.
Minutes from:
ASCMC, ANICC, ANWCC &, LCAMC
Companies House – several pieces of mail
Graham Whitaker – Autotest Championship
CSMA – Revival Rally
De Lacy – Roger Albert Clark RALLY 2004
Emergency Paramedic Services (Stockton on Tees) – Registered with MSA

The De Lacy letter was read aloud, which brought several comments from the floor: It was felt very disappointing that the club hadn't attended the meeting to give the presentation they promised at the January meeting. Rod Parkin stated that the major complaint about the event has been lack of communication from the organising club, which seems to be a continuing problem.

MSA letters:

Wheels
MSA guest visits
Forest Charges – 1st April 2004/31st December 2004

Club newsletters from:

Alwoodley MC, Ilkley MC, Lindholme MSC, Slaithwaite MC & Knutsford & DMC

Graham Harper from Malton MC addressed the meeting and conveyed the thanks of the family of Chris Francis who was tragically killed on the Kall Kwik in February.

12. R.L.O. / F.L.O. / Training Officer Reports.

F.L.O.

Rod Parkin explained why the Forest Enterprise (now re-named Forestry Commission) has decided to run their agreements from the beginning of the year (Jan - Dec). This will assist clubs but will cause allocations to be applied for earlier than at the present time. A discussion ensued regarding the F.C. and their formulation of contracts, safety plans etc. The NHMC Forest rally was used to pilot the Safety Manual system and this worked very well.

The stretch of road where the fatal accident occurred on the Kall Kwik is likely never to be used again.

The regulation whereby clubs using forest roads for events other than stage rallies don't have to contact the FLO is being looked at. It was felt ridiculous that the FLO wasn't made aware of all motorsport events in his area - this should soon be rectified.

Gravel Sprints are still outside the National Agreement.

13. RACMSA / ACU / Sports Council matters.

14. Motions received. - None

15. Other Business.

- Iain Tullie spoke about the failure to comply with both MSA and ANCC rules. He used the recent event planned by Morecambe CC which actually failed to run. Nevertheless, it was felt that all clubs should be made aware of **B1.2.1** and **K13.2**. Date clashes are not in the interest of any club or event - this is why the ANCC go to so much trouble with date submission, so problems should not arise.
- On the subject of regulations, the RLOs made it clear that 12 car event routes have to be with the MSA 4 weeks before the event. The route needs to be checked by the RLO *before* submission to the MSA.
- The Delegate from Knutsford asked about competing in Europe on his National 'A' licence. Prior to this year his licence had the EU flag printed on it, which the French organisers accepted, this year his licence has no EU flag and he worried that it would be a problem. *The Hon Sec has contacted the MSA Licencing Dept. who referred him to Blue Book rule E2.21.5.*
- A question of who was liable for injuries occurring within a 'safe area' was raised. It was felt that if the stage was set up in accordance with the safety plan, then the MSA insurance would cover any claims.

Meeting closed 9.28 p.m.