

The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Spring General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 25th April 2006.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Iain Tullie (Secretary), Tim Bendelow (Dates).

Delegates were present from the following 22 member clubs:

Alwoodley, BRSCC (N), BRMC (NE), Bury, CSMA, Clitheroe, Darlington, De Lacy, Durham, HRCR, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Lindholme, Malton, NHMC, SD34, Trackrod, 2300 and Wakefield.

The Chairman welcomed Allan Dean Lewis (MSA) and Dave Halliday (ANECCC) as guests to the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Dave Barker (Hon Treasurer), Mike Yates (Stage Championship), Hadrian, Pendle, 2300.

The Chairman advised the meeting that following a recent heart-attack, Treasurer Dave Barker had undergone an operation the previous Friday and was now well on the road to recovery.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2006

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

3. Matters Arising.

CSMA's Autotest was due to run on 30th not 3rd April, at Salmesbury, Lancs.

4. Treasurers Report.

Dave Barker was unable to attend and no report was available.

5. Invitations to the Association.

14th May, North Humberside, John Overend Memorial Stages, Melbourne
21st May, Ilkley, Classic Trial, Ilkley
18th June, Trackrod, Barbecue Hillclimb, Harewood
30th July, Alwoodley, BTRDA & ANCC Autotest, Rufforth
17th September, De Lacy, Stage Rally, Allemain Barracks, Driffield
13th – 15th October, 2300, Tunnocks Tour of Mull
18th – 20th November, De Lacy, Roger Albert Clark Rally, Northern England & Southern Scotland (including Kall Kwik on 18th)

6. Applications for Membership.

None.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

Hartlepool Autotest was 28th now 21st May.

8. Mailing List Alteration.

CSMA Yorkshire, Steve Johnson or David Barritt to be the primary contact rather than Terri Jacobs.

9. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests – Graham Whittaker reported that we had no representation at the Inter Association event due to a clash, although in the end the clashing date (YSCC's) didn't run. Registrations are up on 2005 so looking hopeful.

Production Car Trials – John Spencer announced that the championship had five rounds this year, starting in June and circulated a flier introducing The Interclub Autotest and PCT Challenge (copy enclosed). Delegates were asked to encourage their fellow club members to support the PCT and Autotest Championships as the Co-ordinators were working hard to keep them running.

Road Rallies – Over 70 registrations, first five rounds had now run and been well supported.

Stage Rallies – Bulletins from Mike Yates showed that the series was again well under way with plenty of support.

At this point there was a break from the agenda as a presentation was made to Roy Honeywell, who had recently retired as RLO for Lancashire after many years service. The Chairman paid a personal tribute and Allan Dean Lewis added that the only RLO who had stood longer was Jack Romain who had sadly passed away recently. Allan then presented Roy with a certificate as Official d'honneur and an engraved clock. Roy said a few words and offered thanks to MOST clubs for their cooperation and to Simon Fowler at the MSA.

Allan Dean Lewis then addressed the meeting and discussed a number of topics:

Volunteers In Motorsport, a government supported initiative launched in January, as a driver to introduce more officials into the sport. Leaflets were circulated, these and exhibition stands are available to clubs free of charge, more details and advice on www.vounteersinmotorsport.co.uk.

A new booklet of MSA information, for use when promoting the MSA to outside organisations and authorities, has been produced. Copies available on request from the MSA.

A complete revision of the 'blue book' is ongoing, probably for 2008 rather than 2007.

Competition Licences may become 'credit card' style, in line with ACU and Europe.

New layout of Motorsports Now!, including clearer layout of rule changes.

Key dates – British Grand Prix 11th June, Wales Rally GB 1st – 3rd December. Recently confirmed is a new 'National Motorsport Week' from 12th – 20th August. Details will be sent to clubs direct from the MSA.

Ian Dixon asked if a 'prompt' could be sent out to all marshals' licence holders, to remind them to get their licences filled in for upgrading before new licences were issued. Allan said that with over 7,000 licence holders this may not be practical, but agreed there were other ways this could be communicated, in 'The Marshal', perhaps.

10. Time, Date & Place of next Meeting

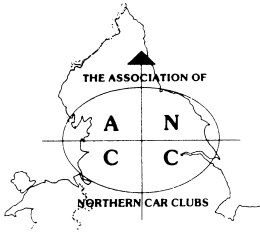
Annual General Meeting, Monday 26th June, 8pm, Sports Bar, Whitcliffe Mount.

11. Correspondence.

Autotest & Stage Championship Bulletins, LCAMC, ANEMMC & TMSG minutes, membership enquiry from Endurance Rally Association, New RLO for Leicestershire, Chris Faulkner.

North of England Rally Code of Practice (copy attached).

Dave Halliday gave some background on why he had put the document together, following a number of 'multi-regional' events running through the ANECCC region within a matter of weeks at the end of 2004. MSA Regional Committee has chosen not to take his proposal on board nationally, however this does not mean we cannot 'enlist' more associations on board ourselves. It was proposed to release the code through The Marshal and Wheels so that individuals and clubs will get copies. The Chairman also suggested RLO's should issue the guidelines to event organisers.



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Correspondence from Malton regarding proposed De Lacy National B Kall Kwik Rally on 18th November.

The Chairman summarised, that a letter had been received from Malton, with concerns on a number of issues raised by De Lacy's proposed running of the Kall Kwik Rally as a single day event on the first day of the Roger Albert Clark Rally. The event could directly affect Malton's event in December. Following the last management meeting, ANCC had then written to De Lacy to raise these concerns on Malton's behalf and received a reply.

Colin Heppenstall spoke on behalf of De Lacy, stating that they had liaised with Malton before making the change and that their event would not be going into Pickering, where Malton's was based. He also felt that, as theirs was a 2wd only event, it would not affect entry levels on Malton's event. Malton felt that they were likely to lose entries as a result and as their event already loses one or two regulars due to running at the end of the year, they could not afford to lose any more.

Rod Parkin spoke as FLO, his view being that, even though Forest Enterprise can accommodate both events, De Lacy's event would be damaging to Malton. It was also added that the availability of marshals and radio crews had to be considered at a busy time of year too.

The general feeling of the meeting was in support of Malton's complaint and that the ANCC management group, delegates from De Lacy and Malton and the FLO should meet to try and resolve the issue.

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

F.L.O & R.L.O:

No issues, other than those discussed earlier in the meeting.

TRAINING:

Bob Wright reported on the following forthcoming rally training days:

Slaithwaite & ANEMMC – Tuesday 2nd May

De Lacy – 14th June (including radios)

13. MSA / Regional Committee / ACU / Sports Council matters.

Summarised by Allan Dean Lewis earlier in the meeting.

14. Motions received.

None.

16. Other Business.

The requirement for ANCC accounts to be formally audited was discussed. The meeting felt that the accounts should be reviewed by an accountant and that no formal motion was required for this.

Club of the Year – MSA will be particularly interested in how clubs promote themselves during National Motorsport Week.

Marshal of the Year – there will be more awards through V.I.M. to complement the overall award.

Nominations for both the above should be made to the Association by the end of September.

Clubs are reminded to ensure that the publication of regs in electronic form is timed to prevent any disadvantage to those receiving the printed version through the post.

Meeting closed at: 10:24pm