



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Spring General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Hotel on 30th April 2007.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Iain Tullie (Hon. Sec.), Graham Whitaker (Acting Treasurer), Alan Shaw, Derek Slater, John Spencer, Chris Woodcock & Mike Yates.

Delegates were present from the following 16 clubs:

Bolton Le Moors (P Sowray), BRSCC (N) (G Whitaker), Bury (R Murtha), Clitheroe (C Woodcock), De Lacy (G James & S Walshaw), Glossop (J Buckley & D Roberts), Ilkley (J Spencer & C Valentine), Liverpool (J Harden), Pendle (M Woodward & A Shaw), SD(34) (R Honeywell), Selby (J Thornton), Slaithwaite (M Yates), Stockport 061 (A Chambers), 2300 (W Bateson), Wakefield (D Slater), York (J Johns).

1. Apologies.

Were received from: Tim Bendelow (Dates), Rod Parkin (FLO), Bob Wright (Training Officer & Darlington), Gordon Waddington (Management Committee & Lindholme), B Bushby (Border), Phil Rees (BRMC), V Orme (Carlton), S Johnson (CSMA).

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2007.

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

3. Matters Arising.

“Do the F.C. really want us in the forests?” – On Rod Parkin’s behalf, the Chairman reported “yes they do” although there are difficulties now in Dalby South, near Low Dalby village and the new Environment Centre, as there are many other activities taking place there. This area would now only be available for International not National A or B events. It was noted that Ripon and De Lacy had not run, but FE are relaxed about the current allocations and the number is unlikely to increase or decrease in the short term.

4. Treasurer’s Report.

The current account balance stood at £5296.67, 2006 accounts had been prepared ready for the AGM. Based on last year’s accounts it was recommended that annual subscriptions remain at the current level.

5. Invitations to the Association.

31 st March	Forest Stage Rally, North Yorkshire – North Humberside
1 st April	Stage Rally, Weeton - Stockport 061 MC
15 th April	Stage Rally, Drifffield – De Lacy
22 nd April	Stage Rally, Wilbarston – Ecurie Royal Oak
6 th May	Stage Rally, Three Sisters – Wigan
12 th / 13 th May	Road Rally, 061 – Stockport 061
13 th May	Stage Rally, Melbourne – North Humberside
19 th / 20 th May	Road Rally, Danum – Lindholme
20 th May	Classic Trial – Ilkley & DMC
27 th May	Stage Rally, Twyford – Sheffield & Hallamshire
9 th June	Sprint, Elvington – York MC
17 th June	BBQ Hillclimb, Harewood – Trackrod
24 th June	National B Autotest - Hartlepool
12 th August	Historic Road Rally, Cloverleaf, West Essex

Invitations had also been extended to member clubs to compete in the Three Sisters Rally Challenge and the TMSG Navigational Championship. Regs for both these are attached to the minutes.
All the above invitations were accepted unanimously.

6. Applications for Membership.

None.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

None.

8. Mailing List Alterations.

Iain Tullie (Hon. Secretary) – please delete home number of 01904 631810. Calls to 07736 400034 please.
Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061 MC) – new mobile number: 07825 528384.

9. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests – Graham Whitaker reported that the series was underway with a record number of contenders.

Production Car Trials – John Spencer's team of six are still available to help clubs put on events. MSA Trials Committee is currently conducting a large review, with proposals for 2008 due in July. Ilkley are running an event with new classes in June and welcomed prospective entries.

Road Rallies - Five rounds so far had all run successfully, Eden Valley's and Sheffield & Hallamshire's events had 30+ entries despite running on consecutive weekends. Former champion Steve Retchless was leading the championship.

Stage Rallies - In full flow. Registrations at a similar level to 2006, although forest events are suffering from lack of entries from all sources, not just our contenders. The 6th round has just run, no clear leaders as yet.

10. Time, Date & Place of next meeting.

Monday 25th June 2007 at Whitcliffe Hotel – 8.00pm

11. Correspondence.

M.S.A. letters:

Motorsport Safety Fund new dvd available – a copy should have been received by all clubs;
John Symes, Technical & Risk Management, will be attending our October Delegates Meeting;
April edition of 'The Marshal';
Spring edition of 'Motorsports Now';

Minutes/Yearbooks from: A.N.W.C.C, A.N.E.M.M.C, T.M.S.G, A.C.S.M.C;

Other Correspondence:

Autotest, Road and Stage Championship bulletins;
Final Instructions & Results from North West Stages and Robin Hood Stages;
'Wheels' supplement March, April and May editions;
Request for marshals for Lombard Revival Rally, 8-11 Nov.;;
National Motor Racing Archive –clubs are invited to donate regulations, results, photos, film footage, in fact anything to add their event to this archive to prevent records of events being lost. Contact racingarchive@btinternet.com;

The A.N.C.C. 'A' Team finished 4th in the Inter Association Autotest. The 'B' team won the award for best 'B' team.

The Association had learned that Northern Off Road Club's delegate, Peter Caton, had passed away in December. Julien Lucking, of Spadeadam MC, well known in historic circles, recently lost his battle with cancer. David Simmonite had also passed away recently in an Off Road testing accident.

12. Route Liaison Officers / Forestry Liaison Officer / Training Officer Reports.

R.L.O: The M.S.A. had held the first R.L.O. meeting for 15 years, as there had been many recent new appointments. A summary of the minutes should become available in the near future.

F.L.O: Rod Parkin was not present to make a report, however please see item in 'matters arising'.

Training: Bob Wright sent a report that there had been a record attendance at the Askham Bryan Training day. Dates for 2008 are as follows:

ANCC – Askham Bryan, York, Sunday 27th January

ANWCC / ANCC – venue tba, Saturday 26th January

ANECCC / ANCC / ANWCC – Gateshead, Sat 2nd February, Carlisle 23rd or 24th February

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

K37 review.

Proposals from the MSA Council Meeting in February have only just been published in Motorsports Now for comment, so the deadline has been extended to June. The Chairman invited comments from the floor and encouraged delegates to ask club members to look at the proposals in detail on the M.S.A. website and send in comments. P Sowray asked if any amendments will be published before going back to Council? It was thought not, otherwise the process could go on forever.

Child Protection Officers for Clubs.

Setting this up is not going to be as onerous as it sounds. Half day training courses will be available, dates tba. The C.P.O. will be there as a reference person, he / she doesn't have to attend events. John Spencer has already agreed to act as C.P.O. for the Association. Guidance was sought on what to include in event regs – including the C.P.O.'s name in the list of officials is suggested. The M.S.A. is not accepting claims that clubs have no under 18- involvement as a reason for not appointing a C.P.O. Note there is a new clause in the latest M.S.A. signing on sheets.

A brief discussion took place about the Sports Council. In Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland there is direct support to the M.S.A. Regional Associations, but there is no equivalent body in England who support Motorsport.

14. Motions received. - None

15. Other Business.

The Chairman has attempted to start dialogue at the M.S.A. about its late publication and difficulties with rule changes and will keep us advised.

Fines for non-production of licences – had the M.S.A. demonstrated any lenience in this given the problems with issuing the new style licences? Lists and temporary licences had been issued for a number of events. After discussion it was concluded that this year was the first necessary step in the changeover process.

Stockport 061 asked delegates to encourage their members to enter the 061 road rally, starting in Buxton on 12th / 13th May. The beginners' section was a non-damaging, half-night event.

P Sowray asked if the M.S.A. could relax the requirement to pay route authorization fees a week in advance of events. The Chairman agreed to look at this – it would have been a good topic for the R.L.O.'s meeting. Clubs are struggling with late entries – and not just on rallies – tiered entry fees could be used to discourage this.

C Valentine has acquired an archive of several thousand rallying slides and asked who would make best use of them? The Chairman suggested that there is a Motorsport archive at the M.S.A. so he should write to Colin Hilton.

There was a brief discussion about Rufforth Airfield, where the number of Motorsport events has been reduced and the Parish Council are monitoring noise levels and complaints.

Meeting closed at: 10.15 pm