



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Spring & Annual General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Hotel on 28th April 2008.

Present:

Iain Tullie (Hon. Sec.), Graham Whitaker (Hon. Treasurer), Tim Bendelow (Dates Co-ordinator), Derek Slater, John Spencer, Alan Shaw, Gordon Waddington,

Delegates were present from the following 16 clubs:

Accrington MSC (S Johnson), J Harden), Alwoodley & BRSCC (G Whitaker), De Lacy (S Walshaw), Glossop (J Buckley & D Roberts), HRCR (I Tullie), Ilkley (J & K Spencer), Lindholme (G Waddington), Liverpool (J Harden), Malton (L & D Harper), North Humberside (D James), Northern Phoenix (S Kingsley), Pendle (A Shaw), Trackrod (R Parkin), 2300 (W Bateson), Wakefield (D Slater).

Unfortunately John Richardson was unable to attend the meeting at short notice and had asked Rod Parkin to act as Chairman, which was agreed by the meeting.

The Chairman also welcomed the following guests:

Allan Dean-Lewis and Rob Jones from the M.S.A;

Mark Slatcher and Glyn Byard of Mid Derbyshire MC, who had applied for ANCC membership.

1. Apologies.

Were received from: John Richardson (Chairman), I James, C Woodcock (Management Committee), M Yates (Stage Coordinator), Clitheroe, Selby, York, Bob Wright (Management Committee)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2008.

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

3. Matters Arising.

None.

4. Chairman's Report.

In John Richardson's absence, Iain Tullie delivered a brief summary of the year, which had seen membership fall slightly although the three championships had a similar number of contenders. The Trials championship would be back up and running in 2008, with a possibility of Sporting Trials in the future. The Chairman added his thanks to all members of the management committee for their work during the year.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Graham Whitaker explained that the '07 accounts were a 'fuller' set, as the '06 accounts had been somewhat cobbled together. More advertisers would be welcomed for the yearbook, something that could be pursued for the 2009 edition. It was proposed that annual subscriptions increase from £20 to £30 for 2009, this was seconded and carried. Subs may have to increase further in 2010, as it was felt that a 50% increase in one year but not more was reasonable. The loss of £500 on the awards night was due to the new format being subsidized by the Association. The format had proved successful and this year's awards should only show a slight loss as this was not subsidized.

6. Election of Officers & Management Committee.

Iain Tullie was stepping down as Hon. Secretary due to increasing work and travel commitments, a nomination of Karen Spencer had been received from Ilkley, this was seconded by Trackrod and carried. All other officers had agreed to continue in office and it was carried unanimously that they should do so.

No nominations had been received for the vacant position of Deputy Chairman, this would be added to the agenda for the next management meeting.

7. Changes to Association Rules.

None.

8. Invitations to the Association.

061 Road Rally	10/11 May
John Overend Stages	11 May
Danum Road Rally	17/18 May
Inter Association Autotest, Ireland	18 May
Inter Association Sprint, Curborough	15 June
Inter Association Car Trial	29 June
Alwoodley Autotest	27 July
Cloverleaf Historic Road Rally	6 Sept

All the above invitations were accepted unanimously.

Tim Bendelow summarized the current situation at Curborough. Motor Clubs had been asked to object on-line to the planning proposal for the site, this register had now closed.

9. Applications for Membership.

An application to re-join had been received from Mid Derbyshire MC. Their Chairman, Glyn Byard, summarized the club's activities. It was proposed Northern Phoenix, seconded Ilkley and carried that they be accepted.

10. Alteration to Dates / Status.

None.

11. Mailing List Alterations.

None.

12. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests - The first two rounds had run recently, with 13 registered contenders so far. 12 good events in the series this year, hopefully all should run.

Car Trials - Five rounds this year, with the first on 29th June. A 'Northern Car Trials Register' is being launched, to try and track down the odd one or two from each club who are still active in trialling. There will also be a Sporting Trial Championship for 2009.

Road Rallies - Registrations and event entries so far this year were down, a trend reflected in neighbouring associations. Four rounds had run so far, with Sheffield & Hallam's event unfortunately cancelled.

Stage Rallies - No report.

13. Time, Date & Place of next meeting.

Monday 30th June 2008 at Whitcliffe Hotel – 8.00pm.

14. Correspondence.

M.S.A. letters: Go Motorsport details; The Marshal

Agendas / Minutes from: ACSMC

Other Correspondence: Various regs, final instructions and results.

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

R.L.O: Routes for 12-cars are being received too late, improvement needed please. Please also remember that postage rates for different envelope sizes changed last year, to save a trip to the Post Office to collect AND pay for items.

F.L.O: Dalby Forest is now riddled with cycle paths, making our use increasingly difficult and only the BRC International (Trackrod Rally Yorkshire,) being permitted. However, however the five main events are still able to run in the other Yorkshire forests, subject there to negotiations and agreement with the Forestry Commission.a lesser extent.

Training: Nothing to report.

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

The Chairman summarized the minutes from the recent Council meeting:

Type A helmets to be phased out; Environmental issues are high on the agenda, most cars in motorsport will need CAT's from 2009.

The management committee should look into increased liaison with the Sports Council.

17. Motions received. - None

18. Other Business.

The Chairman offered thanks to Ilkley, for their work in reviving the Yorkshire League.

There was a short discussion on retention periods for event paperwork and club records. Rob Jones advised that all documentation should be kept for at least six years, which mirrors the VAT principle, or indefinitely if it related to an accident or involving children (Certain legal claims can only be made within six years, but where minors are involved this period doesn't start until they turn 18).

The Chairman then introduced Allan Dean-Lewis and Rob Jones and asked them to address the meeting.

Allan Dean-Lewis discussed the success of the Officials' seminars in February, with over 500 attendees; the new e-wheels, which can include more MSA issues and feature direct links to other sites, plus allows clubs to cut and paste the content as they choose; the seminars for women and young people in motorsport had represented a good cross-section of disciplines – the next stage of this will see members selected from these seminars for future meetings; more info. Will be published soon regarding the 'Go Motorsport' marketing and promotion idea; a reminder to all clubs that Motorsport Now! Lists all rule change proposals, please send in your feedback and comments quickly; application forms for club development funding can be downloaded from the website, they want to give away money and rarely refuse an eligible application.

Rob Jones is responsible for corporate governance and administration of the MSA and has been in the role for 18 months. With many years as an active club member himself he understands what clubs and clubmen bring to the sport, but is concerned that we need to continue this through future generations. He invited anyone to approach him at any time with issues.

Clubs should note that 'Spectator Safety Guide' signs should no longer be used, the current 'code of practice' is on page 310 of the blue book. The basis for this change is that nowhere is actually safe, or at least we can't say so.

Rob Jones reported that Ian Davis is compiling a list of corrections to the blue book, so please get in touch if you discover an error, particularly relating to the recent re-numbering.

John Harden commented that handing out copies of the blue book on CD at Non-licenced officials' seminars had been well received.

The MSA website is currently under detailed review, it is recognized that it is not user friendly.

Please ensure you are using the latest signing on sheets – they have changed twice this year. It is recommended to only download and print just before an event – they do have issue numbers on them.

The Chairman thanked Allan and Rob for their attendance.

Meeting closed at: 10.10 pm