



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Winter General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 20th January 2003.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Steve Smith (Hon. Sec.), Peter Sowray (Dates). Chrys Worboys (MSA Radio Operator).

Delegates were present from the following 22 clubs:

Alwoodley, Auto 66, BARC (Yorks), BRSCC (Northern), Clitheroe, Craven Old Wheels, De Lacy, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Kirkby Lonsdale, Lancs AC. Leeds, Lindholme, Liverpool, Malton, NHMC, Pendle District, Sheffield & Hallamshire, 2300 Club, Trackrod, Wakefield, & Yorkshire Off Road Club (YORC).

1. Apologies.

Mike Yates, Bob Wright (Training & Darlington), Roy Honeywell, Iain Tullie, Carlton, Hadrian, Knutsford & York.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2002.

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

3. Matters Arising. - There were no Matters Arising.

4. Treasurers Report.

76 clubs had paid their subs and there was in excess of £4000 in the bank with several 2002 accounts yet to be paid.

5. Invitations to the Association.

Lindholme MSC - Robin Hood Stages Rallies - 1st and 2nd March 2003 in Sherwood Forests
BARC - Training at Harewood on 9th March

6. Applications for Membership. - None

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

The 2003 Yearbook had been published and was available at the meeting. The calendar on the website is up to date.

8. Mailing List alteration.

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9. Championship co-ordinators reports.

- a). Autotests
- b). Production Car Trials
- c). Road Rallies.
- d). Stage Rallies
- e). Off road.

10. Time, Date & Place of next meeting. - Monday 28th April @ 8.00pm.

11. Correspondence.

- Numerous regulations
- Kent Cams Stage Championship newsletter and Regulations
- Road Rally Championship newsletters and Regulations
- Autotest championship newsletter
- Federation of Yorkshire Sport Newsletter
- Letter from Sheffield and Hallamshire - they were not in ANCC list in Blue Book
ANCC Secretary had acquired a copy of letter from Ian Davis to ANWCC regarding above.
Apparently the problem is due to timescales for printing and late payments to the MSA from clubs. This was discussed and it was suggested that clubs should write to MSA and express their concerns if they wish the system to change.
- Letter from David James (NHMC) regarding the loss of Leconfield.

Rod Parkin expressed his concern that a member club of the ANCC (Auto 66) could secure the management of a venue and then have no consideration for other member clubs existing dates and events on that venue. He felt this very selfish and not in the 'spirit' of membership of the Association. Peter Sowray asked the Auto 66 delegate if he could ask Peter Hillaby to explain why all other clubs had lost their dates on the venue.

- Bob Wright - Training

Minutes from/newsletters from:

ANICC (+ Yearbook), EMAMC, WAMC,

MSA letters:

Wheels

Club Bulletin

Motorsports Now!

'Heart of Motorsport' flyers

Registered rescue/recovery units booklet

Club Newsletters from:

Alwoodley, Ilkley &DMC, Lindholme MSC, Slaithwaite MC, Knutsford & Lancs AC.

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

F.L.O. Rod Parkin explained that more clubs were now looking to run events in the forest at the end of the year, this was causing problems. Malton MC had always expressed a wish to upgrade their Gravel Sprint event to a Stage Rally and with the De Lacy event, and now a proposed 'RAC' (Roger Albert Clark) Rally to be run in 2004, there was bound to be a problems.

Training Officer:

Marshals Training Evening at De Lacy on 31st January.

Training session at Croft on 9th February.

John Richardson stated that our training programme, and in particular the bid for Training budget, had been somewhat disappointing over the past couple of years. He stated that we would definitely sort this out for 2004.

13. MSA / ACU / Sports Council matters.

The MSA had completed its Strategic Review. Those who had seen it felt that it was full of good intention and ideas we have seen many times before, but there was little belief that it would make any difference to the sport.

14. Motions received. - None

15. Other Business.

John Richardson welcomed Chrys Worboys who had kindly offered to come to the meeting to explain the imminent changes to the Rally Safety & Medical Channel (86.4375MHz AM). John gave a brief resume of the last 25 years of radio usage.

Chrys explained that it had been decided that we needed to move to a secure channel and that meant moving to 81.575MHz FM. This meant a change of equipment and obviously this would be a major expense. He explained the MSA were hoping to assist via the Club Development Fund to the tune of £15000. However this would only allow a contribution of £50 for 300 radios.

A Q&A session ensued with many valid points being raised. Peter Baker from Airwaves Communications felt the specification the MSA had agreed to was flawed. He suggested that the spec. narrowed the choice of affordable sets down to around one! Also, the use of Selcall and ANI (Automatic Number Indication) would actually dumb down, (reduce the radios transmit/receive efficiency) for little or no benefit whatsoever. He stated that these additions to specification also added something like £50-£60 to the cost of each radio. Which, on the assumption of 1000 sets being bought nationwide is a complete waste of £50,000 to £60,000 of volunteers money! Chrys admitted that he was not technically qualified in these matters but accepted the arguments were valid. He felt the only way to change matters would be to inform the MSA of our reservations.

It was agreed that the ANCC should write to the MSA expressing these concerns.

Bob Cook (Treasurer) asked that all championship co-ordinators submit their accounts to him ASAP.

Meeting closed 10.40 p.m.