



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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

Present:

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

Delegates were present from the following 30 clubs:

Alwoodley, BARC (Yorks), BRSCC (Northern), BRMC, Clitheroe, COWS, Darlington, De Lacy, Durham, Glossop, Hadrian, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Knutsford, Lancs AC, Lindholme, Liverpool, NORC, NHMC, Pendle, SD(34), Selby, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Slaithwaite, Trackrod, 2300 Club, Wakefield, Wigan, York & YORC.

1. Apologies.]

Auto 66, ERO, Malton, Motor Sport (North West) and Stockport MC.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2003.

The minutes were accepted as a correct account of the meeting. Proposed by BRSCC and seconded by L.A.C.

3. Matters Arising.

The Chairman spoke about the MSA seminars. He was disappointed that even though the MSA had been asked to alter the dates away from a very busy weekend in our area they decided to stick with their plans - the Officials seminar is at Brighouse and the Technical Officials at Whitcliffe mount both on 21st February.

The MSA Revival Rally will have two presentations in our area. At York Holiday In on 26th April and Carlisle Holiday Inn the on 27th April.

4. Treasurers Report.

Iain Tullie is still sorting out the accounts and will have a detailed balance for the next meeting.

5. Invitations to the Association.

Motor Sport North West – North West Stages – 21st Feb
De Lacy MC – Kall Kwik National Rally – 22nd Feb
Lindholme MSC – Robin Hood Forest Rallies 6/7th March
Knutsford & DMC - Tour of Cheshire - 13th March
Stockport MC – SMC Stages (Weeton) – 28th March
Pendle District – Witch Way Road Rally – 8/9th May

6. Applications for Membership.

Whickham & DMC had submitted an application, however as no one from the club was present at the meeting, this would be left on the table until the next meeting.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

Lindholme MSC - Danum Road Rally - changed from 2/3rd October to 11/12th September
Malton MC Forest Rally from 21st November to 12th December 2004.

8. Mailing List alteration.

2004 Yearbooks were available at the meeting.

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 19th April 2004 at Whitcliffe Mount.

Malton MC had asked if it was planned to have clashes with ANEMMC meetings?

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had contacted the ANEMMC Secretary prior to our change to Mondays (several years ago) and had been informed that they met on the 2nd Monday. The ANCC meetings have always been scheduled to take place on the 3rd Monday of Jan, April, June and latterly October, to avoid clashing but we have no influence over other associations changing their routine! He felt that it shouldn't be difficult for clubs to find two members willing to go to meetings on the rare occasions that clashes do occur.

11. Correspondence.

Numerous event regulations

Championship bulletins from: Stage Rally, Road Rally & Autotest.

Letter from Vintage Sports Car Club advising us of Measham Trophy Rally 24/25th January.

Letter from De Lacy announcing 'Roger Albert Clark' rally 20th – 23rd November 2004.

E-mail from De Lacy requesting time to give presentation on 'RAC' rally at April Delegates meeting.

Letter of resignation from Association from Pennine Land Rover Club

Recreational Motoring – biggest ever threat press release.

The Chairman outlined the Early Day motion and how it will impact on motorsport generally. LARA will be sending guidance to clubs via the MSA in the near future.

Letter from York Motor Club regarding Leconfield and Auto 66 Club.

Copy of letter to Auto 66 from York MC

A long discussion ensued with some delegates in favour and some against the actions of Auto 66 Club. Trackrod asked if their actions broke the ANCC rules. The Secretary stated that they had not broken any ANCC rules.

Wakefield District Sports Directory

Minutes/newsletters from:

ASCMC, ANICC, ANWCC, LCAMC, ANECCC & Tyneside MSG.

MSA letters:

Blue Books and associated publications.

Motorsports Now!

Wheels

Annual report and financial statements

Forest Enterprise Allocations

Forest Enterprise Allocation regarding 'Roger Albert Clark' rally

2004 Seminar for Technical Officials – Whitcliffe Mount on 21st February 2004.

Rally Rescue units and Rally Recovery units booklet

Club newsletters from:

Alwoodley MC, Ilkley MC, Lindholme MSC, Slaithwaite MC, Keighley & DMC. Knutsford, LAC,

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

F.L.O.

Rod Parkin was asked about the forest allocations recently issued. He stated that they were incorrect and that there were only five dates available in Yorkshire and this would not be changing. He stated that the York National and Roger Albert Clark would not be approved.

Asked if the Easter-September embargo couldn't be changed to allow another date, he stated that it could not!

However, the forthcoming Revival Rally would be allowed into Yorkshire because it is outside the National Agreement and only sub 40mph tests will be allowed.

Training.

Training seminars at Myscough College on Saturday 24th January and Askam Bryan on Sunday 25th January 2004. There will be one at Ponteland in the NE the following weekend

13. RACMSA / ACU / Sports Council matters.

14. Motions received. - None

15. Other Business.

- Lindholme MSC complained that the 2004 MSA fixture list had failed to separate the Historic Stage Rallies from the Stage Rallies. The meeting expressed that there were lots of errors and omissions in that publication and the standard seems to have fallen in recent years.
- Ilkley MC asked how the Motor Club of the Year had been decided. The Hon. Secretary stated that he had been contacted by the MSA and asked to submit a club based on the basis of "their competitive activity and successes". However, there were only a few days to sort out our nomination, so he did an e-mail poll of the Officers. Because this arrived the weekend of the Rally Yorkshire, the response was very low due to people not being at home. The total response was two and both of those nominated their own clubs - This, the Secretary felt, was totally un-democratic and decided not to submit any club. He accepted all responsibility for this action but suggested that due to the time the MSA had given was impossible to be fair to all member clubs. He suggested clubs should take the matter up with the MSA so this doesn't happen again.
- The Rally Yorkshire has been voted best BRC round and Rod Parkin thanked all who had helped to make the event what it was. He stated that without the help of all clubs involved, the event could not run.
- Marshals Registration Scheme - The MSA will issue two-year licences in an attempt to reduce the load on the licensing section. The 'Grandfather rights' period has now ended and all registrations will be subject to the new criteria - this was read out to the meeting. Rod Parkin stated that this had been brought in to stop everyone becoming grade 1.

- The question of club-based marshal training was raised. Bob Wright said the MSA had a training video available and marshals could join the scheme if they attend such a session. Both Bob and John Richardson offered their services should a club require them - This is not mandatory however, clubs can simply run their own sessions by following the MSA guidelines.
- ANCC Dates co-ordinator - Tim Bendelow of BARC has offered his services and takes over the role of looking after dates. All dates forms issued after the April meeting should be returned to him.
- ANCC Hon. Secretary - Steve Smith is to stand down as Secretary. He will continue to look after the website and Yearbook production. Anyone interested in taking over the role should get in touch with either Steve or John Richardson.
- Durham AC expressed their concern about the Roger Albert Clark and the Revival events being run so close together, which could create problems for marshals and rescue units etc.
- Rod Parkin criticised the Roger Albert Clark organisers for making assumptions regarding the running of their event. He felt that they have not followed correct procedures prior to issuing their press release. This seems to have caused offence in certain areas of the proposed route. The ANCC has received one letter from the Clerk of Course but this was subsequent to the issue of the Press Release. The Chairman said we should learn more at their presentation in April.

Meeting closed 10.35 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

AUTOTEST

Graham Whitaker hopes for a better year in 2004. Championship regulations will be available from Friday at the Presentation Evening

PRODUCTION CAR TRIALS

John Spencer stated that there was a long way to go before the first round in May but hoped to get a better response than last year.

ROAD RALLY

Iain Tullie was upbeat about this years championship which has 50 registered contenders already. There are 12 rounds to run and the first is Lincoln MC & CCs Bruce Robinson on 14/15th February.

STAGE RALLY

Mike Yates announced that the first round of his championship, the Jack Frost at Croft, had gone well. He has 40 registrations to date and hopes for a successful year.

2004 ANCC YEARBOOK

Several copies of the yearbook have been sent to your Club Secretaries and Delegates. If you do not see them at your club, please ask your Secretary where they are - They do no good left in his office or desk drawer!

Should you require more copies, please contact the ANCC Hon. Secretary who will be happy to send more. However, there are only so many printed and once they have gone, they have gone, so it' s first come first served.