



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Winter General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 31st January 2005.

Present:

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

Delegates were present from the following 25 clubs:

Alwoodley, BARC (Yorks), BRSCC (N), Bury, CSMA, Clitheroe, Darlington, De Lacy, Durham, Glossop, Hadrian, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Lindholme, Liverpool, Malton, North Humbs, Ripon, SD34, Selby, S&H, 2300, Wakefield, Wigan and York.
Colin Valentine (Ilkley) attended as a guest.

Delegates from Border MC and Mablethorpe & DMC were also in attendance to support their applications to join ANCC.

1. Apologies.

Dave Barker (Hon Treasurer), Mike Yates (Stage Championship), BRMC, Buccaneer, Ecurie Royal Oak, Kirkby Lonsdale, Lancs & Cheshire, Motor Cycling Club, Motor Sports (North West), Slaithwaite, Stockport, Whickham.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2004.

The minutes were accepted as a correct account of the meeting. Proposed by Alwoodley and seconded by North Humbs.

3. Matters Arising.

- Green Lanes – indications from the BTRDA are that the 14,000 objections are likely to be ignored.
- Email mailing lists now available from the Secretary for Secretaries, Comps Secs, Chief Marshals. It was suggested that a list of Newsletter Editors would also be beneficial, the Secretary would include this in the renewal forms to be issued to clubs in May.
- MSA website – many clubs still reporting problems accessing as well as general 'user un-friendliness'.

4. Treasurers Report.

Dave Barker was unable to attend, but finances were reported to be healthy.

5. Invitations to the Association.

19th Feb – North West Stages, MS (NW)
26th Feb – Cadwell Park Stages, Mablethorpe
12th/13th Mar – Robin Hood Stages, Lindholme
16th Apr – Phoenix Stages, Eastwood
14th/15th May – Bolton Midnight Road Rally, Bolton-le-Moors
21st/22nd May – Danum Road Rally, Lindholme

6. Applications for Membership.

Two applications were received: Gerry Blythe spoke on behalf of Mablethorpe & DMC, proposed Lindholme, seconded Darlington. Blair Bushby spoke on behalf of Border MC, proposed Ilkley, seconded Malton. Both proposals were unanimously accepted and the clubs were welcomed to the association and thanked for attending.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

Hamsterley Stages (Ripon) now 13th November.
Westmorland Road Rally (Eden Valley) now 1st/2nd October.

8. Mailing List Alteration.

Yearbooks were distributed to clubs in attendance and would be posted out to those not present. Clubs are requested to advise any amendments so that these can be collated and circulated.

9. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests – Graham Whittaker reported that a calendar had been put together and he was going to some lengths to encourage more contenders, regs / entry forms were available for delegates to take back to clubs.

Production Car Trials – John Spencer was unable to attend.

Road Rallies – the 2005 series had just started with a new event, Whickham's Shaw Trophy, which had been well received. Registrations were running about the same as 2004. The only other change to the calendar was the absence of Pendle's Witch Way, as the event was not running in 2005.

Stage Rallies – Mike Yates was unable to attend, but it was reported that the new format had resulted in a considerable increase in registrations, with twice as many contenders out on the first round compared to last year. Very promising for the year ahead.

Speed – Tim Bendelow announce the re-launch of this championship, with seven rounds across the region. More would be announced at the Awards Evening on Friday 4th February.

10. Time, Date & Place of next Meeting

Monday 25th April, 8pm, Whitcliffe Mount.

11. Correspondence.

Please contact the Hon. Secretary if you require copy of any of the following items:

Promotional information from FEV and the Historic Motor Sports Show.
Stage Rally, Road Rally & Autotest Championship Newsletters.

Minutes/newsletters/yearbooks from:
LCAMC, EMAMC, ANECCC, ANEMMC and ANWCC

MSA letters:
Motor Sports Now!, The Marshal.

No newsletters had been received from clubs.

A letter had been received announcing the dissolution of Binbrook MC, thanking clubs who had supported them. The residual funds of £1126 had been sent to the Motor Sports Safety Fund.

A proposal had been received from Colin Valentine, in an attempt to regenerate interest in trialling of production cars. It involved the restructuring of classes to make them more relevant for modern, front wheel drive cars, with basic division by wheelbase. The Chairman explained that discussions had taken place at our November officers meeting to try and promote our series better. Both our and the ANWCC championships had seen dwindling entries and events, CSMA suggested it may be worth approaching them to combine. A number of clubs who used to run trials said that good venues were now hard to come by. It was agreed that Colin's proposals were sound in principle. Wakefield announced that they were running a clubmans PCT on 17th April and would try to accommodate other ANCC clubs somehow, if we wished to try out the new classes. It was agreed that this gave the officers something to work on at their next meeting.

A letter was received from David Wilson (Lindholme), with an outline proposal for an historic road rally championship, however a less than satisfactory spread of events and dates meant that this would probably not come to fruition until 2007.

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

F.L.O:

Rod Parkin was unable to attend. Ripon asked if the MSA had gone through the Master Agreement and can we have it in plain English? There was reported to be a new team at Pickering, event organisers are forging new relationships, hopefully successfully. The Chairman confirmed that ALL motor sport, even training events, now fall under the Master Agreement and as far as he knew it was fixed for three years, apart from the fees. All allocations would still be agreed at regional level as now.

R.L.O:

Nothing to report.

TRAINING:

Bob Wright reported on three good events over the previous two weekends, but with poor attendances. He asked for feedback on what the clubs want and how to attract new people, not just the 'converted'. Most clubs stated that they had heard about the seminars and had received the information sent out. Durham requested that the seminars be at least 50% practical and that note should be taken of regional events, for example Whickham's road rally and the Ponteland seminar on the same day. The Secretary thanked Bob and the other trainers for putting on the seminars on our behalf.

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

The Chairman said he would take Steve Johnson's proposal from last year regarding National B Stage Rally licences back to Rallies Committee in its entirety as part of it had not been considered last time.

14. Motions received.

None.

16. Other Business.

- Clubs were reminded that the association awards evening was on Friday 4th February at Whitcliffe Mount. Suggestions for changes to the format for 2006 were also requested.
- Clubs were asked to give thought to submissions for MSA Club and Marshal of the year. While no criteria had been set yet, it was expected that the first stage would be at regional level again.

Meeting closed at: 10.03pm