



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Winter General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Hotel on 28th Jan 2008.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Steve Smith (Acting Hon. Sec.), Graham S. Whitaker (Acting Treasurer), Tim Bendelow, (Dates Co-ordinator), Alan Shaw, Derek Slater, John Spencer, Gordon Waddington.

Delegates were present from the following 19 clubs:

Alwoodley (G S Whitaker), BARC (T Bendelow), BRSCC (G Whitaker), Bury (R Murtha), csma (NW) (Steve Johnson), Darlington (R Wright), De Lacy (S Walshaw), Glossop (D Roberts & J Buckley), Huddersfield (S Holland & G Coates), Ilkley (John Spencer, Karen Spencer, H Kitching & Graham Hepworth), Lindholme (G Waddington), Liverpool (J Harden), Malton (G Harper, L.Harper), NORC (M Stephani, I Kirk & Debbie Kirk), Pendle (A Shaw), Selby (J Johns), Trackrod (R Parkin), 2300 (W Bateson), Wakefield (D Slater), York (J Thornton).

Special guest - John Symes - MSA Technical & Risk Control Manager.

The Chairman welcomed our special guest, John Symes, to the meeting and also 'stand-in' Secretary, Steve P. Smith.

1. Apologies.

Were received from: Iain Tullie - Hon.Secretary, Chris Woodcock.

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

The minutes were accepted as a correct account of the meeting. Proposed by 2300 and seconded by Liverpool.

3. Matters Arising.

Meeting with Forest enterprises – see FLO report.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Graham thanked all clubs for their dates submissions but highlighted Wakefield MSC as the only club running events who have failed to send in their dates. He warned that the subs will rise at the AGM , they have not increased since 1999. All Companies House issues are now resolved and the Limited Company status has been finalised. Money in bank accounts is currently around £4000.

5. Invitations to the Association.

16 th /17 th Feb	Huntsman Endurance – Carlton MC
10 th Feb	Riponian – Ripon MSC
23 rd Feb	Bill Cammack Stages (Manby) – Mablethorpe MC
8 th March	Tour of Cheshire – Knutsford MC
8 th /9 th March	Robin Hood Stages – Lindholme MSC
15 th /16 th March	Rymoor Trophy Road Rally – Malton MC
22 nd March	Phoenix Stages (Manby) – Eastwood MC

All the above invitations were accepted unanimously.

6. Applications for Membership.

Accrington MSC – Steve Johnson spoke on behalf of the new club which has grown out of csma (NW)

Proposed by Trackrod and seconded by Bury – Carried unanimously.

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

None.

8. Mailing List Alterations.

None.

2008 Yearbooks have been printed and were available at the meeting for clubs to collect. All other clubs would have theirs posted.

9. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests – Graham Whitaker reported that 2007 was a successful year for the championship – 2008 regs are being finalised.

Production Car Trials – John Spencer stated that name has now changed to Car Trials and a pilot event had been run by Ikley MC the previous weekend which was very successful – Hoping this can grow into a championship in 2008.

10. Time, Date & Place of next meeting.

Monday 28th April 2008 at Whitcliffe Hotel – 8.00pm. This will be the AGM.

11. Correspondence.

MSA E-mailed Press Releases:

JLT Sport Insurance – increased cover
Karting –Helmets for children (or adults with small heads)
Bolton Le Moors road rally – National Court
Forestry fees
Club Centenaries

M.S.A. letters:

Certificate of Registration, Bluebook etc.
Forestry charges (enc.),
Wheels (Dec, Jan & Feb),
Club seminars invite (23rd Feb @ Brighouse)

Minutes/Yearbooks from:

ACSMC, ANEMMC, EMAMC Yearbook

Other Correspondence:

Stage championship bulletin,
Autosport info,
Demon Tweeks catalogue,
Letter from Lindholme (enc.), Robin Hood Regs.

The Chairman read the Lindholme letter which requested the Associations support for increasing the invited Regional Associations from four to six.

A long discussion ensued covering the history of Regional Associations and competitors and organizing clubs desire to be in more and more Associations. It was agreed that that the subject be taken to Regional Committee for further discussion.

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

F.L.O: Rod Parkin described the recent meeting with Forest Enterprises – The outcome was that with immediate effect Dalby was closed to all events except the Trackrod (due to it's International status).

Training: Bob Wright stated that his opinion of the first training sessions this year was 'dismal'! This being due to poor attendance figures – especially by senior officials.

14. Motions received. – None

John Symes then spoke about the following matters:

Were club members covered by the MSA insurance for 'new' events (Chatsworth Rally day Council run events etc.) ?
If the event is not an MSA event then there is no cover from the MSA "*we insure the blue book*".

Are officials cars covered on events? Basically, vehicles are NOT covered, Radio cars however are as they have to be parked close to the stage.

Organisers are encouraged to takeout their own RDS/NES type insurance to cover official vehicles on link roads etc.

Catalytic converters will become mandatory on competition cars in accordance with environmental issues. It is yet to be decided how this will be policed.

Are noise level regulations to change? No.

A discussion regarding the roles of environmental scrutineers ensued. John Symes stressed that if any Env. Scrutineer feels his reports to either his Chief Scrutineer or Clerk of Course are ignored, they should get in touch with him direct at MSA as it is essential that the regulations are applied.

Was the MSA getting involved with any road safety partnerships etc. – No, they are not.

Getting new young blood in the sport was discussed, the under 25 scheme and some of the newer activities the young motorist seem to be being attracted to, e.g. drifting and track days. John Symes stated the MSA was not involved in such activities as it is almost impossible to insure.

15. Other Business.

At the Chairmans discretion following a request from Ilkley MC, the subject of the Yorkshire League series was discussed.

It would seem that the long time promoters are to withdraw from this competition, but the wish of Yorkshire clubs is that the series should continue.

It was agreed that efforts should be made to ensure this. Clubs will be contacted and the Association confirmed their assistance and support, should this be required."

Meeting closed at: 10.20 pm