



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 27th June 2005.

Present:

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

Special guests – Andrew Coe, Chief Executive of IMS and John Horton, Media Officer for Wales Rally GB.

Delegates were present from the following 15 clubs:

Alwoodley, BARC (Yorks), BRSCC (N), Clitheroe, Darlington, De Lacy, Glossop, Ilkley, Knutsford, Liverpool, Malton, Northern Off Road Club, Sheffield & Hallamshire, 2300, Wakefield.

The Chairman welcomed our guests to the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Were received from: Dave Barker, Rod Parkin, Ian James, Gordon Waddington, Lindholme, North Humberside, Trackrod, Wigan.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2005.

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

3. Matters Arising.

- Green Lanes / DEFRA – after a successful challenge by the MSA through LARA and backed up by direct support from clubs, the situation has been resolved for now but is due for review in 12 months. A question was raised regarding agricultural land that has been grassland for 8 years now being classed as 'antique'. The Chairman requested that anyone with concerns or positive information should let us know or contact Bill Trougher directly at LARA, PO Box 20, Market Drayton, TF9 1WR.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman summarised that it had been a 'transition' year from 'behind the desk', a difficult one but hopefully things are improving. While the Rally championships have been well supported, both Trials and Autotests are still in need of attention and their respective co-ordinators are working with the Management Committee to improve things. Thanks were expressed to all the co-ordinators, officers and club delegates for their attendance and input over the year.

5. Treasurers Report.

The Hon. Treasurer was unable to attend, however the Association's finances are in good order.

6. Election of Officers & Management Committee.

Chris Woodcock (Clitheroe & DMC) had been put forward to join the Management Committee. The proposal from Clitheroe was seconded by 2300 club and carried. All other Officers and Management Committee offered themselves for re-election, with the exception of Neil Bye who had resigned during the year. It was proposed by Ilkley that these remaining Officers and Management Committee members be accepted. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

7. Changes to Association Rules. – None.

8. Invitations to the Association.

6th August – Twyford Wood Centenary Stages, Sheffield & Hallamshire
5th September – Wolds Rally, Mablethorpe & Carlton
10th / 11th September – Hall Trophy Stages, Clitheroe
6th November – ANCC & Yorkshire League Autotest, Alwoodley
11th December – Malton Forest Stages, Malton

9. Applications for Membership. – None.

10. Alteration to Dates / Status. - None.

11. Mailing List Alterations.

New email address for Tim Bendelow (Dates Co-ordinator) – Tessa160574@aol.com

12. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Stage Rallies – reported to be well supported with increased registrations and good entry levels on the rounds run so far.

Road Rallies – registrations slightly down on last year but all 7 rounds had run well. Hopefully a team would be travelling down to the Inter Association event in September.

Autotests – although registrations had increased slightly, two rounds had been cancelled. Entries and marshals were welcomed for the Inter Association event on 30th July.

Speed – Only two registrations had been received, Tim Bendelow had been round a recent event at Elvington to canvass support. It is possible that there are already too many championships out there.

PCT – Unfortunately Co-ordinator John Spencer was unable to attend the meeting. Colin Valentine expressed his concern about the classes, the Management Committee would be discussing this at their next meeting.

13. Time, Date & Place of next meeting.

Monday 31st October 2005 @ 8.00 pm .

14. Correspondence.

MSA letters:

- 1 Club Bulletin #1/2005 – This includes an item on Service Area Risk Management. Rallies Committee have agreed on a new document, which can be requested by post from the MSA or downloaded from the website (go to 'News Items & Forms' > 'MSA Forms' > 'Clubs and Officials' and look for 'Service Area Risk Management').
- 2 A copy of the letter / form sent out to clubs wishing to use Forestry Commission Land for 2006.

Minutes from: A.N.I.C.C, A.N.E.C.C, A.N.E.M.M.C.

Invitation from Oxford Motor Club to the Inter Association Road Rally in September.

Autotest Championship Bulletins.

NORC reported that entries on competitive safaris were increasing so at least one area of motor sport is growing in popularity. The Chairman asked if NORC may be interested in reviving the ANCC Off Road Championship?

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

R.L.O: The chairman gave a brief outline of the Russell Brookes initiative, introducing entry-level stage rallies to motor sport newcomers, including those who attend 'cruises'.

Training: All current training was geared towards Wales Rally GB. Association Training days at Myerscough and Askham Bryan were now booked for 28th & 29th January 2006.

Allan Dean-Lewis and Stuart Turner are doing club road shows in September / October, dates, venues and agenda tbc, although known to include 'club promotion'.

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

The DEFRA issue (as discussed earlier) was the main topic for discussion at Regional Committee.

Wales Rally GB: The Chairman introduced John and Andrew, who gave some background information on the event as well as highlighting a number of positive changes in response to requests from competitors, marshals and clubs (see separate sheet). They reported that the WRC is disengaging itself more and more from the clubmen and WRGB is conscious that it has lost links with the North of England and Scotland as the event has been based in South Wales for the last six years. They want to try and attract all the experience and skill that there is throughout the country in order to try and be the best event in the WRC. There are currently seven events seeking WRC status, so there is a lot of pressure on the existing rounds to set high standards.

Finance is a key factor, the MSA have to pay the FIA £108k just for the privilege of hosting a round! Health & Safety now has a big impact on cost, the budget for policing alone would be enough to run a BRC round. Wales has been able to provide the financial support required, this coupled with the current requirement for a compact route is why it is currently hosting the event. However the parameters may change in future so it is possible the event could move location.

The feedback from the floor was that it had taken WRGB so long to finally come out to the associations to try and win their support, it may now be too late. It was requested that they look into the possibility of giving marshals free entry into another stage on another day, as many would not be able to get to the super special in Cardiff to take advantage of that offer.

If any clubs or individuals have any further comments of feedback, please pass this to the Association Secretary and it will be forwarded to the event organisers.

17. Motions received. - None

18. Other Business.

Liverpool MC had brought up a possible security issue regarding placing address details on our website. This would be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting.

Some clarification was required regarding submission of dates to both the regional associations and the MSA, particularly regarding authorisation. The Hon. Secretary would seek clarification of this from the MSA.

Meeting closed at: 10.30 pm

Positive WRGB comments for the Regional Associations meeting.

Potential Competitors –

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| Reduced Entry Fees | £550 saving for drivers of 1400cc cars £1750 for all others |
| 40 places guaranteed | Increased entry capacity to 120 |
| Accommodation package | £28.50 per person, per night, en-suite single in Swansea |
| Publicity Support | Local PR services for all UK-based drivers and co-drivers Rally Radio available on the event and via Sky Channel 907 |
| Trophies for | Club Team Award Highest British Junior (under) Nations Cup |
| 4 Tickets for | Millennium Stadium Stage |
| Reserved Service Area | 100sm in Swansea Service Park |
| More compact event | Awards on Finish Ramp ?? |

Marshals –

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| Improved Communications | |
| Incentives | Mug, Pen and tickets for Stadium |
| Quality Tabard | |

Spectators –

Savings on all Ticket options; more inclusive packages
Programme included.
More flexibility in choice of viewing locations and routes to stages
3 designated spectator areas; Walters, Dixies, Margam.
Rally Radio for latest news