



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Summer & Annual General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Hotel on 25th June 2007.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Iain Tullie (Hon. Sec.), Graham Whitaker (Acting Treasurer), Derek Slater, John Spencer, Gordon Waddington, Chris Woodcock.

Delegates were present from the following 14 clubs:

Alwoodley (G Whitaker), BARC (T Bendelow), BRSCC (G Whitaker), Clitheroe (C Woodcock), CSMA (NW) (D Barratt), Darlington (R Wright), Ilkley (C Valentine), Lancs AC (E Heath), Lindholme (G Waddington), Liverpool (J Harden), Malton (G Harper), Selby (J Johns), Wakefield (D Slater), York (J Thornton).

1. Apologies.

Were received from: Alan Shaw, Ian James (both Management Committee), Mike Yates (Stage Coordinator), Carlton (V Orme), North Humberside (D James).

The Secretary apologized for late circulation of minutes and agendas. The flash floods, particularly in West Yorkshire, had also not helped attendance at the meeting, which as a result had not reached a quorum. As this was the case it was decided to defer the business of the Annual General Meeting to a Special meeting at the Autumn Meeting in October.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2007.

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

3. Matters Arising.

Dalby Forest update – the majority of North and South Dalby, plus Staindale, were no longer available to National B events, due to their development for other activities. The other forests in the North York Moors (Eastern) complex are not due to be developed in a similar way. This means that Rally Yorkshire and the R.A.C. can currently use Dalby. De Lacy are however on a 'yellow card' due to spectator problems in 2006.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman presented a brief report, highlighting our successful move to a new venue for meetings. Although the PCT championship had been rested for 2007, the Autotest championship had been better supported to date and the Rally championships were continuing to attract good competitors and events. There were a few changes among the ANCC Officers, the Chairman thanked those retiring for their service to the Association.

5. Treasurer's Report.

As discussed at the April meeting, based on last year's accounts it was recommended that annual subscriptions remain at the current level. The accounts had now been brought into the 21st century by computerizing them. 2008 Subscription Invoices would be sent out after this meeting.

6. Election of Officers and Management Committee.

The Chairman had received a letter from John Clegg, resigning his position of Vice Chairman. Nominations were invited from delegates and an election would be carried out in the EGM at the October meeting.

7. Changes to Association Rules.

The Management Committee had reviewed the rules and a number of minor changes were proposed. Some further changes are required relating to Companies House requirements, these could be incorporated when the proposals are put

to delegates in October. There was a brief discussion on the number of directors that the Association should appoint, it was agreed that the Chairman, Hon Secretary and Treasurer be the appointed directors. The rule changes should incorporate this.

8. Invitations to the Association.

8 th July	Armstrong Massey Stages, Driffield	Beverley
14 th / 15 th July	Countdown & Rocket Navigational Rally	Spadeadam
21 st July	Opposite Lock Stages, Manby	Slaithwaite / Hudds.
29 th July	Autotest, Rufforth	Alwoodley
9 th September	Hall Trophy Stages	Clitheroe
15 th / 16 th September	Yorkshire Revival Rally	Ilkley
29 th September	John Robson Navigational Rally	Hexham
4 th November	Malton Forest Stages	Malton
12 th -14 th October	Tunnock's Tour of Mull	2300 Club

All the above invitations were accepted unanimously.

9. Applications for Membership.

None.

10. Alteration to Dates / Status.

None.

11. Mailing List Alterations.

CSMA (NW) – name to be changed from CSMA (Yorkshire) in the yearbook and on the website. New email address for David Barratt: dave.barratt@virgin.net.

12. Championship Co-ordinators' Reports.

Autotests – Graham Whitaker reported the cancellation of the Bolton and Ilkley events, both due to lack of entries. This was disappointing, as registrations were still higher than in 2006.

Road Rallies - Lindholme's Danum had been well received, but had a disappointing entry of only 18 crews, despite inclusion in the ANWCC championship for the first time, as well as ANCC and ANEMMC. Garstang & Preston's Memorial had been better supported with over 30 entries.

Stage Rallies - Mike Yates was away on hols so was unable to report, however his regular bulletins show that the championship is running well with good entry numbers on events.

Production Car Trials – John Spencer and Colin Valentine had put on a 'modern' car trial for Ilkley, which had 24 entries and had proved a worthwhile exercise with 'split' sections and stop/restarts.

13. Time, Date & Place of next meeting.

Monday 29th October 2007 at Whitcliffe Hotel – 8.00pm. As well as having a Special General Meeting, we also have a guest attending. John Symes, MSA Risk Manager, had been given a hard time at ANWCC but answered all their questions, so delegates are requested to come along with some good questions in October.

14. Correspondence.

M.S.A. letters: Forest Allocation forms.

Agendas / Minutes from: A.C.S.M.C,

Other Correspondence:

Autotest and Stage Championship bulletins;

'Wheels' supplement - June and July editions;

Various event regulations;

Charity T Shirt Auction in aid of Calder Rescue – 3rd August, York. Contact nicola@maltonmc.fsnet.co.uk;

Promotional material from the Bradford Classic (21st & 22nd July), Castle Combe Rallyday (22nd September) and Chatsworth Rally Show on 29th / 30th September);

Vince Orme (Carlton) reported by email an increased interest in classic car events in the North Midland area. The Chairman reported that RLO's were receiving lots more of these events applying for route authorization.

There was a brief discussion on 'Slowly Sideways' and similar 'demonstrations' of rally cars and the like. The Bradford and Chatworth events were both running under MSA authorization. Such events are potentially great PR, however it is currently rather vague from an MSA club point of view how they should be run.

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

R.L.O: Nothing to report.

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Training: Venue for the Lancashire training day on Saturday 26th January 2008 still to be arranged.

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

From Regional Committee:

A new committee is to be formed, made up of young people (under 25 on 1st January 2008), as the recent Council meeting had decided that the average age in the MSA Council and specialist committees was too high. Clubs are invited to make nominations, but as the timescale is very short these need to be with the Chairman by 9th July. Our member clubs would be contacted directly following the meeting regarding this.

Comps Licence upgrade cards which are collected in at events don't have a space for name and address.

A separate fund withing the Club Development Fund / Training Trust is being created for Rescue / Recovery Units.

The 2008 'blue book' will be available on DVD, on the same disc as the Motorsport Safety Fund items.

In order to encourage under 16's, their first licence will be free after completing the required training.

Nominations for Club and Marshal of the Year are invited, to be submitted to the A.N.C.C. by 10th September, for passing onto the MSA by 1st October.

BAJA UK is an FIA event this year and may become a world round in 2008.

Northern Ireland will host the Inter Association Autotest in 2008. ANCC have already agreed to send a team.

The remaining Inter Association events in 2007 are:

Navigational Rally	Clitheronian, Lancs	October
Stage Rally	Tour of Mull	October
Sporting Trial	Cov & Warwicks?	November (provisional)

Child Protection Officer mandatory courses are a half day duration and costs will be met by the MSA (clubs advised to visit www.sportscoach.co.uk). Clubs should book their CPO on a course and then claim the money back from the MSA. Clubs with no appointed CPO for 2008 MAY be refused permits. The CPO doesn't have to attend events. Suggested wording for regs; "XXX CLUB SUPPORTS MSA CHILD PROTECTION POLICY, OUR CPO IS XXX". With the XXX's replaced accordingly. There has been no further indication that event officials will need to attend the course as well as the CPO.

17. Motions received. - None

18. Other Business.

The Chairman has attempted to start dialogue at the M.S.A. about its late publication and difficulties with rule changes and will keep us advised.

Fines for non-production of licences – had the M.S.A. demonstrated any lenience in this given the problems with issuing the new style licences? Lists and temporary licences had been issued for a number of events. After discussion it was concluded that this year was the first necessary step in the changeover process.

Stockport 061 asked delegates to encourage their members to enter the 061 road rally, starting in Buxton on 12th / 13th May. The beginners' section was a non-damaging, half-night event.

P Sowray asked if the M.S.A. could relax the requirement to pay route authorization fees a week in advance of events. The Chairman agreed to look at this – it would have been a good topic for the R.L.O.'s meeting. Clubs are struggling with late entries – and not just on rallies – tiered entry fees could be used to discourage this.

C Valentine has acquired an archive of several thousand rallying slides and asked who would make best use of them? The Chairman suggested that there is a Motorsport archive at the M.S.A. so he should write to Colin Hilton.

There was a brief discussion about Rufforth Airfield, where the number of Motorsport events has been reduced and the Parish Council are monitoring noise levels and complaints.

Meeting closed at: 10.35 pm