



The Association of Northern Car Clubs

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Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held at the Whitcliffe Mount Sports Centre on 20th October 2003.

Present:

John Richardson, (Chairman), Steve Smith (Hon. Sec.), Ian Davis - MSA Rallies & Trials Executive.

Delegates were present from the following 29 clubs:

Alwoodley, Auto 66, BARC (Yorks), BRSCC (Northern), BRMC, CSMA, COWS, Darlington, Dukeries, Durham, Glossop, Hadrian, Huddersfield, Ilkley, Knowl Dale, Lancs AC, Liverpool, Northallerton, NORC, NHMC, Pendle, Selby, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Slaithwaite, 2300 Club, Wakefield, Wigan, York & YORC.

The Chairman welcomed our guest, Ian Davis, MSA Rallies & Trials Executive to the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Ian James, Gordon Waddington (Lindholme), Roy Honeywell (Clitheroe), Rod Parkin (Trackrod), Bob Milloy (Kirkby Lonsdale), Alwoodley, The Motor Cycle Club, Stockport MC & Motor Sport North West.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2003.

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

3. Matters Arising. - There were no Matters Arising.

4. Treasurers Report.

Iain Tullie has taken over the role as treasurer and is currently making the relevant changes to bank accounts etc. 2004 subs cheques have all now been cashed (other than a couple of late ones) and the refund cheques have been posted to clubs who paid before the AGM. Bob Cook stated that he had received cheques from BARC and Tynemouth and prior to the cheques being paid in, the account stood at £2623.06.

5. Invitations to the Association.

Malton MC – Nat B Forest rally on 14th December 2003
Northallerton AC - Christmas Stages on 28th December 2003
Darlington AC - Jack Frost Stages at Croft on 17th January 2004
Ripon MSC – Riponian Stages Rally on 1st February 2004
Knutsford & DMC – Tour of Cheshire Historic Road Rally on Saturday 13th March 2004
Auto 66 – All 2004 events!

6. Applications for Membership.

Northallerton Auto Club were proposed by Durham AC and seconded by Darlington - All in favour of their acceptance
Glossop Car Club were proposed by Alwoodley and seconded by Ilkley - All in favour of their acceptance

7. Alteration to Dates / Status.

Hartlepool & DMC – Autotest date change, 19th Oct to 2nd November
Malton MC – Gravel Sprint on 2nd Nov now Nat B Forest rally on 14th December
Ilkley & DMC – Uniroyal Autotest which had been postponed, now runs on the 9th November

8. Mailing List alteration.

Alwoodley - Chief Marshal (change of address): Andy Shaw, 1 Chapel Lane, Clifford, Wetherby, LS23 6HU.
Tel: 01937 849789 e-mail marshal@alwoodleymc.org.uk

9. Championship co-ordinators reports.

- a). Autotests*
- b). Production Car Trials*
- c). Road Rallies.
- d). Stage Rallies*
- e). Off road.

* Report at end of minutes

10. Time, Date & Place of next meeting. - T.B.A. (Probably 19th January 2004).

11. Correspondence.

Stage Rally Championship Newsletters.
Minutes/newsletters from:
ANECCC, ASCMC, ANICC, ANWCC & LCAMC
Federation of Yorkshire Sport
Border Eccose Car Club - donation request for Charterhall
Lancashire A.C. Motorsport Luncheon on Sunday 23rd November

MSA letters:

Motorsports Now!
Club Bulletin
Wheels
Forest Allocations 2004/2005
Appointment of John Spencer to MSA Trials Committee
Seminars for Club Officials – Leeds date Sat 21st February (same weekend as Kall Kwik & NW Stages)

This date was discussed and it was felt inappropriate for the club officials, as many would be on the events concerned. John Richardson would contact Allan Dean-Lewis to change date if possible.

On Tuesday 21st Oct. Allan Dean-Lewis stated "It would be very difficult to change the date, as it would be almost impossible to get the training staff together on another date. If the response from clubs are extremely low for that date and it looks like the session would suffer, he would look again at an alternative".

Club newsletters from:

Allwoodley MC, Ilkley MC, Lindholme MSC, Slaithwaite MC, COWS, Knutsford & LAC.

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

R.L.Os.

It was mentioned that several clubs were sending RLOs packets with insufficient postage stamps on them resulting in the packets requiring collection from a sorting office and being subject to a fee. This is not acceptable and it was stated that should any routes etc. be sent in this manner, the clubs should not be surprised if they are not accepted and therefore not approved!
Additionally, the RLOs complained that some clubs are submitting their routes late. The Blue Book is specific in times for submission and clubs are reminded that these regulations will be upheld in future possibly resulting in events not being granted a permit.

Training.

Training seminars are planned to be at Myscough College on Saturday 24th January and Askam Bryan on Sunday 25th January 2004. More details for these events will be sent to clubs once finalised.

13. RACMSA / ACU / Sports Council matters.

14. Motions received. - None

15. Other Business. - None

The Chair then opened up the meeting to a question and answer session with our guest Ian Davis. The topics covered were:

- Road rallies, and the proposed introduction of a DSO on all road rallies. Ian explained that this was not the case and DSOs would be used at the discretion of the Regional Association. This is an option available now and the only change is to include Navigational rallies and Historic rallies. A very long discussion regarding standards of events generally and the Moorland and Meadows in particular ensued.
- RAC Revival Rally. Ian stated that the MSA had nothing to do with the organisation of this event. He also felt the competitors on that event and the Roger Albert Clark rally were totally different and should not be a problem for entries.
- The Mike Broad review should have very little effect on smaller events. It was looking at championship structure.
- MSA Off road championship. Now the events stand alone, there is a decline in competitors.
- Strategic Review - Ian said he had little to comment on the subject.
- Lincolnshire Council - Banning of motorsport on specified areas. Ian stated that this was a local issue which had to be addressed by local residents and local clubs.

Meeting closed 10.30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

AUTOTEST

Graham Whitaker expressed his disappointment at some clubs who fail to send him results thus making his job as compiler very difficult. There seems also to be a drop in interest from the competitors who seem to prefer the faster type 'sprint' events to the tight ones. There was a discussion on how demand for the championship could be increased.

PRODUCTION CAR TRIALS

John Spencer reported that after a reasonable start to the championship, things have gone from bad to worse! Competitors are not supporting events which deserve better entries.

ROAD RALLY

The championship has been well supported and well contested on all rounds run to date, with an excellent friendly rivalry among competitors, and much hard work being put in by organisers and marshals to produce a generally high standard of event.

Tens rounds have gone, with three remaining - the Cossack on 1st / 2nd November, the Beaver on 29th / 30th November and the Civil Service Rally on 6th / 7th December. Scores from round 2, the Moorlands & Meadows, have been cancelled after an MSA tribunal declared the event null and void. The series will still be best eight scores to count from the twelve rounds. 37 registered drivers have competed and 40 navigators, between them representing more than 20 member clubs. The drivers' title looks set to go down to the wire, with Hadrian and Beverley crews currently to the fore, while four outright wins have enabled Iain Tullie to secure the navigators' title.

The 2004 calendar is almost finalised and will be published once ratified by the ANCC officers next week.

STAGE RALLY

Mike Yates reported that 78 contenders were registered this year. This is 15 down on last year's record but there are no obvious reasons for the drop off. The only significant change to the championship has been the reduction from 16 to 14 rounds. The championship is still in a healthy state with all events running as planned and with one event remaining there are still close battles for almost all the awards. Information has been supplied from all clubs proposing events in 2004 and the unenviable task of sorting the 2004 calendar is now underway. It is likely that the smaller class capacity split will move from 1300cc to 1400cc in line with more events and national splits.