

# ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2002

at  
The Halfway House, A46 Newark Road, Swinderby, Lincoln.

### Present:

Mr Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Mr Steve Mugglestone (Vice-Chairman), Mr Kevin Bradley (Secretary), Mr Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer), Miss Avril Clarke (Training co-ordinator), Mr Brian Northcote (Auditor), and Mr John Chadwick (Road Rally co-ordinator).

### Also Delegates from the following (17) Member Clubs:

Binbrook MC, Border MC, Carlton & DMC, CSMA, Coalville CC, De Lacy MC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grimsby MC, Ilkley & DMC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lincoln MC & CC, Lincs. Louth MC, Lindholme MSC, Mablethorpe & DMC, NWMC, Wakefield & DMC

### Guests:

Mr Tony Newsum (MSA) and Mr John Starsmore.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 20.00hrs.

The Chairman welcomed the Guests and delegates to the meeting and handed over the floor to Mr Tony Newsum of the MSA.

Mr Newsum then present Mr John Starsmore with a Carridge Clock for all the effort, service, and contributions over the years.

Mr John Starsmore has been an active club member in SCCON, an RACMSA Steward, RLO and Official of the ANEMMC for many years. Mr Tony Newsum announced that it was with particular pleasure that he was able to make the presentation.

Mr Gerry Blythe echoed the accolades on behalf of the Association.

Miss Avril Clarke then gave a short speech saying that she had know Mr John Starsmore for many years, and that he was a very modest man. Miss Clarke then publicly thank Mr Starsmore for all the help that he had given.

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Mr John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Mrs Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary), Mrs Aggie Foster (Women in Motor Sport), Slaithwaithe MC, and Peterborough MC.

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (15<sup>th</sup> January 2000)

Taken as read.

Proposed Mablethorpe & DMC. Seconded Dukeries MC. All votes cast in favour.

### 3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

### 4. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary:

Mr Bradley gave the following report:

On a personal note, I would like to thank Mark Wagstaff for all his hard work as Treasurer, a job I know nothing about, nor want to.

Thanks go to the rest of the Committee who have helped me through my first year and to all the Association Clubs for their support.

b. Treasurer:

See attached Financial Report. The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr Wagstaff for his very professional approach to the position. A discussion took place regarding the upkeep of the web Site. The committee were charge with investigating the two offers for the job as webmaster.

The association offered to buy the Road Rally Co-ordinator a computer to assist in his duties. Mr Chadwick replied that it may not be required as an offer from Roger Hage had been made to formulate the championship results and bulletin's electronically. A proposal from Dukeries MC to gather costing on a PC ought to be made. Mablethorpe & DMC seconded this, all votes cast in favour.

c. Auditors Report

See attached Financial Report.

d. Stage Rally Co-ordinator:

In the absence of Mr Hickling the following report was read.

After a terrible start to our sport at the beginning of the year we still had registrations in the 80's, This is a little down on the previous year with so many people loosing interest in the sport for the rest of the year. On the more positive side the competitors who had registered continued to support the championship right to the end with some close finishes for awards.

The final results have been published with awards lists, and registration for the 2002 season are coming in. The 2002 championship has been split to run as a multi-venue and multi-use championship. A new additional sponsor ROADRUNNER Motorsport has come to join PHOENIX AWARDS , which will help strengthen the championship even more.

I hope that with the continued support from our member clubs putting on excellent events and some clubs with new venues the A.N.E.M.M.C. Stage Championship will continue to be the one competitors wish to do.

e. Road Rally Co-ordinator:

Mr John Chadwick gave the following report:

The year started very successfully with an increase of 10% in registrations for the RR championship to a record high of 65, although a modest start to the Historic Championship. With the onset of the foot and mouth epidemic the championship was brought to an abrupt halt after only three rounds. It was September before events began to be organised and thanks must be expressed to those clubs who organised the events towards the end of the seasons.

Mr Chadwick then expressed thanks to the Sponsors of the Championships, the organiser's and marshals and to Roger Hage for all the help over the last 12 months.

f. Training Officer:

Avril Clarke gave the following report:

On the whole 2001 was not a good year for Motor Sport because of the foot and mouth epidemic that severely curtailed the planned events. Within our Association I organised three training evenings in response to requests from member clubs.

The Radio Training Evening took place at Delacy Club House . Many thanks to them for allowing me to take over their Friday evening. It was an extremely well attended evening with over 50 people turning up. A different format from Brian, Chrys and Pete but one that worked extremely well and I am sure will be repeated.

The Navigation Training Evening took place at The Halfway House and was reasonably well attended. Gerry Blythe was the instructor for the evening and soon had everyone hard at work plotting. An excellent evening for anyone involved in road rallies whether expert or novice.

The Rally Organisation Evening was only attended by 3 people. They were all novices and therefore some work was done and it was not a total disaster.

Within Motor Sport in general we are seeing a decline in the number of marshals on events and this has an impact on the numbers attending training sessions. Our existing marshals feel that they do not need to attend any more training and we have very few new members within the sport. This was particularly evident with the Rally Organisation Evening. This is a problem that we all share and one that needs a lot of thought as to possible solutions before we have an event cancelled through the lack of marshals.

No Report.

h. Public Relations and Marketing:  
No Report

i. Women In Motor Sport:  
Mrs Aggie Foster was willing to be considered for re-election for 2002.

j. Social Officer:  
In the absence of Mrs Hickling the following report was read.  
The March 2001 Dinner Awards night was another great success with 126 people living it up into the early hours of the morning. The raffle went down extremely well with people buying tickets very generously, which meant that to the treasures horror we made a small surplus on the night, this would be put back into this year's event.  
Looking to the 2002 Dinner and Awards despite the bad start to the year in the sport the general response is good for the night to become another success, so book your tickets early.

k. Venues Co-ordinators:  
Both Mr Colin Jebson (RAF Binbrook), and Mr Phil Foster (Swinderby) reported that both the landowners at Swinderby and Binbrook were happy and had no bad PR reports. The roadwork's on the A46 will not encroach onto the runway at Swinderby, and work with the local scout movement at Binbrook had been useful.

l. Chairman:  
Mr Gerry Blythe gave the following report:  
There is no doubt that 2001 has been a very difficult one for motor sport. Not since 1967 has our sport been faced with wholesale cancellation of its activities in the manner that has been forced upon us this last year. I say "forced upon us", but all of us, I am quite sure wanted to do what we could to assist the farming community in its hour of need. This we did and it has to be said that we have come out of the whole affair with a great deal of credibility thanks to our efforts in supporting the farmers' cause. Now that the epidemic is officially over, we can look forward to the resumption of our sport with renewed anticipation.  
2001 may be remembered for the year when this Association adopted an almost paperless communication of documents to its members when it went "on-line" for minutes, agendas and other sundry communications. I believe it is the first in the country to do so and has been followed by at least two other Associations during the course of the year. An excellent example of the forward-thinking stance that this Association has adopted.  
The Association continues to be represented at national level with members of the Association sitting on Regional, Rallies and Safety committees of the MSA. We are "in there" advising and having a voice where it counts.  
2001, despite the loss of many events to foot & mouth, saw the Association Championships thrive once again. We welcomed a new championship – the Historic Road Rally Championship – complete with new sponsor. The Stage Rally Championship, too was able to run enough events to make the series worthwhile. In 2002 we welcome a new sponsor and separate Championships for Multi-use and Multi-venue events. We look forward to 2002 for a wealth of events to attend as marshals, organisers or competitors.  
Marshalling has continued to be well supported and the marshalling co-ordinator has provided training opportunities for all who wanted it.  
The Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation proved to be another successful evening despite, or because of, the "Full Monty" !  
In short, then, 2001 might be a year we want to forget, but 2002 is certainly one to which we want look forward with a great deal of anticipation.

The Chairman asked the meeting if, for the election of Officers, Mr Kevin Bradley chair the room as the committee stood down. The members agreed to this.

The following Officer was elected unopposed and all votes cast were in favour.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chairman	G. Blythe	Mablethorpe & DMC	Grimsby MC

The members then agreed as no further nominations had been received, the rest of the committee (who were all willing to stand for election) be block voted and re-elected.

This was proposed by Coalville CC, seconded by Kings Lynn & DMC, and all votes cast in favour.

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Vice Chairman	S. Mugglestone	CSMA	Border
Secretary	K. Bradley	CSMA	Border
Treasurer	M. Wagstaff	CSMA	Border
Stage Rally Co.	J. Hickling	CSMA	Border
Road Rally Co.	J. Chadwick	CSMA	Border
Training Officer	A. Clarke	CSMA	Border
Radio Co.	B. Avery	CSMA	Border
P R & Marketing	VACANT		
Women In Motorsport	A. Foster	CSMA	Border
Social Affairs	S. Hickling	CSMA	Border
Auditor	B. Northcote	CSMA	Border

A new position on the committee was then formed to help out the Secretary in his duties.

Minutes Secretary	A. Clarke	Coalville Car Club	Grimsby MC
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Mr Bradley thanked Miss Clarke for the help offered.

The committee would actively pursue the position of Web Master.

## **6. Any Other Business:**

There being no other business relative to ant AGM, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20.50hrs.

## **Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

13<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at 20.00hrs. (As stated in the 2002 Year Book)