

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH
EAST MIDLAND
MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
on
Monday 13th January 2003
at
The Halfway House, A46 Newark Road, Swinderby, Lincoln.

Present:

Mr Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Mr Steve Mugglestone (Vice-Chairman),
Mr Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer) Miss Avril Clarke (Training co-ordinator) Mr Brian Northcote (Auditor) and Mr
John Chadwick (Road Rally co-ordinator) Mr John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator) Mrs Sandra Hickling
(Social Secretary) Mr Ian Jones (Web Master) Mr Brian Avery (Radio co-ordinator)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

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

1. Apologies for Absence:

Mrs Aggie Foster (Women in Motor Sport), Mr Kevin Bradley (Secretary) Lindholme MSC.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (14th January 2002)

Taken as read.

Proposed Dukeries MC. Seconded LLMC. All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary:

I regret to inform the ANEMMC that unfortunately I am unable to stand for Secretary in 2003.

I have over the last 3 years tried to adopt an almost paperless communication of documents to its members, by using electronic mail for minutes, agendas and other sundry items. As previously stated the ANEMMC was the first in the country to do so and has been followed by most of the other Regional Associations over the last 3 years, a typical example of the forward thinking stance that this association has adopted. An added side effect of this increased efficiency was a major saving in postage and stationary, something the treasurer appreciated.

As ever the ANEMMC has once again proved itself to be at the forefront of expressing club's opinions at Regional committee, praise indeed to Gerry Blythe and Steve Mugglestone who attend these meetings.

As the most pro active Regional Association we have been involved in some serious projects during 2002 including the MSA marshals registration scheme and the issue of permitted development rights.

The association has a very stable, enthusiastic and professional committee led by Gerry Blythe who has guided the ANEMMC into becoming THE most forward thinking and effective voice in regional motor sport. I hope that the members fully appreciate that without such guidance 'clubman' motor sport could well have disappeared from our region. This association has proved time again that it will not just 'sit back' and accept whatever adverse proposals are made against our sport, something that needs to continue unabated.

We promote very successful Road and Stage Championships which have gone from strength to strength with the efforts of John Chadwick and John and Sandra Hickling. Indeed both championships have gained popularity and are now epitomised as good, solid regional competitions.

Mark Wagstaff as treasurer has kept an ever vigilant eye on all things monetary and works quietly and efficiently in the background.

Kevin Bradley

b. Treasurer:

Let me start off this year by saying what a much better year for motorsport than that we had last year! It seems a long time ago that our sport was rocked to the very foundations with the outbreak of Foot & Mouth - let us hope and pray that such stuff is now in the past and will never return!

The 2002 season was indeed a full one with plenty of events to fill up all our Association Rally Championships. A slightly strange one for me as the Treasurer, as I had to ensure that those events that failed to run due to F&M in 2001, were not invoiced for the 2002 season regarding their event levies.

However, thanks to the ever-sterling work by our Stage and Road Rally Co-ordinators, I was delighted to see that both sets of Contender Registrations were up again from previous years and therefore testimony to their very hard work done both in the past and during 2002. Very well done!

Thanks again to all the Club Treasurers who have ensured that I got their various remittances on time; sad to say though that we are one Club down from last year. Despite repeated attempts to track down who / where I should send an invoice for the RS Owners Club, I failed to get any response and therefore I have to take it that they are no longer members of the ANEMMC Association.

Such a shame really; I hate to "lose" Club Memberships but also a shame for their Club as they pride themselves on being one of the biggest and well-known motor clubs in the UK - if not the world, with membership in the UK alone of many thousands. Yet they fail to let the Regional Associations know of changes to their Club structure and details of who actually runs the Club! Ah well - perhaps small is beautiful after all!

Back in October 2002, I asked that the Association looks to remain prudent in forward planning and took the opportunity to very slightly increase the Road Rally Championship event levies and contender registrations - plus the Club membership fee to be increased but again by a very modest figure.

The Stage Rally levies and fees are to remain at the same levels for another 12 months as I feel these are accurately set and do not need touching just yet.

These very slight increases will be used to cover some expenses incurred in producing some Road Rally event organisers brochure (hints and tips, templates of entry forms, scrutineering forms, event regulations formats, officials roles/duties etc) that I intend to be printed very shortly and distributed free to ALL ANEMMC member clubs regardless of whether they run a Championship Road Rally or not. The background behind this idea, is that we need to try and help our member clubs in running the Championship Road Rallies on a "slicker", more "professional" basis that reflects well for our Association - plus encourage newcomers to the field of Road Rally organisation (at any level including 12 Cars) by giving them good, well proven ways of how to go about running a successful event.

We have seen our Road Rally Championship come on leaps and bounds over the last few years with contender registrations going up and up and more clubs wanting to run events and get them included in the Championship - to keep things going on the right track, we need to nurture and encourage and promote as best we can as an Association and this is one such way we can do this.

So, turning to other matters, what can I tell you?

One thing that has affected the Association financials, is that our Bankers have (during the last part of the year) reviewed their thinking and working practises on the types of bank accounts they promote and to that end, the latter part of 2002 saw us having to have our bank account converted to a new "product". By ensuring that there were no bank charges regardless of how we ran the account, we have accordingly suffered in the rate of credit interest paid - as can be seen within the accounts today.

This is most regrettable although 'professionally' I was very surprised that we have been allowed to remain using the "old" account for so long, attracting an excellent rate of credit interest that was very much out of step with the remainder of the banking world and their other rates! Perhaps you could say that we have got away with it but now they have caught up with us!

Which essentially means that I am currently discussing with them what we can do to improve the credit interest rates; we may need to move the bulk of surplus funds to another account to get this and I promise that I shall be reporting back to the Delegates as soon as I ascertain the best way forward.

The Awards night continues to be a fantastic success and Sandra Hickling continues to embarrass me by reporting an excess of Income over Expenditure! Again, I intend to have words and see if we can get some free wine on the tables again! Thank you Sandra!!

We had been very lucky to attract a sponsor for the Historic Road Rally Championship in 2002, in the form of Richard Lumb and Gerard Mann Mercedes Dealers in Birmingham. Regrettably, although we had a few stalwarts who took part in several rounds, the Gerard Mann ANEMMC Historic Road Rally Championship was not very well supported and to that end, it is quite understandable that they have declined to support us in 2003. On behalf of the Association, may I please pass on my sincere thanks to Gerard Mann for supporting us in 2002 and wish them well for the future; and hopefully if we see Road Rally Historics making another comeback in more numbers, perhaps we can join forces once more?

Les Twigg of CARS continued to sponsor the main Road Rally Championship in 2002 - our most sincere thanks Les - and has very kindly confirmed to John Chadwick that he intends to continue to sponsor the Road Rally Championship in 2003. This is great news and as well as wishing Les the best of fortunes for 2003, I would heartily encourage all ANEMMC competitors to support our Championship sponsors by giving them some business!

Turning to the Stage Rally Championships, these were split into Multi Use and Multi Venue Championships with continues sponsorship from Phoenix Awards and also now in partnership with Roadrunner Spares. By all accounts a successful and happy partnership in 2002 (my sincere thanks to you both for supporting us) and they wish to do it again in 2003! Great news!

Kev Bradley as Secretary has continued in his quest for a paperless Association and we have reaped great benefits from sending out as much Association correspondence as possible via the email functionality.

Indeed, it has been quite obvious that as we used this media more and more, many other Regional

computers etc! Kev, my thanks for being such a cheap Secretary!!

The Association website has been sadly lacking for most of 2002 and although it costs us nothing, we really needed to get things moving with this and to that extent I am taking a personal interest in it to ensure that by the end of 2002 we have a site back up and running - so we can use this to promote not just the Association as a whole, but the Association events, meetings, contenders, Clubs and many more things.

Finally, as I run out of things to say and prove that I can still bore you all stupid, my sincere thanks to Bryan Northcote for once more running an experienced eye over these figures and giving them the Auditors approval. Many thanks Bryan.

I thank you all for your support in 2002 and who knows, I might be persuaded to stay on another term - if you want me?!

Mark Wagstaff

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator:

The 2002 season recovered well after the foot and mouth epidemic in 2001 with registrations coming in as in previous years.

We offered the first timers a special registration fee of £7.50 for both Multi-use and Multi-venue, if you registered at the same time. This worked well and will be continued this year.

The championship ran well with some events having large entries but most events ran with about 60 cars.

We had one lost event at Binbrook in July promoted by De-Lacy Motor Club which I see is back in the calendar this year. Total registrations 59 drivers and 50 co-drivers totalling 109.

Multi-venue winners.

1 st O/A	Trevor Silcock	Pam Silcock	Astra GSI
2 nd O/A	Peter Beer	Barry Wheeler	MKII Escort
3 rd O/A	Richard Hall	Daniel Stone	Sapphire Cosworth

It is very good to see that two wheel drive cars can still come out on top over a season (is reliability something to do with it)

Multi-use winners.

1 st O/A	June Conway	Vivian Young	Peugeot 106 rallie
2 nd O/A	Chris Leeming	Nick Taylor	MKII Escort
3 rd O/A	Stuart Tomlinson	Alex Kirk-Willey	MKII Escort

Well done to you all but I did expect June and Vivian in their 1300. Again it proves that with constant finishers you can win a championship.

d. Road Rally Co-ordinator:

I personally think it has been a good year for the championship in spite of a few hiccups such as three date changes and one cancellation and I wish to thank every one who competed and particularly for the steady flow of questionnaires returned after each event. I am also sure that that the competitors will in turn join me in sincere thanks to the organisers of the events and their support teams and marshals and to the sponsors, Les Twigg of Classic and Rally Services and Gerard Mann Mercedes Benz for their support in 2002.

Mr Chadwick will write to both sponsors to express thanks for their support.

e. Training Officer:

2002 has been a year of changes within the marshal training area particularly with the introduction of the MSA Rally Marshals register. The numbers of marshals attending the MSA training evenings exceeded all expectations and in some cases alternative venues were needed.

Our association provided two more training evenings when members could apply for registration. Avril Clarke and Gerry Blythe travelled to Kings Lynn on October 29th and Lindholme on October 30th to deliver this training. They were ably supported by Steve Mugglestone.

Two more training evenings also took place in 2002.

The first was a radio training evening run by Brian Avery and the second an Incident Management evening delivered by Richard Ashton. These were on August 9th and September 6th respectively.

All these evenings were very well attended and may I give thanks to everyone for their support during the year.

f. Radio Co-ordinator:

Report to be given at delegates meeting.

g. Public Relations and Marketing:

No Report

h. Women In Motor Sport:

Mrs Aggie Foster was willing to be considered for re-election for 2003.

i. Social Officer:

The March 2002 Dinner Awards night was another great success. I have received letters and calls to that effect which I am very grateful for. To think we didn't expect to hold one this time last year. I would like to pass on my thanks to all who helped and attended the event and we all look forward to March 2003.

j. 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.

k. Chairman:

2002 has been a great improvement on 2001 for motor sport-it could not have got much worse.

Following the difficulties and restrictions to our sport in 2001, everyone was looking forward to a more interesting and competitive year. It proved to be so. The resumption of motor sport activities in our region was immediate and effective with entries good and a feast of events to look forward to. Our championships had bumper years in terms of registered competitors and, I am glad to say, there did not appear to be much of a fall-out of competitors to other branches of motor sport as had been predicted. The two Johns – Chadwick and Hickling – were working hard to bring their respective championships to the head of the table for “must-do” championships.

Of course, 2002 saw the introduction of a Rally Marshals' Register by the MSA – again ANEMMC had been to the fore having had a register of marshals for some years. The new scheme, like all schemes, had its teething troubles and it was not the perfect solution which could have been hoped for. However, the turnout at our local venue Donington Park showed how much the scheme was attracting the people out there. A series of follow-up evenings run by ANEMMC also provided an opportunity for marshals in our region to participate in the scheme and get themselves registered. It was good to see the numbers turning up at our evenings – it made the effort and work involved worthwhile.

The Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation has now become firmly established in the Association calendar. It is definitely an event not to be missed. The sheer professionalism of the presentation reflects the standard that this Association is trying to achieve. There is always something new to admire and to enjoy about the evening and it is evident from the comments of the people who come to the evening that it is going from strength to strength.

This is the year, of course, when this Association hosts the Inter-Association Stage Rally. For some time now we have been saying that the present format of a multi-venue forest rally has disadvantaged ANEMMC and we have been pressing for a single-venue event. We have finally been given the opportunity to “put our money where our mouth is” and I know the organising team which will come together to put this event on will do us proud and have competitors from all the regions going away saying how much they have enjoyed it. Finally, my report would not be complete without thanking the officers of the Association who have worked tirelessly on your behalf during the last year – not forgetting the sponsors of our championships for their input to making them so successful. I know you would join with me in thanking them for all their hard work and wishing them every success in 2003. My grateful thanks, in particular, to Kevin Bradley who steps down from his post as Secretary of the Association for his work over the last few years and to wish him a more peaceful 2003.

5. Election of Officers for 2000:

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

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

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	G. Blythe	Eastwood & DMC	Grimsby MC

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Vice Chairman	S. Mugglestone	Grimsby	Lincoln
Secretary	A Clarke	Coalville CC	CSMA

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 Border MC, seconded by CSMA, and all votes cast in favour.

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
Web Master	I Jones	CSMA	Border

6. Any Other Business:

There being no other business relative to an AGM, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20.35hrs.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

19th January 2004 at 20.00hrs. (Not as stated in the 2003 Year Book)