

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 17th January 2005

at

The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Present:

Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Nick Leuchars (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer, Web Master) Avril Clarke (Secretary, AssTraining Officer) Brian Northcote (Auditor) John Chadwick (Road Rally co-ordinator) Richard Ashton (Training Officer)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Border MC, Carlton & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Grimsby MC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lindholme MC, Malton MC, Lincs. Louth MC, Mablethorpe & DMC, Peterborough MC, Slaithwaithe MC, Wakefield & DMC, HRCR, CSMA, Sheff & Hall, Clowne & DMC, North Humberside

1. Apologies for Absence:

John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator) Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary) Ripon MC, Delacy MC, Ilkley MC

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (19th January 2004)

Taken as read.

Proposed by Kings Lynn MC. Seconded by Grantham Poachers MC. All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary:

My second year as Secretary of the association has been considerably easier than the first when things were certainly very hectic. My address book is now as up to date as the information you supply me allows it to be, and I need to remind you once again if you do not notify me of any changes the correct people will not be receiving the association information.

But enough of the negativity let me move onto the positive aspects of 2004. The association has an excellent committee and may I personally thank everyone for all their hard work during the past year. It makes my job as secretary a lot easier to have these people working along side of me.

The rally championships, both stage and road, were as popular as ever and efficiently organized by the two Johns. Mark kept an efficient eye on our finances as well as taking over the website, and Aggie kept the role of women in Motorsport in the public eye. I was aided in the marshals training by my new assistant Richard and it worked wonderfully. And last but not least we have our Chairman and his deputy, many thanks to Gerry and Nick for being the figure heads of the association and completing many tasks that the majority of us are not even aware of. If I have left anyone out I apologize it was not intentional.

My role of secretary can be easy or difficult a lot of it depends on you the member clubs. If you keep me supplied with all your changes of personnel, invites to member clubs and any other relevant information the job is at times hectic but a lot easier than if I have to be chasing up information needed. I try to use email whenever possible to keep down the running costs and I would appreciate up to date information.

I have been involved with a lot of association issues during the past year including the West Lindsey Development Plan paperwork and enquiry meeting from which we are still waiting the outcome. The 2005 year book is printed, thank you to Gerry for his help. The Association Development Plan has not progressed as planned but it will be available in the near future.

I hope that 2005 will be an even better year for our association

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Hopefully you will all have managed to see a copy of the attached Association Accounts for the last financial year ended 31st October 2004.

My thoughts on how the year has gone (financially), is overall of a sound nature. Although we see that the Excess of Income over Expenditure has halved from the year before, it should always be remembered that we are a non-profit making organisation and should never be casting a "tight" eye over the monies.

We raise funds from fellow Club members subscriptions, Association Championship event levies and Association Championship Contender Registrations.

And we do strive to look at different ways that we can put these funds back into motorsport for the benefit of all within the Association – so I am very pleased that we continue to build a little "safety pot" for when we need the funds, yet not too much otherwise (quite rightly) we will be seen as making the motorsport even more expensive than it already is!

So, what have been the changes in the last 12 months? Overall it is a few things that have conspired to reduce this excess. We can see that the Income side has still increased from last year but this is only thanks to the "book-keeping" entries of putting through the MSA Training Expenses.

In reality, we have seen a reduction of Club Subscriptions caused by several existing member clubs finally admitting that their own membership numbers have dwindled so much, that they simply cannot afford/consider it worthwhile continuing to be members of ANEMMC.

This is always a shame as it shows that motorsport is reducing in popularity in some areas and with so many other leisure activities that take place these days, it could well take some luck to bring these clubs back to health again. Notable (old) clubs that have said "goodbye" in the last 12 months are South Bank Motor Club, Glossop & DMC and Nat West Bank Motor Club.

In return, we did gain new members last year and some of these joined half way through the year – so we will get a full year subs this time! (Sorry folks!).

We also saw that Stage Rally Contender Registrations reduced a little from last year – but bearing in mind that 2003 saw a real bumper year, I still feel that John and Sandra did a fantastic job in getting so many to register in 2004 and I am sure that with the slight changes that John has put into the Stage Rally Championship for 2005, we will see more registrations this year!

On the Expenditure side of things, we did look to put some more back into the Association and as such, the Awards costs increased (a sign of a very healthy, competitive Association Championship/s) as did the costs of the Awards Night- where ticket prices were retained at an attractive level to get folks to come and so did not quite cover all the costs borne on the night (i.e. the super video wall).

We did "save" funds by the non-participation in the Inter Association Road Rally event (where we traditionally support a team of three cars, financially) due to this being too close to existing ANEMMC Rounds and still far too expensive to go to. It was in Northern Ireland and although the roads and the organisation there are 100%, the Ferry Costs and accommodation costs were simply too much for most.

And it was simply the other things that we do in running the Association (stationery costs, postage and venue hire) that bumped up costs for us.

All in all, I think you will agree that we have had a super year. The Awards Dinner was a super success, the events in both Stage and Road were (by and large) very good indeed and the Contenders made a real fight over the Championships through the whole season, seeing very close finishes indeed in the final tables!

As you know, I have made a few tweaks to our levies and fees for this year – a slight increase in Club Subs and Road Rally Contender Registrations – but I am comfortable that we will still be able to not only support the ANEMMC Association and it's members in the manner that they are accustomed to, and still see our income staying within any expenditure occurred.

May at this point, state my usual annual plea!

PLEASE can all Clubs tell both the Association Secretary and myself as soon as possible, when any Club details change.

Every year I say this (as does Avril !) and every year I spend hours and hours chasing up a few clubs to establish who their current Treasurer is, and where I can get the subs etc from.

I shall put a Club Details Sheet on the Association Website (www.anemmc.org) which can very easily be printed off, completed and sent to Avril / myself. PLEASE use it !

And that is it for another 12 months.

last 12 months, thanks to the Championship Co-ordinator (John /Sandra Hickling and John Chadwick) for all their fabulous efforts in running their championships, thanks to the organising clubs for running the events, thanks to the Contenders for stumping up their cash to enrol and making the championships a huge success, thanks to the Championship Sponsors (RoadRunner, Phoenix Awards and CARS) for putting something back into their sport and making the costs a little easier to bear – and finally thanks to our Auditor (Bryan Northcote) who yet again was so cheerful when he gets his traditional Christmas Eve call from me to say I am bringing the books around for checking! Thank you Bryan!

Auditors Report.

Bryan Northcote commended the treasurer for his account keeping. Because we do not get credit interest, only free banking he suggested looking at the possibility of changing to an interest bearing account

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator:

Last year saw the championship continue in strength with registrations topping the 120 and contenders registered in both multi-use and multi-venue disciplines.

We lost one round in the season all others ran and the quality of organisation was on the whole good. Organisers still need to continue to look for improvements to keep our championship as the best in the region for the clubman contender.

The level of competition has been close at the top with only a few points separating the winners.

d. Road Rally Co-ordinator:

It has been a most successful year for both the Road & Historic Rally Championships 2004 with the program of events being completed exactly to schedule and attracting very good entries, particularly from ANEMMC contenders. Registrations showed a slight decrease of 5.8% to 81 from 86 in 2003 but a large increase of 17% in contenders competing or marshalling on the same number of events this year, to 520 from 444 in 2003.

This resulted in closely contested Road and Historic Championships, there being a tie for 1st Overall Road Navigator and for 1st Overall Historic Navigator for the first time, certainly while I have been the co-ordinator.

The final league tables are attached with the list of award winners as follows:

AWARD WINNERS – 2004 ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVERS:

1st Overall Richard Chown
 2nd Overall John Dimbleby
 3rd Overall Adrian Green
 4th Overall Stephen Webster
 5th Overall Nik Kershaw

1st Novice John Stephens
 2nd Novice James Carter
 3rd Novice James Everard

1st Lady Nichola Hillier
 1st Under 25 James Everard

NAVIGATORS:

= 1st Overall Roger Hage
 = 1st Overall Mark Wagstaff
 3rd Overall Paul Nelson
 4th Overall David Dimbleby
 5th Overall Mick Fern

1st Novice Paul Stephens
 2nd Novice Jonathan Stockdale
 3rd Novice Peter Reeson

1st Lady Rhiannon Blythe
 1st Under 25 David Dimbleby

Best Improved Crew: Frank Evans / Dan Spittlehouse

AWARD WINNERS – 2004 HISTORIC ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIVER:

1st Overall James Carter

NAVIGATOR:

= 1st Overall Bill Granger
 = 1st Overall Jonathan Stockdale

Congratulations to all our award winners, these will be presented at the Awards Presentation Dinner to be held at The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln, on Saturday 5th March 2005 – full details and booking forms will be enclosed with the next bulletin (mid Jan).

Our thanks to the Organisers of the events for all their efforts and hard work which increases year on year and to the Marshals who have again given outstanding support in 2004.

Our Association provided three training sessions when members could have their registration cards signed to keep their grade. Avril Clarke, Gerry Blythe and Richard Ashton travelled to Kings Lynn, Doncaster and Lincoln to deliver this training.

The Kings Lynn hosted evening was as always an extremely enjoyable session. Some good interaction and well attended.

The Lincoln area evening was not as well attended although it was an enjoyable session.

The Doncaster daytime session hosted by Lindholme had a disappointingly low attendance despite requests for this format. The people who did attend had an enjoyable day.

The core modules that were decided upon for 2004 were Judicial Procedures, Incidents made Simple and Look after Yourself! In addition Gordon Waddington presented an excellent module on Organising and Running a Special Stage for the Doncaster event.

Gerry managed to make the Judicial system sound almost interesting and gave us a good insight into an area few of us have any knowledge about. Richard presented his updated incident management module in his own individual style, whilst giving us a good knowledge of the first steps to take should an incident occur. I decided to try something different and the title Look after Yourself was deliberately chosen so as not to indicate what the module was really about. It was in fact designed to make people aware of how much stress our hobby puts us under and how to cope with it.

Thank you to everyone concerned with training this year. We are currently having discussions as to the format of the training for 2005. I have once again obtained funding and you will be asked for your views concerning the way forward.

A good year for maintaining the training programme with our Association once again at the forefront.

f. Radio Co-ordinator:

No report

g. Public Relations and Marketing:

Vacant position no Report

h. Women In Motor Sport:

No report

i. Social Officer:

For the fifth year we again used The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

The personnel were again most accommodating on arrival, with the entire staff making us feel very welcome, they were all exceptionally helpful.

I think everyone will agree the function room looked stunning with the table full of shining trophies, large video screen and table full of raffle prizes.

A record number of 143 guests sat down for the three-course meal, the food was served quickly, hot and very tasty, and I haven't been notified of any problems. Through out the meal a video of the award winners was shown on the big screen

Following the banquet we moved on to the awards presentation our Chairman Gerry Blythe spoke a few words. Following this John Chadwick presented the Road Rally awards along with the Sponsor Mr Les Twig, A double act from Co sponsors Rob Lowe and John Hickling with Robs wife Pat presenting the stage awards, a very good representation with over 30 winners collecting their spoils. Through out the presentation a slide show promoting the championships and sponsors was shown.

The evening progressed with dancing to a new disco followed by a raffle the party then ended at 02.30 ish !

Next morning .no I think we will keep that a secret but there looked to be a lot of grey looking faces

Summary .I feel this years award presentation was well received and a total success, I have received letters and calls to that effect, which I am very grateful for.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to John [the other half] for all his help and understanding Steve Muggelstone and Mark Collins for there help setting up on Saturday morning and packing away. Very big thanks to Joy Collins for the presentation, Ian Madison for the Video and Rob and Pat Lowe, John Chadwick and Les Twig; last but not least to all that attended thanks.

j. Venues Co-ordinators:

No report

It is that time of year when I report on the happenings of the Association over the previous year. 2004 seems to have been a quiet year as far as unusual activities of the Association have been concerned.

Firstly, it is only right and proper that I commend the officers of the Association for their hard work during the last twelve months. Without their input and professionalism the Association would cease to function. The Championships continue to thrive with record numbers of entrants participating in the events selected for the Championships. It is, of course, also due to the continued support of the sponsors that these Championships are so successful. We offer our thanks to Phoenix Awards and to Roadrunner for their support of the Stage Rally Championships and to C.A.R.S for their support of the Road Rally Championships.

As a thought for the future, should this Association be promoting Championships in any other disciplines? There are a lot of competitors out there who compete in Production Car Trials, Trials, Sprints, Hillclimbs etc. Should we consider a Championship to include these competitors? It can only strengthen the Association.

The Social aspects of the Association go from strength to strength with the very successful Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation. This glittering evening has become the essential social function of the year for many competitors. We only now need to encourage ALL competitors to come to the dinner to receive their awards.

On wider issues, the Association played host to the Chief Executive of the MSA this year and it was good to observe the high standard of question that was asked of him. It only goes to show that this Association does think of national issues as well as those which concern it alone.

Following the success of Dukeries Motor Club in winning the Alexander Forbes Club of the Year in 2003, it is good to note that this year the Marshal of the Year came from within our ranks. Congratulations to Mark Johnson on his success and to Border Motor Club for nominating him.

On the wider issues of motorsport, the Association has been active in the consultation process for DEFRA's proposals to restrict land for motor sport use and in the West Lindsey Development Plan. Officers have been active both in the written consultation process and attending personally. My thanks to all members of this Association who responded in writing to both processes. We await the outcome with interest.

We must not forget that we have attracted new clubs to the Association this year. New blood is always welcome and we trust that we are giving those clubs as well as existing ones what they would seek from the Association.

Another thought for the future – is there any mileage in attracting member clubs from different disciplines of our sport eg. 4 x 4 clubs, kart race clubs, or even the Cruise fraternity. Our sport needs new blood and if we do not seek it, will they find a haven elsewhere?

Finally, as we stand ready for another year, I would like to think that there are new challenges out there for us. We can only be proactive and reactive to suggestions from the member clubs. I would urge all committees of motor sport clubs in this Association to bring to us your worries, your concerns, your successes so that we can share them, help with them and celebrate them.

I. Web Master

This will be a short report. The last year has seen the website evolve somewhat, with the addition of several new pages intended to try and encourage readers and give them more information.

The key ones are:-

- ? Latest News & Information
- ? Paperwork (where you will find previous Minutes etc)
- ? Stage Rally Promotion Page and Road Rally Promotion Page (details of forthcoming events, latest news, finals, results etc etc – VERY useful stuff)
- ? Championship Bulletins
- ? Championship Tables
- ? Association Year Book > Meeting Dates (so you know when we meet and where!)
- ? And some interesting pages such as Competitor Photo Galleries – this is very much in its infancy but I need more pictures please!

In essence, are you reading the website?

Do you find it interesting? Useful? Boring? What? Please let me know.

The whole thing hinges on the details I get sent to put on the website. Some clubs (thank you – you know who you are) do send me snippets and I will try to get them loaded up asap.

Short of marshals? Let me know. Regulations out soon? Let me know. Finals being issued and Final Entry List available? Let me know. Results done? Let me know.

Like all things, you get out of it what you put in. I am really wanting to push the website and make it the first port of call for any ANEMMC member / contender - - - but I need YOUR help please!

Numbers wise on how many are viewing the site and what pages that are looking at, I have managed to get a counter onto the site eventually (like all things, quick to take the money, slow to work how you want to!) and these early dates of using it does show that the Road Rally Tables and promo pages are the most visited.

But I want to wait and see a fuller period of time in its use before reporting further and therefore would urge you all to take the chance of having a look at the website and emailing me with your thoughts please. And get more viewers via your own clubs!

Thank you for all the support over the last 12 months and here's to a cracking 2005 site !

5. Election of Officers for 2000:

The Chairman asked the Secretary Avril Clarke to take the chair for the election of the Chairman.

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

The Chairman then took charge of the elections.

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Vice Chairman	N Leuchars	Grimsby	LLMC
Secretary	A Clarke	Lindholme MC	Grimsby MC
Treasurer	M Wagstaff	Carlton MC	Grantham Poachers
Stage Rally Co.	J Hickling	Border MC	CSMA
Road Rally Co.	D Broadley	Eastwood MC	Grantham Poachers
Training Officer	R Ashton	Carlton MC	Wakefield MC
Ass Training	A Clarke	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 Mablethorpe DMC, seconded by Grimsby MC, and all votes cast in favour.

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

Radio Co.	B. Avery
P R & Marketing	VACANT
Women in Motorsport	A. Foster
Social Affairs	S. Hickling
Auditor	B. Northcote
Web Master	M Wagstaff

6. Any Other Business:

An amendment will need to be circulated with the minutes giving Dave Broadley's (road rally co-ordinator) contact details.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 16th January 2006 at 20.00hrs.