



ASSOCIATION OF NORTH
EAST MIDLAND
MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 15th January 2007

at

The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Present:

Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer, Web Master) Avril Clarke (Secretary, Training Officer) Brian Northcote (Auditor) Dave Broadley (Road Rally co-ordinator) Richard Ashton (Training Officer) John Hickling (stage rally co-ordinator) Sandra Hickling (social secretary)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Carlton & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Grimsby MC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lindholme MC, Malton MC, East Elloe, De Lacy, CSMA east mids, Lincoln MC&CC, North Humberside MC, Lincs. Louth MC, Mablethorpe & DMC, Peterborough MC, Slaithwaithe MC, Clowne MC

Apologies for Absence:

Wakefield & DMC, Aggie Foster (WIM)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (16th January 2006)

Taken as read.

Proposed Grimsby MC. Seconded Grantham Poachers MC. All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

The apologies were not as listed.

Officials Reports:

Secretary:

Once again it is time for another AGM and this year has seen the implementation of the MSA Child Protection Policy. Please remember this exists to protect you as an individual as well as young people under 18.

The proposals by the rallies committee for changes seem to have been sorted out and we as an association had a visit from John Richardson the chairman of that committee to explain and answer questions regarding these changes.

The dinner and awards presentation was as always excellent and a huge success.

The web site promotes the association and we now have a PR official, Rhiannon Blythe who has organized a stand at the Auto Sport Show. Also 2006 saw the distribution of the car stickers also promoting the association.

Unfortunately the proposed Auto Solo championship seems to have fallen by the way side due to the lack of a co-ordinator.

We had our visitors from the MSA namely John Symes and Allan Dean-Lewis and some lively debate ensued.

Briefly touching on the training provided during 2006 the response was phenomenal and every session was a huge success.

Many thanks to all clubs who kept me updated as to their changes both in personnel and dates which made my job a lot easier and your year book a lot more accurate.

And now the one of the highlights of the year for me personally I am to be provided with a lap top and data projector which will make my jobs as secretary and training officer a lot easier.

Lastly many thanks to all my fellow officials for their hard work and co-operation during 2006.

Treasurer:

Picking the bones from the set of Income & Expenditure figures you see here, the key points I see is that things are still ticking along pretty nicely.

The Contender Registrations have seen some flux with the Road Rallies dropping a little more in 2006 whereas the Stage Rally ones have seen an upturn.

The other thing to note is that we have seen a few more clubs drop out of the Association; not because we are doing anything wrong - but sadly, due to the fact that the clubs are struggling to survive themselves with

their own membership numbers dwindling alarmingly. Naturally, as they "give up" this struggle, so they drop out of Regional Association membership.

One good bit of Income news, is that (as promised) I have moved funds into a higher credit interest paying account and we can see the fruitful benefit of this here.

On the Expenditures side of things, somehow Avril (and the rest of the Team) have managed to reduce even further the Postage bill ! Needless to say, recent news is that the Post Office will be increasing (again!) the cost of postage in 2007 - so where we reduce on the one hand, they do their best to claw something back! But thanks you to all for the hard work in using email and saving postage costs.

Venue hire costs have started to make a creep upwards; I mention this in every report. The Bentley Hotel is a superb venue, but we need to be aware that we are being charged for the use of it. This cost is passed on to ALL clubs regardless of whether you attend or not - so make sure you are getting your value for money from the Association and come to the meetings! Over a third of the club subscription levy goes to cover the rook hire alone - the other 2/3rds is supposed to cover yearbook production, minutes and agenda's being produced, postage, promotion of the association, specific Association training budgets, etc etc.

The final thing to mention is the Road Rally Awards costs; for some time we have talked about how the Championship was growing in stature (and quite right too) and the need to ensure that the awards at the year end, fitted the stature accordingly. As such, the Co-ordinator has presented some super looking awards, the envy of many an Association. But as the number of contenders drops, we need to take this into account when it comes to the costings. You will recall that I undertook a Budget (year to date and forecast for 2007) which showed this in detail; Dave and I have talked at length re this since and I know that Dave has put into place actions for 2007 to correct this and ensure that the number of awards presented will be slimmed a little in line with reduced registered contenders.

Naturally, should the numbers increase again, we can revise the forecasts and increase the "pot" accordingly.

What we really need, is more financial supporters of the Championship, in the mould of the Stage Rally one where John has brought in some excellent support. We are now in a position where the Stage Rally Championship is the main supporter of the rest of the Association; a very envious position to be in and one that we need to watch and be aware of should times change in the future. This was discussed at the October Meeting, and the Membership felt comfortable with this fact and comfortable with yet again retaining the same level of Registration fees, event levies and Club Subscriptions as before for a further 12 months. The "sun is shining still, so we continue to make hay" as they say. Enough - I have rambled on more again.

The usual year end thanks time; many thanks to Avril for continuing to use email instead of postal costs for the distribution of minutes etc; thanks to John Hickling and Dave Broadley in their roles as Co-ordinators of the very successful Championships and pushing the whole Association; thanks to the Championship Sponsors and Supporters in the shape of RoadRunner, Phoenix Awards, CARS, Pantry Catering and Slick Tyres; Thanks to all Association Clubs for sending me money (I love that bit!); thanks to Sandra Hickling for all her work with the annual Dinner Awards Night (it just gets bigger and better each year!!) - and finally thanks to Bryan Northcote for continuing to be my Auditor and annual Christmas Eve chat-line - as that is when I traditionally ring him up to say "okay to drop off the books please?". You are very patient and understanding Bryan!

That's it from me. Thank you for all your support over the last 12 months - and if ever someone fancies the role of Treasurer???????

The Chairman asked for a proposal that the meeting accept the accounts. Proposed Lincoln, seconded Grantham Poachers, all in favour.

Auditor.

The auditor Bryan Northcote stated that he was very happy with the accounts as always and the Association was acquiring a considerable balance which should enable it to work towards its aims and provide a safeguard for the future. The Treasurer proposed that the auditors report be accepted, this was seconded by Grantham Poachers with all in favour.

Stage Rally Co-ordinator:

The retention rate was good with approx. 100 contenders.

Thanks to all the sponsors, Rob Lowe, Phoenix Awards, Roy Wright and Andrew Knott.

Road Rally Co-ordinator:

Future of Road Rallying

A recent meeting hosted by Matlock Motor Club and chaired by Guy Robinson put forward some interesting ideas.

A point of note was that the internet is an area of concern, for those of you who post on forums please be careful what you write as some people are using this against the sport.

A suggestion to simplify the seeding of competitors so that if you're a novice in one rally but an expert in another is being considered to be adopted across the regions associations.

A copy of the minutes for this meeting is to be sent to Gerry for a decision as to the next move.

Next years Championship sees some slight changes, the Under 25 class goes to be replaced with an Under 21 class and the Historic class is dropped.

The following is the provisional 2007 rally calendar:-

Please note that the Cossack has dropped out of the Championship.

2007 ANEMMC Road Rally Calendar

Round	Date	Rally	Organising club	Maps
R1	10 th -11 th February	Bruce Robinson	Lincoln MC&CC	112/113/121/122
R2	17 th -18 th March	Ryemoor	Malton MC	99/100/105/106
R3	31 st March-1 st April	VK Derbyshire	Matlock MC	119
R4	21 st -22 nd April	Jackson Trophy Sheffield & Hallamshire MC		110/119
R5	19 th -20 th May	Danum	Lindholme MSC	111/112/113
R6	21 st -22 nd July	Drystone	Mid Derbyshire MC	119
R7	13 th -14 th October	AB Motorsport	Matlock MC	120
R8	20 th -21 st October	Autumn Mist	Mablethorpe & DMC	112/113/121/122
R9	24 th -25 th November	Beaver	Beverley & DMC	100/101/106/107

With scores for the best 6 to count

Training Officer:

An excellent year with around 300 marshals and officials attending a training session.

Thank you to all member clubs for your support.

Thanks from Eastwood for the training night they hosted to all attending clubs and the training officers.

Radio Co-ordinator:

No report

Public Relations and Marketing:

The stand at the Autosport show was successful despite the lack of club information. There were cars on the stand and display material and thanks to all helpers over the weekend.

Thanks were given to Rhiannon and John and Sandra for their work on the event.

Women In Motor Sport:

No report

Social Officer:

The awards evening was successful with 130+ people attending with an excellent meal provided. Both presentations were very good and the raffle raised £500+.

Venues Co-ordinators:

There will be three events at Swinderby during the 2007 season. This should possibly continue to be available for the next 5 years. Manby is safe for the foreseeable future. There has been considerable negotiation regarding Barkston Heath but there is no chance of using it for rallies at the present time.

Chairman:

As we stand at the gate of another year, I reflect on the events and happenings of the Association over the last twelve months. 2006 has been yet another successful year for the Association with a high standard of championships and a very well received Awards Presentation. It was my misfortune to have missed the Annual Dinner this year – the first time since its inception all those years ago. However, I am reliably informed by those who were there that it was quite up to its usual standard ! My thanks to Nick for standing in for me at the last minute.

It is always a great pleasure at this time of year to express my thanks to the officers of the Association who work so tirelessly to make the ANEMMC what it is. For the successful championships we thank John Hickling and Dave Broadley; for his efforts at keeping us fiscally sound and looking after the Website we thank Mark Wagstaff; for her efforts at keeping the paperwork in order and ensuring that communications are kept open we thank Avril Clarke; for training and keeping our skills up to date we thank Richard Ashton; for the social aspects of the Association and especially the Annual Dinner we thank Sandra Hickling; for her

input to Women in Motorsport we thank Aggie Foster; and - a new one this – we thank Rhiannon Blythe for her sterling efforts at bringing the Association a higher profile.

Our sponsors must not be forgotten either. Their input helps to make the Championships the success they undoubtedly are. Our thanks go to Rob Lowe of Roadrunner Motorsport, Les Twigg of C.A.R.S. Roy Wright of Pantry Catering and Andrew Knott of Slick Tyres.

During the year we received visits from Allan Dean-Lewis, John Symes and John Richardson who were able to give us an insight into affairs outside the Association and also to take our views back to Motor Sport House.

A major innovation this year has been the presence of ANEMMC at the Autosport Show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. John and Rhiannon put together this event and we thank all those who supported the event with cars or just by being there to help and support. It certainly helps the PR aspects of our business and a great deal of interest was shown in the stand over the four days.

A major disappointment in 2006 was the loss of so many road rallies for a variety of reasons. It seems that there is a steady drop in entries and events and this is an area which must be addressed by all who value our sport if the decline is not to become terminal. Attempts have been made to look at the situation and this move must continue to safeguard road rallying for the future.

At last year's Annual General Meeting, I suggested that there might be room for another championship. Sadly, this has not transpired. I can only think that there is not a need for it – unless you tell me differently !

A major achievement this year has been the publication of a Development Plan. This must be a living document and should be reviewed annually to see whether our targets are still relevant. Perhaps in the future it could include a financial section to see that best use is being made of our resources. On this point, I note from Mark's reports over the year that there is money available for use by Championship co-ordinators or any other club which has a valid expenditure to be made. All that has to be done is to make an application and it will be considered for inclusion in the following year's accounts. What are you waiting for ? A major purchase of a laptop and digital projector for training purposes has already been made. We await its use on Training Days in 2007.

Finally, may I take the opportunity of wishing all clubs and club members of the ANEMMC the very best of wishes for 2007. May you enjoy all the success you deserve and remember – motor sport is about having fun !

Webmaster:

For 2007 let's see if we can get the website address published in every set of championship regulations and on every member club website.

I also start this year as I finished last asking for items please.

Everyone complains that numbers of paying crews are dropping and the lack of marshals is a real issue for all events; use the website to reach as many people as possible. Send me details of event sponsors and I can put in a slot for them and a link to their own business website, it costs nothing but you have everything to gain, I need your input to make it work.

I am in the process of rebuilding the site and when it starts I will contact all clubs.

I need more photos, they can be new or from the past get them to me they attract people.

In case you have forgotten the website is www.anemmc.org.

5. Election of Officers for 2006:

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	Dave Broadley

All in favour

The Chairman then took charge of the elections.

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Vice Chairman			

Vice Chairman

There being no nominee it was proposed by Dukeries and seconded by Lincoln that it be left to the April meeting. All in favour.

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 Carlton, seconded by Grimsby, and all votes cast in favour.

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

Secretary	A Clarke	
Treasurer	M. Wagstaff	
Stage Rally Co.	J. Hickling	
Road Rally Co.	D Broadley	
Training Officers	A Clarke	R Ashton
Radio Co.	B. Avery	
P R & Marketing	R Blythe	
Women in Motorsport	A. Foster	
Social Affairs	S. Hickling	
Auditor	B. Northcote	
Web Master	M Wagstaff	

Any Other Business:

It was confirmed that 8 clubs (20%) are needed to gain a quorum for voting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 14th January 2008 at 20.00hrs.