

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting

on
Monday 14th April 2003

at
The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Present:

Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Steve Mugglestone (Vice-Chairman), Avril Clarke (Secretary, Training co-ordinator), Ian Jones (Web Master) John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary), Aggie Foster (Women in Motor Sport), Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer), John Chadwick (Road Rally Co-ordinator)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Carlton & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grimsby MC, Lincoln MC & CC, Lincs. Louth MC, Mablethorpe & DMC, Slaithwaithe MC, Border MC, Lindholme MSC, Grantham Poachers.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 21.00hrs.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Peterborough MC, Kings Lynn & DMC, North Humberside MC, CSMA, Ilkley & DMC.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 14th April 2003:

Taken as read. Proposed by Grantham MC, seconded by Eastwood MC.

All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

Ref. Item 4 the Chairman told the meeting that John Grant does not meet individuals to discuss any matters. A letter has been received from Tony Newsum regarding the new frequency radios and at the present time there are 565 sets waiting to receive authorisation for programming, Item 5 should read 'until' we have substantive not 'and' we have.

4. Official's Reports:

a) Secretary

Invites to Phoenix Stages Rally 2003 at Fulbeck on Saturday 9th August
Harold Palin Memorial Stages at Manby on Saturday 14th October
LLMC has a new delegate Dave Broadley.

b) Treasurer

1. Bank account currently stands at £7,856-46cr.
2. The ANEMMC Awards Dinner was a huge success with a slight profit being made.
3. The Association website is now up and running again.
4. The Association Championship Banners have been updated and replaced.

c) Stage Rally Co-ordinator

The year has got off to a good start with a total of 97 registrations to date. There have been three multi-venue rounds and two multi use rounds so far. There have been some changes to the calendar of events because of date changes and venue changes.

d) Road Rally Co-ordinator

It has been a mixed season so far with one cancelled event and another postponed which has reduced the current programme from 13 to 11 scheduled events. However the programme is up and running and five events have now been completed. In addition we have a record number of registrations, 80 in all, of which 8 are for the Historic Championship, thus justifying the decision to keep it running.

e) Training Officer

I have two training sessions already planned for this year.

A new and improved incident and initial aid session which will be for two evenings and a certificate will be issued on completion. Also a session on spectator control by the Lincolnshire Risk Management Officer. There will also be another session to enable registration on the MSA marshal's database.

f) Radio Co-ordinator

No report.

g) Public Relations and Marketing

No report.

h) Women in Motorsport

A copy depicting women in Motorsport from Ingear Motorsport magazine was circulated. It was also confirmed that the MSA five-year plan includes women in Motorsport.

i) Social Officer

The chairman asked for thanks to be given to Sandra (and not forgetting John) for all their work in organising the dinner.

A total of 143 guests attended the annual dinner, which was held once again at The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln. Apart from the awards presentation there was a cabaret singer and dancing to a new disco as well as the raffle. The evening finished at 2.30am approx. It would be nice to have more people there next year; the date for your diary is Saturday March 13th 2004.

j) Venues Co-ordinators

There will be three events at Swinderby this year.

Binbrook nothing to report.

The meeting expressed an opinion that as venues are becoming scarcer we must look after the ones we already have.

k) Chairman

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COMMITTEE MEETING – 14th. April 2003**

REPORT FROM REGIONAL COMMITTEE – 26th. March 2003

INTRODUCTION

A special meeting of the Regional Committee was called to receive an update from Colin Hilton – Chief Executive of the MSA – and John Grant – Chairman of the Board – on matters relating to the Department of Trade and Industry and the Motor Sport Strategy Development Group. This meeting replaces the scheduled meeting for May 2003.

RALLIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Martin Chinnery (Chin) was elected to represent Regional Committee on Rallies Committee.

MOTOR SPORT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

John Grant reported that the group had formed 4 groups to report to the main body. These groups are:

Sporting
Technical

The groups have a short time-scale to report back. The first report should be available within three months. There is a government recognition that motor sport is important to the economy of the country. However, there is little likelihood of finance being given to the industry. Sport England has no money available to other sports never mind motor sport which is perceived as a "rich" sport.

There has been pressure for IMS to make money which can be ploughed in to the sport. Up to the present time, IMS have had separate accounting procedures. From now on it will be part of the MSA procedures and a closer watch can be kept. IMS have a brief to make money from the major events which it organises and to raise revenue for motor sport in general. Each region is urged to produce its own 5-Year Development Plan.

In general, the report was bland and, I felt, uninformative. There was nothing new in what was said and much of it made for depressing listening. John Grant tried to be up beat about the future, but talked mainly of strategy and the "big picture". There was little in it for the average competitor or motor club.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

This report was very similar to the previous report in that it concerned large issues. The main part of which is that there is little likelihood of money becoming available.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE MSA

This item had been flagged as an opportunity for Committee members to have their say on matters relating to the MSA and its performance. Written questions had been invited and the points at issue included:

- MSA Communications with motor clubs
- Policy changes
- Club representation
- MSA communications with competitors
- Loss of experienced members of MSA staff
- Clubs expect MSA to be a supportive governing body
- Centres of Excellence
- Issue of permits and Stewards appointments
- New radio frequencies
- Rule changes
- MSA departments.

Each of the points was addressed by Colin Hilton and an explanation given. Members of the Committee failed to respond to the points made. I feel an opportunity was lost.

GSBN Blythe

Chairman & Regional Delegate

The inter association Autotest will be on 21st June. If a team entry can be organised the association will pay the entry fee.

MSA officials will attend delegates meetings later in the year.

It appears that Colin Hilton has referred to grass roots motor sport as amateurs and the meeting felt that volunteers would be a better term to use.

The association needs a development plan as the last one was compiled in 1991. Gerry is to set up a core group to attend to this.

The inter association stage rally has been changed to 18th October. It will be a single venue on Swinderby with two wheel drive normally aspirated cars only. The next meeting of the organising group will be on 5th June and regs will be available shortly afterwards.

7. Web site/e-mail.

Any member clubs needing links to contact Ian. He would also like any comments and suggestions and please inform him of any date changes.

8. Any other business.

It was decided because of the uncertainty of returning to Halfway House the next meeting will be held at the Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

The next meeting will be the dates meeting on 14th July 2002 at The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Enclosed:

2004 Date Application Form **(to be returned to the chairman by 23rd June 2002).**