

**ASSOCIATION OF NORTH
EAST MIDLAND
MOTOR CLUBS**

**Minutes of the Delegates Meeting On
Monday 13th October 2003
At
The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.**

Present:

Mr Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Mr Steve Mugglestone (Vice-Chairman), Mr Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer) Miss Avril Clarke (Secretary & Training co-ordinator) Mr John Chadwick (Road Rally co-ordinator) Mr John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator) Mrs Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary) Mr Ian Jones (Web Master) Mrs Aggie Foster (Women in Motor Sport), Richard Ashton (Calder Rescue)
Allan Dean Lewis (MSA)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Binbrook MC, Carlton & DMC, CSMA, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Grimsby MC, Ilkley & DMC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lincoln MC & CC,) Lindholme MSC, North Humberside MC,
Lincs. Louth MC, Mablethorpe & DMC, Slaithwaithe MC, Lincoln MCCC.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Peterborough MC, ERO, Anthony Northcote.

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

Taken as read. Proposed by Dukeries, seconded by Grantham Poachers.
All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

The dates clash between Lincoln and Border has been resolved by Border moving their date. ERO have also moved their date to avoid a clash.

The Chairman has written to the Squadron Leader at Leconfield but it would appear that he is not the right person to approach.

Matlock, Mercia and Beverley all submitted their dates within the extra time allocated.

4. Representative from the MSA Allan Dean-Lewis:

At the present time there are approx 5,642 marshals on the MSA Marshals Register. All grade one listings at the moment have been issued by way of grandfather rights. The criteria for upgrading from grade two to grade one need to be set out. The maintenance of grades will be flexible. The MSA can supply details of marshals using local post codes for club use. This must be applied for by a named official of the club using headed notepaper and the information will be sent to a different email address from the person applying for the information.

Allan told that the review prepared by Mike Broad is only a proposal and nothing has been decided about any changes to be implemented.

The MSA web site is to be upgraded and exemption or simple permits may be issued electronically in the near future.

A discussion followed on the work of the MSA, including specialist committees and the regional associations. There is a possibility of putting the minutes of specialist committees on the web site.

There is a new type of event called the Auto Solo, which is a cross between an autotest and a sprint.

Allan thanked Steve Mugglestone on behalf of the MSA for all his hard work during his many years involvement in motor sport.

The chairman thanked Allan for attending.

5. Motor Sport and the planning process:

There have been over 100 objections to the CRT12 policy 'Environmentally Damaging Sports. If this is not opposed now it could be passed by West Lindsey Council and this could lead to other councils taking similar action.

It would help if a questionnaire was put out at every event asking for distance travelled etc. It could also be worked out the loss of trade to the area, food outlets, B&B etc. Any results from this and any other thoughts to Colin Jebson who will collate the results.

6. Inter-Association Stage Rally Update:

This event did not take place, despite a lot of hard work and organisation that took place. There seemed to be a lot of excuses used despite the fact that people had known for eighteen months that the event was to take place. A big thank you to all the organisers for their efforts.

The expenditure on the event was £116.36 although there is some stationery left which will be sold to recoup some of the costs.

7. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary/correspondence.

Association minutes from;

ANCC

EMAMC

MSA Correspondence

Motorsports NOW!

Invitation to unlicensed club officials seminars 2004

Correspondence;

Email from Chris Thorley reference Mercia details.

Email reference the Premier Team Challenge 26/10/03

Email reference the Tour of Cheshire Historic Road Rally 13th March 2004

Email requesting labels for the Beaver Rally 29/30 November

Various emails regarding the Roger Albert Clark Rally 2004

Request from Trackrod MC that the Lookout Stages Rally 2004 be included as a round of the ANEMMC Championship.

A request from Malton Motor Club to join the Association.

A letter from Mid-Derbyshire MC regarding the Moorlands and Meadows Rally 2003.

b. Treasurer.

✍ Bank Balance £8,052-91cr

✍ Firstly my apologies for missing the last Delegates Meeting in July; I was most regrettably called away to London with work for a few sudden meetings and simply could not get back in time! Feeble excuses but true!

✍ Secondly - I can honestly say that I don't have a great deal to report. Levies and Registrations all well and nothing "massive" on the expenditure side to report.

✍ You will have heard/will hear tonight about the proposed Inter Association Stage Rally and what happened with that, from Gerry. Suffice to say on a fiscal footing, that we made a small loss of

✍ £116-36 which is a shame. It promised great things for the Association - shame that the other Associations didn't see it that way!

✍ No Inter Association Road Rally this year (so I hear unless things suddenly change again) but with the event always coming after our year end of 31st October, you will see the Association sponsorship for 3 crews on the 2002 event in the forthcoming year accounts - costing £225-00.

✍ The Association website seems to be still okay which is pleasing (having paid a further £64 for a further 2 years domain ownership up to July 2004) but in order to make best use of this medium we not only need to ensure that we keep it up to date and attractive for readers, but all member clubs need to take better advantage of it - what about free publicity for your ANEMMC Championship event???

✍ Since we have lost the use of the free room in the Halfway House, we have based our meeting here in fine surroundings in the Bentley Hotel - but I should warn you all that we are paying £60-00 a meeting for the use and with three meetings this year that come to an extra £180-00 costs that we don't usually have to cover. IF we are to stay here for future meetings, perhaps we will need to think about those increased costs and are we making best business sense in incurring them i.e. are enough member clubs attending to make it worth while to hire such a large venue?

✍ With the current MSA subsidy towards the Association yearbook, we are still making a loss of £57pa on the costs of printing alone plus any postage costs on top. Are we making best use of this marvellous yearbook? Are we getting all the correct details in there? Are we getting all the event details in it? It costs YOU money - so make better use of it and keep it up to date!!

✍ Turning to the 2004 year and my proposals for the various levies and registration fees:-

✍ **Stage Rally contender registration fees** currently £5-00 per championship - £7-50 both championships if registering at the same time.

✍ I propose to retain the same levels for a further 12 months, as we are lucky enough to have two fine sponsors in Phoenix Awards and Roadrunner Motorsport. Provided these two continue with their sponsorship of covering all decals and awards costs, I see no reason to increase levels. My sincere thanks to both John and Rob again!

- ✍ **Stage Rally event levies** currently £25-00 per round.
- ✍ Again, I propose to retain at the same levels for a further 12 months - reasons as above.

- ✍ **Road Rally contender registration fees** currently £4-50 per person per discipline (i.e. either driver or navigator and either Road Rally or Historic Road Rally Championship).
- ✍ I propose to increase by 50p to £5-00 per person per discipline. I think that the levels of Road Rally contender fees have been retained at an artificially low level for many years as John Chadwick does so much work freely behind the scenes plus our number of awards has increased over the years and I am as keen as ever to ensure that we retain this and make them even bigger/better! Plus it helps John in not having to dig around for 50p change every January and February! And certainly other Association levels are generally more.

- ✍ **Road Rally event levies** currently £12-00 per round.
- ✍ I propose to retain at the same level for a further 12 months - I just wish I could justify increasing them to the same levels as other Associations of which the same rally quite often forms part of their championship as well as ours - but I can't!

- ✍ **Club subscriptions** currently £23-00pa.
- ✍ I propose that this remains the same level for a further 12 months on the proviso that member clubs make use of the Association and send a delegate! Seriously, as I mentioned above, we cannot justify spending £60-00 a meeting for a handful of people. The club subs are very low and we provide a lot of help and assistance over the year to member clubs. Take advantage of us!

And that is about it from me.

The year end for the Association falls on 31st October 2003 and my initial thoughts are that we are still fiscally viable for a few more months (!) due almost entirely on the fact that our Association Committee overheads are very low (thank you chaps!) and we make clever use of email for the majority of our Association correspondence.

Certainly we have taken a few extra cash "hits" this year so I would expect any surplus income levels to be less than we have seen in the past, but as an Association we are still doing very well. Thanks to all the hard work and dedication from the Championship Co-ordinators we have seen the ANEMMC association grow from a small fledgling to one of the biggest players (number-supported wise) of any Regional Association. In doing so, we have carefully budgeted and built up a sufficient cash balance to ride out a storm or two.

More importantly, we are looking to actively use our funds to the best advantage possible and such funds are currently being used to promote the Association (with banners etc) to ensure that we grow ever more so.

All levies referred to are proposed by the treasurer and seconded by Grimsby MC. All were carried unanimously.

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator.

There have been a further four rounds since the last meeting, and it seems that October is becoming a very busy month for events. There are 58 drivers and 57 co drivers registered; this is up on last year. There are 3 events still to run.

Next year there will be 6 multi venue events and 11 multi use events.

d. Road Rally co-ordinator.

There have been 9 events completed this year with 2 outstanding. However the results of the Moorlands and Meadows event were declared null and void after the results of an MSA tribunal. This means that the total number of events is now down to 10 from which the best 6 scores will count. The Historic championship was not affected by the above.

e. Training Officer.

The training evening at Kings Lynn was well attended and cards were signed to verify that all attendees had completed the next step in their training to enable them to be included on the MSA Rally Marshals Register.

The next training will take place at Doncaster on Wednesday 22nd October 2003.

The venue is The McCormick Social Club, Wheatley Hall Road.

A further evening is to be arranged at The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln in November.

f. Radio co-ordinator.

No report.

g. PR and marketing.

No report.

h. Women in Motorsport.

On the World Cup Rally there were 7 mixed crews in the top 10.

i. Social officer.

Nothing to report apart from to confirm the date of next years awards presentation 13th March 2004

j. Venues co-ordinators.

Binbrook. All rallies will cease after this year. Track days and sprints will still be possible for approx. 18 months.
Swinderby. Only 3 events a year can take place at this venue.

k. Chairman.

REPORT FROM REGIONAL COMMITTEE – 2003 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Colin Hilton reported on the following items:

- a) The intruder at the British Grand Prix had been sentenced to 3 months in a secure unit. The problem is not just a British one. An enquiry is to be held to try to prevent a recurrence.
- b) There is to be a restructuring of racing in this country as well as the restructuring of rallying. (NB this item will be raised at another point in tonight's agenda)
- c) The Government, through the Department of Trade and Industry will be injecting £16m into motor sport over the next five years. There is recognition of the 40,000 jobs dependent on the sport in Great Britain. The money will be used for a variety of purposes. Most will go into the industry but there is a hope that some, in the form of matched funding, will come into the sport.
- d) Applications for licences and permits will soon be available electronically via the MSA web-site.
- e) The MSA page in Motorsport News is proving successful.
- f) Every marshal on the MSA Register will soon receive a tabard courtesy of Alexander Forbes Insurance.
- g) The Regional Working Group has met twice and their work will be linked to that of the government initiative of the Regional Development Agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS PANEL

Bruce Goddard reported on this and a summary of it is available as a hand-out.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Allan Dean-Lewis reported that the take-up of the matched funding for radios had been very good with 410 receiving grant aid. He also asked for nominations for Marshal of the Year and Club of the Year. These nominations had to be made by the beginning of the year. Having consulted with some of the senior officials of the Association, Dukeries Motor Club and Derek Stocks (Kings Lynn & DMC) were put forward as ANEMMC nominations. (For nominations for future years, this item will be included in the agenda of the July meeting of this Association.) The dates for training days for 2004 will be sent to Clubs and Association early in October.

SPECIALIST COMMITTEES

Roger Reed reported that the Off-road Committee is looking closely at some vehicles that are competing in rallies that have non-compliant roll cages. There is a proposal to Council that SOS/OK boards should be used in off-road events. The JTV Trails have been very successful and a championship is being considered for 2004.

The Chairman, Bill Troughear, then reported on the serious situation with regard to off-road events in the Lake District. (This item will appear on the agenda of this meeting)

John Richardson reported on the Rallies Committee deliberations which led to a long discussion. The upshot of this discussion was that John would revisit the proposals for K13.2 and would obtain Rallies Committee agreement.

Gerry Blythe reported on Safety Committee's terms of reference which had been reviewed. The Rallies Committee Best Practice in Service Areas was commended to all Clubs and Associations. It carries no mandatory powers but should be widely circulated to all involved with rallies. Safety Panel are looking at rules which govern Course Cars as it is becoming clear the Course Cars are being driven at high speed but without occupants wearing seat-belts or crash helmets. This applies to all disciplines.

The following committee members were elected:

Roger Reed	-	Off-road
Martin Chinnery	-	Rallies
Gerry Blythe	-	Safety

INTER-ASSOCIATION EVENTS

The Inter-Association Stage Rally was cancelled due to lack of interest! A move to replace it with the Cambrian Rally has met with some interest from Associations but not from this one!

RTV Trial – cancelled

PCT – Owen Motor Club 14/9/03 – no results as yet.

Road Rally – Rally of the Dams – December 2003

Autotest – Alwoodley MC - June 2003 – won by Northern Ireland

Autocross – ran in Eastern Region – no information

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

Bill Troughear and Nikki Moffitt were unanimously elected for 2004.

8. Nominations for Assistant Training Officer:

Richard Ashton was nominated by LLMC and seconded by Lincoln. He accepted the nomination and the vote was carried unanimously.

9. Web site and e-mail:

The web site needs updating. There appears to be a problem with championship co-ordinators not getting results from organisers. This means that they are not getting onto the web site quickly enough. It was suggested that co-ordinators should be able to access the web site and enter their own results to save delays.

There is nothing coming through at the moment via email from the public

10. Any Other Business:

A form will be sent out by the secretary requesting an up to date list of club officials. The dead line for its return will be 1st December 2003. After this date only the last known delegate will be listed under the club information. Adverts are needed for the Year Book.

The championship rules will stay the same.

The meeting will be on the third Monday of the month.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 22.20hrs.

The next meeting will be held on 19th January 2004 at the Bentley Hotel 20.00hrs. This will be the AGM.