

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH
EAST MIDLAND
MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting
On
Monday 18th July 2005
At
The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Present:

Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Nick Leuchars (Vice-Chairman), Avril Clarke (Secretary, Ass Training Officer) Richard Ashton (Training Officer) John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator) Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary) Aggie Foster (Women in Motorsport) Dave Broadley (Road Rally Co-ordinator) Brue Goddard (Development Director for the MSA), Howard Wilcock (Wales Rally GB Representative)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Border MC, Carlton & DMC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lincs. Louth MC, Malton MC, Clowne & DMC, East Elloe, Sheffield & Hall, Peterborough MC, Grimsby MC, Historic RCR, Ilkley & DMC, Lincoln MC & CC.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Loughborough, Trackrod, HRCR, Lindholme MC, John Symes

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 18th April 2005:

Taken as read. Proposed by Lincoln MC, seconded by Sheffield and Hallamshire.
All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

Rule Clarification – Dave Broadley has received queries from Road Rally competitors regarding marshals points. They have been querying whether or not they can marshal on historic rounds of the championship and still get the points for the overall championship. This was cleared up and it was decided that yes marshal points will count for overall championship points if they came from historic round marshalling.

CJ Rallying is currently making 700 stickers with the information/design on them that was discussed at the last meeting. The cost of this will be £567, with the stickers having 4 colours on them. They will be ready shortly for distribution. It was decided that the stickers will go out via the co-ordinators and championship round organisers. They will go out to each stage rally competitor and road rally competitor, club delegate, with the rest going out as and when. It was left with Nick Leuchars to distribute them and sort them out.

4. Guest – Bruce Goddard Development Director for the MSA

He explained how he is involved in the MSA and what he does.

Richard Ashton asked about getting more safety into other areas of the sport (for example Drag Racing). The answer was that the MSA wouldn't give a permit out to an event where the safety of all involved was compromised, and there was no basic health and safety.

It was said that touching upon track days and social motorsport is the way forward for the sport.

A concern over whether television was being used enough to promote the sport was brought up. Although, when programmes are made about a rally it is always paid for by the organiser. It was said that trying the local television was the best way to start, and for this area it is Carlton TV.

The Club Development Fund has been set up to help clubs and organisations in Motorsport to develop the sport. One good application for this money would be to use it to attract young people. Maybe giving information out, taking cars to shows etc can help and the fund is there to help subsidise the costs.

A discussion on the Karting world took place, as there are concerns that there is a big upset in it because of competitors not being 'punished' properly or they are given incorrect penalties. Also concerns about the health and safety in this area of the sport. It was hoped the proper rules and regulations would be enforced.

The question 'what's the biggest threat in the next 5 years?' What came up was the loss of facilities and venues, pr problems becoming worse as new families move into the countryside. There is a Mansfield Colliery venue meeting to be held in the near future, the details of this are being emailed to the Chairman and EMAMC chairman if you

require any further information. The best way forward is to try and get circuits to be used as single venues, for example Donnington Circuit. Finding dates and subsidising the costs is what is trying to happen at the minute. A discussion over finding new officials took place, and the general thought was, are people being frightened by the amount of work that the organisers do. Is it becoming more of a hobby and optional? If you would like to contact Bruce directly then you can email him at bgoddard@msauk.org or ring him at his home office on 01707 375558.

4a) Guest – Howard Wilcock Wales Rally GB representative

He gave a presentation on the Wales Rally GB, what it is and what it is about.

A new thing of the Wales Rally GB is a class for up to 1400cc cars, with a subsidised entry to help as well. They have a few entering this class which shows a good start to this area.

Howard would just like to point out that no money goes into the organisers pockets it all gets put back into the rally.

There was a lively debate on both subjects, with both guests and the Chairman thanked them for coming.

5. Dates for 2006

The proposed dates were passed round and the clashes were sorted out with Eastwood finding to new dates for the October meeting.

6. DEFRA proposals update

The outcome of the proposals were that DEFRA are now reverting to the 28 day rule on agricultural land. It is advised that the single payment scheme/issues are read.

It's the damage to the soil that is forbidden but if the grass is flattened and will grow back in a couple of weeks this is allowed. But is very important that the report given out at the meeting is read by all.

7. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary/correspondence.

Notification of future events

Invite from Slaithwaite MC to Opposite Lock Rally 23rd July 2005

Invite from Mablethorpe MC to Wolds Rally 4th September 2005

Invite from Bury AC to Tudor Glass Torque BAC Stages 26th June 2005

Invite from Sheffield & Hallam MC to Centenary Stages 6th August 2005

Date changes

None notified

MSA Correspondence

Master copies for Wheels magazine

Forest Allocations 2006

Club Bulletin

General Correspondence

Phil Andrews website is WWW.rallyaround.co.uk

Request for help on the Centenary Stages 6th August from Seff & Hall

Information regarding the Lombard Revival Rally 2005

Regulations Received

Tudorglass Torque BAC Stages 26th July Bury Automobile Club

Opposite Lock Rally 23rd July Slaithwaite MC

Minutes and Correspondence from other Associations

ANECC agenda and minutes of meetings

EMAMC Minutes and Agenda

ANICC minutes and agenda

Information from Companies/Organisations

None

Please remember to let me have updated email addresses as I am having a lot returned at the moment.

Can I ask all delegates to please sign in at meetings or you will not be listed as having attended, I cannot always remember who is there.

b. Treasurer.

Bank Balance £9,972-14cr

Ladies and Gentlemen.

We are now half way through the 2005 season and the entry levels are looking good for our sport. On the financial front, all subs and levies are banked and deposits for the 2006 Dinner Night already paid. All in all, things are fairly quite at the moment.

I had intended to bring up the discussion of a new (replacement) Bank Account at the last April Meeting – regrettably I failed to get to the meeting due to work commitments in Wales (of all places!) – but would wish to discuss this now.

I know that we already have such an item on the Agenda (thank you Avril) so hopefully you are not too surprised about it.

Basically I wish to move the main Bank account from the current Lloyds TSB account to an HSBC Treasurer Bank account.

The main benefits are:-

We will again start to gain credit interest on all banking deposits - albeit at a small rate on this account.

The day to day banking transactions will be much easier for me to perform on this account.

The account can have unlimited transactions at any time – this was starting to cause me concern re the Lloyds TSB account hence the need to “batch up” certain transactions over a period of time to stop them charging us.

I will be able to gain access to Business Internet Banking to ascertain current bank balances and undertake transfers to savings accounts.

Along side this Current account, a savings account will be opened with which I can easily transfer monies to and fro and this will gain use a much better rate of credit interest.

Future proofs us against possible Bank charges – “insider” contacts!

The account signatories will be:-

Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer) plus one of

Gerry Blythe (Chairman)

John Chadwick (ex-Association Treasurer and local to me)

Dave Broadley (Assoc. Road Rally Co-ordinator and regularly we see each other on events)

i.e. two to sign and one of which will be myself.

In order to progress this transfer, I require written confirmation from the ANEMMC Committee and this will require you (the Delegates) to vote and confirm this is okay.

Therefore I would ask that you kindly support my request and vote to allow the transfer to take place. My sincere thanks.

Other items to raise in my Treasurers report?

As you will know, the Delegates Meetings Room Hire costs for this year have increased to £70 per meeting from £50.

The Inter Association Road Rally for 2005 is this year a little closer – Oxfordshire; therefore we are more likely to have a team of three cars to send who would be looking for the usual financial support (full entry fee and breakfast for three cars). Regrettably this event is on the same night as an ANEMMC CARS Championship round (the Mercian Rally) which I would guess will attract the “better” ANEMMC crews. Which is a shame! However, financially, I feel we are okay to support this entry – thus anticipating Dave Broadley’s claim a little later in the year! Timing wise, I think this event will run either just before and just after the October 2005 Meeting – hence my inclusion of this in this report now.

And this is all I have for this Meeting.

In the October Meeting, we will be discussing and passing the agreed levies and subs levels for the 2005/06 year. I haven’t really done any ‘fine’ research on these levels yet but my initial thoughts are that we appear to be running at a very even keel financially at the moment – and so long as we can maintain that over the next 12 months I see no need to increase any levels come October.

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator.

Registration this year have kept stable with 51 drivers and 47 Co-Drivers.

All events since last meeting have run with good entries some even oversubscribed.

Good turnout on events of championship contenders.

With the all in one format this year we have a good spread of contenders in the top 10 doing both M/V & S/V events and points are close so it will be a good race to the Finnish with the top starting to drop points after the next rounds.

The Lynn stages has move back to its first date 6th November 2005 after announcing a move to the 13th. Request for Marshals already out.

Top 5 Drivers.

Keith Turner 354 9 Rounds
Chris Peart 352 7 Rounds
Kevin Procter 245 5 Rounds
David Campling 258 6 Rounds
Kev Hutchinson 236 6 Rounds

Co Drivers .

Steve Ward 347 9 Rounds
Gordon Blyth 346 7 Rounds
Mike Gilby 345 5 Rounds
David Everard 291 7 Rounds
Janes Ducker 252 6 Rounds

Next Rounds.

4th September Wolds rally Swinderby
1st October H/P Stages Manby Showground
9th October Yorkshire Rally Yorkshire Forest
30th October Premier Rally Notts Forest
6th November Lynn Stages West Raynham Norfolk

d. Road Rally Co-ordinator.

A report was given on championship contender numbers, recent events and forthcoming events.

e. Training Officer.

- ? A very successful and well attended training for Norfolk region in June. Gerry covered the timing, Avril covered 'after the incident' and I did basic life support for non-medical personnel.
- ? The next training night is on Wednesday 3rd August organised by Border MC. Their request is incident training, including 'what to do when first on the scene before help arrives' and how a nasty accident can effect you afterwards.
- ? A radio training night is currently being organised but no date has been set as yet as I am currently awaiting to hear from Brian Avery. To make it more interesting it is hoped it can be mixed with a Roger Albert Clarke information night.
- ? Lastly, fire training, which is a little more difficult to organise, will hopefully be arranged for early next year. This isn't something to take lightly and it becomes valuable as it can become second nature to respond to things.

Any comments or assistance in training requirements? Please don't hesitate to contact me.

f. Radio co-ordinator.

No report.

g. PR and marketing.

No report.

h. Women in Motorsport.

A Web Page is being put together by Aggie Foster to go on the ANEMMC website.

i. Social officer.

The venue has been booked for the 2006 Dinner.

j. Venues co-ordinators.

No report on Swinderby

k. Chairman.

No report

l. Web Master.

Things are going well with the website.

To reiterate - the website address is www.anemmc.org

Make sure that you all have a look at it on a regular basis and advertise the address inside your own clubs - we will only get the use of it up, if folks do keep checking it out.

Usual repeat messages first

I have to admit that the post bag, Inbox has hardly been bulging with correspondence etc!!

"Key features I would wish to draw to the Delegates attention:-

? **Event Promo pages (for both Stage and Road Rallies)**

? *Chance for a quick overview of what will happen, where, how etc. If you have printed the regs or the entries are being taken, tell me and I will slot a piece in here.*

? *Final Entry list sorted or Results done? Let me know and will promote/put them up and put in a link to the event website page for ease.*

? *I know that several crews are starting to read these pages - keep the info coming think and fast and we will get more looking on a regular basis.*

? *Remember - it is FREE PUBLICITY for the event for each Club! Use this to your advantage!!*

? **Championship Tables and Competitor Bulletins**

? *I am trying to get the Stage and Road Rally Co-ordinators to send me latest tables etc as soon as they are done, so I can upload to the site. Saves on postage in getting them out to all and sundry and provides a quick check to see how things are progressing etc.*

? **Latest News page**

? *Just the page for ALL clubs in the ANEMMC to advertise what they are doing, who has done what, when and why.*

? *As before, it's all FREE and by putting in the official Association WebPages, it is easy to find for all.*

Back to the report

Mailing lists

I would be willing to set up an email mailing list in which folks can be auto-emailed if I update the site. What are delegates thoughts on that?

Articles

What do YOU want to see on the website?

Just keep sending me things, i.e. reports, articles, photo's - anything - and I will get it included.

And just keep spreading the word about the site and keep checking it out for updates. Just use it !!

Thank you's

Regular "contributors" in the last few months have been

Sheffield & Hallamshire telling me about the changes to their Centenary event

Selby & DMC (Dave Coggins) telling me about the Three Swans Road Rally

Dave Broadley and John Hickling (at last! – cheers John!) have been sending me updated tables for the Championships.

Dave Hemminway from Wakefield & DMC has been sending me details of various Autotests that their club is running over the summer months.

But that is about it.

We are running many events as a group of clubs throughout the year – use the Association website (as well as your own event one) to gain more publicity, get more marshals, get higher numbers of hits etc etc!

AND ---- has EVERY CLUB PUT A LINK IN TO THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE YET? I bet not !

IF NOT, WHY NOT? PLEASE - do it NOW! It will boost your own hits as well as the Associations plus it makes sense to link us all together. That way, we will have the best of all worlds!

Website Counter details :-

Averaging 36 page loads per day
Ave 8 pd “unique” visitors i.e. coming straight in to us
Ave 5pd first time visitors
Ave 3 pd returning visitors

Of these, they tend to view in order of top three days Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Monday 11th July figs:

17 visitors viewed Stage Rally pages and Tables
9 viewed Road Rally Tables
7 viewed News Page
6 viewed Road Rally promo page
2 viewed Road Rally gallery page
2 viewed Stage Rally promo page
5 left the site from the Stage Rally tables page
4 left the site from the Home Page (seeing if any updates mentioned?)
2 left the site from the Stage Rally Championship page
1 left the site from the News page
29 visitors came to the site by using the website address (favourites?)
2 came via a link from the Selby DMC website pages

9. Any other business:

There are MSA workshops happening around the country, being put on by Allan Dean-Lewis and Stuart Turner to help with promoting clubs and with publicising Motorsport. The one in this area is happening at the Bentley Hotel on Tuesday 11th October 2005. You can just turn up on the night, it starts at 8pm and will finish around 10pm. Bruce Goddard thanked everybody for the work that they do within Motorsport and the MSA appreciate it all. There was an idea for an Organisers Forum to be set up to help enforce rules. For example the class's on events vary even though they have to comply with the association ruling. It was thought that the local three associations could get together and help enforce these rules, so a draft letter to organising clubs can be sent out as well.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th October 2005 at the Bentley Hotel 20.00hrs.