

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting

On
Monday 17th October 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) Dave Broadley (Road Rally Co-ordinator) Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer) John Symes, guest from the MSA

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Border MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lincs Louth MC, Malton MC, East Elloe, Sheffield & Hall, Grimsby MC, Historic RCR, Ilkley & DMC, Lindholme MC, Mablethorpe DMC.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Trackrod, Aggie Foster (Women in Motorsport) Wakefield MC, Peterborough MC, CSMA

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

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

3. Matters Arising:

The Secretary has the ANEMMC car stickers and they will be sent to any clubs not attending the meeting

4. Guest –John Symes-Technical and Risk Management for the MSA

Grimsby MC asked about the proposed new ruling for stage rallies. The latest edition of Motor Sports Now gives the impression that these have been ratified but this would appear not to be correct as the proposals have not yet been open to consultation. John informed the meeting that as far as he was aware the date for ratification was July 2006, but this had been implemented by Rallies committee of which he is not a member.

A lively discussion followed during which a number of people expressed concern about the difficulty of contacting the appropriate person at the MSA.

Following this a further discussion ensued about the various committees and the processes for rule changes.

5. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary/correspondence.

Notification of future events

Invite from Sporting Car Club of Norfolk the 2005 Phoenix Road Rally 17/18 September 2005

Invite from Eastwood MC to MACCA Motorsport Charity Stages 27/28 August 2005

Invite from Eastwood MC and CSMA to Harold Palin Memorial Stages 1st October 2005

Invite from Beverley & DMC to Beaver Road Rally 26/27 November 2005

Invite from Kings Lynn & DMC to Charity Stages 6th November 2005

Date changes

None notified

MSA Correspondence

Master copies for Wheels magazine
Forest Enterprise Allocations 2006
Club Bulletin
Annual Report 2004
Correspondence regarding MSA fixture list

General Correspondence

Request for club officials details for Harold Palin Memorial Stages
Request for club officials details for Beaver Road Rally

Regulations Received

Eastwood & DMC Macca Motorsport Stages 27/28 August. Also final instructions and Results
Eastwood & DMC, CSMA Harold Palin Memorial Stages 1st October. Also final instructions and results.

Minutes and Correspondence from other Associations

ANECC agenda and minutes of meetings
EMAMC Minutes and Agenda
ANWCC Minutes
ANECC 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 and if I don't have up to date information your club will not be receiving it's association bulletins.

Border MC are hosting 'An evening with Jonny Milner' at Arties Mill, Castlethorpe, Brigg. Contact Mark Johnson for details. H 01724 721263, M 07771 843095.

2006 Autotest dates for North Humberside MC are Monday 2nd January and March 12th.

b. Treasurer.

Main Bank Balance	£2,445-34cr
Savings Bank Balance	£7,000-00cr
Total	£9,445-34cr

The first bit of news that you can see above, is that I have finally managed to sort out all the paperwork, mandates etc and we have now "officially" transferred our banking from Lloyds TSB to HSBC Bank plc. In doing so, we will once more gain from some (small) credit interest being paid on the Current account, with a new Savings account being opened to generate better credit interest from the "excess" funds held that we are not using soon. The signatories on these accounts are myself plus one of Gerry Blythe, John Chadwick and Dave Broadley.

The end of this month sees the end of the Association financial year. Yet again, things look as though they should be okay again, thanks in no small part to the usual names - John and Sandra Hickling (Stage Rally championships and Awards Dinner) and Dave Broadley (Road Rally championships) - for keeping the various registrations up and flowing!

The key bit of business for the October Meeting (as far as I am concerned), is the review of the annual subs and championship event levies and registration fees.

As ever, I am more than keen to help out the true Clubmen/women in the Association as best I can and I am loath to increase registration fees unless I have to.

To that end, and to continue to encourage new registrations I intend to retain the competitor registrations at the same levels that we have seen over the last 4 years.

Stage Rally registration = £5-00

Road Rally registration = £5-00 each for either Road Rally or Historic.

This does not take into account a possible proposal from Dave Broadley regarding the Historic Championship; I know that Dave was thinking of taking this out of the equation as there are simply not enough crews taking part to make it viable. Instead, Dave might be looking to add another class instead - but that is his report and I shall shut up now on that!

Turning to the Championship event levies, I try to take into account the amount of "free work" that the respective co-ordinators do, the number of bulletins produced the amount of sponsorship that each Championship gets each year etc when reviewing the amounts to be levied. That said, it has become apparent that due to the way the championships have run this year (i.e. their dates etc), the use of postal updates has increased and in turn this will push up the costs of running the championships.

The Roadrunner/Phoenix Awards ANEMMC Stage Rally Championship/s have maintained a steady levy of £25-00 per round for at least the last 5 years and bearing in mind the costs incurred to the Association for running these Championships (and provided that we can persuade Phoenix Awards to continue to sponsor the awards costs!), I see no reason why we cannot continue at the same level for another 12 months.

The CARS ANEMMC Road Rally Championships has also had the good fortune of having a sponsor for the last few years and that has helped greatly in reducing any increase on event levies. Thank you Les Twigg -and I hope that you can be persuaded to continue again for another 12 months (or more!)

Last year I increased the levy to a more usual level of £15-00 per round - bearing in mind the amount of "free advertising" that the events get and could get (see the webmasters report!) - I think that this is a very sensible and cheap amount. And one that I am happy to leave at for a further 12 months.

Stage Rally Event Levy = £25-00 per round Road Rally Event Levy = £15-00 per round

The Association Club Subscriptions has been £25-00 over the last 12 months, having been maintained at the same level of £23-00 over the previous 4 years and before that was £22-00 for 3 years.

For sure, the running costs of the Association as whole has and will continue to increase as time passes - plus my awareness that we continue to pay for the room hire of these meetings (which is now £70-00 per meeting) - I am keeping a watching brief on this level. However, I am happy to recommend that we leave it at £25-00 pa with still no joining fee for new clubs. Just make me happier and attend the Delegates Meetings! On average we are getting 12 clubs per meeting? Less than half the membership. It would be so much better to get more clubs attending - and getting their monies worth! We only have 4 meetings a year !!

Club Subscription = £25-00 pa

So Ladies and Gentlemen, those are my proposals for the next 12 months. I trust that they meet with your agreement and thank you in advance for their support.

Turning to the usual update news

News as above re the Banking facilities changing

All levies and fees have been paid for the 2004-05 year (many thanks!)

We did not raise a team for the Inter Association Road Rally so nothing was paid out there.

I shall be talking to the Championship Co-ordinators soon re budgets for the Awards for the 2005 season (presented 2006).

Other than that, everything ticking along nicely and the next meeting will be the AGM when I shall be talking about the year's accounts in more detail. Talking of which - this is where I also usually say "just a thought but I have been doing this Treasurers role thing for quite a few years now. If there is anyone who wishes to have a go, please don't be shy! I would be delighted to have a chat on how I do things, when etc and see the role "refreshed,!" No doubt I would still have the webmasters role !

My thanks - as usual, if you have any queries please give me a call on ☎ 01332 762211
or ✉ mark@wagstaffderby.freeserve.co.uk

John Symes thought that we had a very good attendance at our meetings because the average is approx. 12 people while we average approx 25.

The treasurer proposed that the levies and subscriptions be accepted, this was seconded by Eastwood MC with all in favour.

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator.

Well here we are and another year coming to the end of this championship with just two rounds left to go. Since the last meeting in July 4 Multi-use and 1 Multi-venue rallies have run.

It has been an interesting year with most multi-use events running full or just about nobody is sure of the reason but the cost of forestry rallies may have some bearing on it. Multi-venues have suffered with low entries hopefully this may come back next year.

Registrations have stayed stable in 2005 as in previous years, which indicates we are doing it right. Sponsors for next year are going to be the same with Roadrunner, Phoenix Awards and Additionally Supported by Pantry Catering, Slick Tyres. They're continued support is much appreciated.

The Premier Rally organised by Dukeries Mc in the Nottinghamshire Forests is the last Multi-venue in the championship and is considered the best all round clubmans forest event, as it is compact and low cost.

Two weeks on we have the Lynn Stages at West Raynham Airfield in Norfolk. This was an excellent event last year but due to PR problems this year's event has had to be restricted to only 60 cars and is now full.

We have a down to the wire between Gordon Blyth and Mike Angove who have been calculating who needs to finish in what position to win the Co-Drivers overall while Chris Peart and kev Hutchinson are doing the same for the Drivers honours.

Thomas Jordan and Craig Renshaw look set to win the under 25's for this first year of the award.

Steve ward and Keith Turner in 4th place are the highest four wheel drive but you never know how this could change after the next two rounds as all three are at West Raynham.

We have a proposed calendar for 2006 will continue with the one mixed championship

16 rounds in total best 10 scores to count in any combination. General regulation and points scoring will stay about the same with only the bonus points under review.

Please check the association web site, as we will try to get the latest update after the Premier and West Raynham on as quickly as possible.

Just a word on The Macca Motorsport Charity Stages at Twyford Wood on August Bank Holiday weekend. The event raised over £8500 for Cancer Research UK what a supper effort by all concerned and excellent PR for motorsport.

ANEMMC STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSED CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR 2006

Feb

Sat 19th Kall Kwik Yorkshire Forest M/V

Sat 25th Mablethorpe Manby S/V

March

Sat/Sun 4th/5th Robin Hood Stages Nottm Forest M/V

Sat 11th ANEMMC Annual Dinner/Awards

Sat 25th North Humberside Yorkshire Forest M/V

April

Sun 16th Twyford Wood S/V Lincs

Sun 30th Bloodhound Swinderby S/V

May

Sun 14th John Overend Memorial Rally Melbourne S/V

June

Sat 3rd Phoenix Stages Fulbeck Lincs S/V

Sat 17th Dukeries Rally Nottm Forest M/V

Sun 25th Torque Bac Rally Swinderby S/V

July

Sat 22nd Opposite Lock Rally Manby S/V

August

Sun 6th Centenary Stages Twyford Wood Lincs S/V

September

Sun 3rd Wolds Rally Swinderby S/V

October

Sat 14th Harold Palin Memorial Stages Manby S/V

Sun 29th Premier Rally Notts Forest M/V

November

Sun 5th Lynn stages West Raynham Norfolk S/V

5 Multi venue 11 Multi-use Total 16 rounds Best 10 Scores to count in any combination.

d. Road Rally Co-ordinator.

This year all the championship rallies have been well supported, the AB Motorsport rally suffered a slightly reduced entry as a result of running on the same night as the Inter Association Rally. To my knowledge no team represented ANEMMC possibly because of the close positions on the championship. Points are tight at the top with the best 6 scores counting. The final 2 rounds will decide the Road Rally positions with the Historic already decided.

There is a possibility that the Historic will be dropped next year and amalgamated with the Road Rally as support has dwindled considerably. More rounds may be added as events have been observed this year for inclusion.

Future events

Round 11

Autumn Mist Rally 22/23 October

Round 12

Cossack Rally 12/13 November

e. Training Officer.

Part of my job as training officer is to keep competitors, marshals and officials informed on any changes which could affect their safety. I would like to bring to the delegates' attention a change in certain rally car isolators and ask you take this information back to your club.

Most cars that rally in this country have MSA Log books and are built to Blue Book specs. These have an external isolator in the form of a switch or button marked with a zig zag in a triangle and a fire suppressant system switch or button marked with a red E in a red circle.

WRC cars are built to FIA. Yellow book rules. The rule on external isolators is rather vague by allowing either one switch or two. What do I mean by this? WRC Subaru's all appear to have a two button system, again one for isolation and one for fire. However, in contrast most but not all Mitsubishi Evo's have a single push button switch, WRC Ford Focus's have a single ring pull. Both these systems kill the electrics and automatically activate the fire suppressant system. The fire system can be deactivated from inside the car by the crew but marshals/competitors/whoever may have difficulty obtaining safe access into the car to operate this if the crew are unable to.

I don't see this as an easy or safe option so what I personally would do if I was first on scene as a marshal and I came across a car with two switches, isolate it but don't hit the fire button/switch unless I really suspect fire, or a big risk of it.

On cars with only one switch or pull ring you have to hit/pull it, there is no other easy and safe option. I am sure if the crew are compus mentis enough they will disarm the system and save the £350 minimum re charge fee.

I write this with everyone's best interest at heart as an interim instruction, naturally I have informed the MSA of my findings and had a reply back from John Symes by return that he was aware of this and something more official would be announced soon.

If anyone from your club requires further discussion please feel free to contact me.

f. Radio co-ordinator.

No report.

g. PR and marketing.

No report.

h. Women in Motorsport.

No report

i. Social officer.

The venue has been booked for the 2006 Dinner, Saturday 11th March 2006. Contact Sandra for further details 0115 9384601

j. Venues co-ordinators.

It is estimated that Swinderby will be available for another 10 yrs approx. this will be 3-4 yrs. In its present format and then 4-5 yrs. With some alterations.

k. Chairman.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The document is almost ready for publication. It will appear on the MSA Website in due course. MSA are not experts in child protection matters. They will simply provide points of contact and information within the relevant agencies. MSA are considering training in the issues surrounding child protection.

DEFRA SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME

Ian Davis working with Trials Committee to produce a guidance note to remind clubs of good land management. Response to DEFRA documentation continues to be patchy with some farmers embracing the new scheme and preventing motor sport from taking place while others are content to go on as before. It should be noted that the sums of money involved can be quite considerable.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

- A) Contracts have been signed with DTT for National Motor Sport Training Plan.
- B) Rally Elite Development Scheme is under way.
- C) British Grand Prix a success. 5 Year contract signed for MSA to run it.
- D) National Court is now up and running. Signing-on form for parents in Karting is working well. MSA working on anti-doping regulations for 2006.
- E) There is a new team to promote the BRC. Rod Parkin has been co-opted to assist. BRCC propose that WRC cars will be banned from the Championship – except Group N and S1600. Wales Rally GB will be final round if run in November.
- F) Some 12/13 clubs are willing to organise a round of the Rallystar Project although there are concerns that there will be enough cars available in 2006.
- G) Spectator sales for Wales Rally GB are up and the entry is the highest compared to other WRC rounds.
- H) New MSA website launched on 5th. August. There are still some glitches.
- I) MSA does not have to be FSA recognised and clubs are not liable when collecting insurance fees.
- J) Rallies Committee are looking at reclassifying competing cars on events. The matter is open to full consultation via the procedure laid down. Consultation is now taking place with ALL interested parties.
- K) Nikki Moffitt is keeping an eye on Rally Ireland. There is a possibility of pairing events geographically eg. Australia/New Zealand.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Club workshops are taking place across the UK with a view to club promotion.

Alexander Forbes Marshal and Club of the Year Awards require nominations. The criteria this year will be on the basis of competitive activity and on “good works”. Nominations should be received by 24th. October 2005.

Money given through the Club Development Fund passed £2M recently. The occasion was marked by a presentation to Ludlow Castle MC.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES

Off Road – A working party has been formed to consider tyres in the light of DEFRA’s soil management.

Rallies Committee – there was some considerable misunderstanding arising from Rallies Committee’s decision to propose the realignment of the use of WRC and 4WD cars on rallies. It was emphasised that NO decision had been made and that Council have approved the minutes for consultation. This process is now under way and there will be no decision one way or another before July 2006.

Safety Committee – it was emphasised that fire extinguishers in competing cars are not intended to extinguish fires but to delay the fire to allow the crew to escape the car. There is a pilot study on accident data collection to assess the feasibility of a safety performance measurement.

REPRESENTATIVES ON ADVISORY PANELS

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

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

John Arnold (AWMMC) was elected Vice-chairman of the Regional Committee. A presentation was made to Bill Troughear to mark his retirement from 22 years as Chairman of Regional Committee.

INTER ASSOCIATION EVENTS

- Stage Rally 2006 - Tour of Mull
- Road Rally 2006 - Powerush Rally 9/10th. October
- Autotest 2006 - Association of West Midland MC
- Autocross - Association of South Western MC
- Production Car Trial - Association of South Western MC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A paper was distributed entitled "A Development Strategy for Grassroots Motor Sport" was circulated and comment was requested before the Council meeting. "Dealing with a Major Incident" Guidelines for Organisers was distributed for information. The paper can be found on the MSA website.

I. Web Master.

Things are going well with the website - folks are looking at it every now and then - but I am still not a happy bunny!!

I am always saying the same old things **every** meeting:-

? Does **YOUR** Club have a link to the Association website?

? The following as at last night -

Yes - correct address	Yes - but OLD address	No - nothing at all
Border MC	Coalville CC	Beverley & DMC
Carlton & DMC	Ilkley & DMC	CSMA
Eastwood & DMC	Kings Lynn DMC	Clowne & DMC
Grantham Poachers MC	Mablethorpe & DMC	David Brown MSC
Lincoln MC&CC	North Humberside MC	De Lacy MC
Lindholme MSC	Peterborough MC	Dukeries MC
Ripon MSC	SCCON	East Elloe MC
Selby DMC	Trackrod MC	ERO MC
Slaithwaite MC		Grimsby MC
		HRCR
		Lincs Louth MC
		Loughborough CC
		Malton MC
		Matlock MC
		Mercia MSC
		Mid Derbyshire MC
		RAFMSA
		Sheffield & Hallamshire MC
		Wakefield DMC
		West Essex

? Does your club event have a link to the Association website and/or at least mention it?

? For the benefit of Championship contenders. They look at your site, they check how the tables stand and that gives them extra incentive to put an entry in!

? How many of the Delegates have seen the website?

? When did you last look at it? What did you think of it?

? Did you know that the following is on there?

"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.*

Since the last few Meeting, there have been many events taking part - both Stage and Road. Some of them have moaned that they haven't had a lot of entries or lack of marshals etc did I get anything to put on the Association website from most of them? Leave that to you to guess!

I HAVE had some details from some clubs - thank you, and I have put those details on the site.

Any website is only as good as the content - and the content HAS to come from you lot, not just my "infertile" imagination! Come on chaps - give me something!

To the Championship Co-ordinators - super for sending me some table updates - but please please keep them coming on a regular basis i.e. after each round!

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.

6. Any other business:

Bill Parkin will now be the delegate from Lindholme MC replacing Malcolm Lister.

7. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 16th January 2006 at the Bentley Hotel 20.00hrs.

This will be the AGM followed by the Delegates meeting.