



ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting

On
Monday 21st January 2008

At
The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Present:

Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Avril Clarke (Secretary) Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer, Web Master), John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator) Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary) Phil Foster (venue co-ordinator)
Richard Ashton (Training Officer)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Carlton & DMC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Grimsby MC, Lindholme MSC, Mablethorpe & DMC, Sheffield and Hallam, LLMC, Malton MC, LMCCC, Slaithwaite MC, East Elloe, Kings Lynn & DMC, Dukeries MC, Peterborough MC, Delacy MC, Border MC.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Wakefield MC, WIM,. Dave Broadley (Road Rally Coordinator) CSMA

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 16th July 2007:

Taken as read. Proposed by Lincoln MCCC, seconded by Grimsby MC. All votes cast in favour.
Phil Foster needs adding to the list of attendees.

3. Matters Arising:

The licence application system seems to working better this year after the initiation of the new system in 2007. The forestry commission rates have been agreed after a 3year deal was agreed. This association won the inter association challenge at Mull.

4. Grade of Events and Invitations.

Lindholme MSC have sent a letter requesting that the meeting discuss regulation A17c regarding the amount of clubs, championships and associations that can be invited to National B events. A sometimes lively discussion followed with the question being fully explored.

After this a proposal was put forward by Dukeries MC 'that the MSA be approached and asked the reasons why this restriction was imposed and when this answer is received it will be decided what plan of action to follow' this was seconded by Border MC. There was one abstention with the rest of the delegates in favour and therefore the proposal was carried.

5. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary/correspondence.

Notification of future events

Invite from Ripon MSC to Riponian Stages Rally 10th February 2008

Invite from Mablethorpe MC to Bill Cammack Memorial Stages Rally 23rd February 2008

Invite from Lindholme MSC to Robin Hood Forest Rallies 8/9th March 2008

Invite from Malton MC to the Ryemoor Trophy Road Rally 15/16th March 2008

Invite from Eastwood DMC to Jane Cowling Memorial Phoenix Stages 23rd March 2008

Date changes

None

MSA Correspondence

Master copies for Wheels magazine

Forestry charges for 2008 & 2008 allocations

2008 seminars for club and event officials

Motorsports now magazine

General Correspondence

Letter from Lindholme MSC regarding grade of events and invitations

Regulations Received

Lindholme MSC Robin Hood Forest Rallies

Minutes and Correspondence from other Associations

ANCC Minutes and Agenda

EMAMC Minutes and Agenda

Information from Companies/Organisations

Autosport International 10-13 January 2008 at the NEC Birmingham

Lombard Rally 6-9 November 2008

Border Barrier Systems

Please remember to forward any changes of personnel within your club to me.

b. Treasurer.

Main Bank Balance £1,945.88cr

Savings Bank Balance £9,106.47cr

Total £11,052.35cr

This is the busy part of the year as invoices are being sent out to Clubs for Subs and event levies, and their cheques are coming back. The year has got off to a very good start with a fantastic response from the Clubs to get these paid – thank you. The next large expense coming will be the invoice for the Dinner Awards Night that often gets paid just before the final funds are passed over from Sandra – although this is usually only a very small overlap in time and nothing I am concerned about at all.

Plus the payment of the Road Rally awards and general Association awards of course, with Phoenix Awards picking up the “tab” for the Stage Rally awards as their sponsorship deal with us.

Talking of sponsorship – John Hickling continues to persuade folks to give us some money to support the Stage Rally Championship and I can but thank John and his very welcome supporters. But as we were told by Dave Broadley last year, I think we are currently minus a Road Rally sponsor now, after Les Twigg and CARS bowed out after many years of supporting the “night time” crews. Thank you to Les – and is there anyone out there who feels that they can fill this void and support the grass roots of motorsport in this country?

To avoid name dropping, I shall say this only once – but I was talking to Mike Broad the other evening (at an awards do) and he told me that there is a great scarcity of good stage rally co-drivers coming up through the ranks. He was talking about the Elite Rally project; and it was because we have so few good road rally navigators (to start with) willing to make the jump from Road into Stage rallies.

Perhaps a new Road Rally sponsor out there might just help us to promote the sport in the ANEMMC region and find these new, young, navigators?

Nothing much else to report. As usual, any new Treasurer (and/or Club) details, please let me know so I can keep abreast of who the various Club Treasurers are.

Contact details for any queries email treasurer@anemmc.org

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator.

Registration are of to a good start with 37 at present in Total. With the running of the championship in both Multi-use and Multi-Venue format the registration are 11 M/V and are joint with S/V. 5 are M/V only and 26 are S/V only. The new Historic section is yet to start.

As often the case things are not to plan for everybody with Eastwood & DMC have to relocate their Phoenix Stages to Manby for this year due to clashes with both the Lincs Karting Club and the Army on exercise.

This will make the first 2 rounds at Manby and all sealed surface events. The first of these being the Bill Cammack run by Mablethorpe MC. Regs are out and entries are going in.

The first Multi-Venue is the Riponian and has some 65 entries with 4 Anemmc contenders at present, Sandra and I will be at signing on and more registration will be taken.

Overall the response to the splitting of the two disciplines has been good with some new registration for the M/v. I think this year is going to be a bit of a settling down year with clubs moving to new venues after the loss of Swinderby.

We have another addition to our supporters with HANKOOK Tyres joining and supporting Slicks.

d. Road Rally co-ordinator.

There will be nine rounds for the 2008 calendar. The first being the Bruce Robinson 9/10 February.

So far the championship has no sponsor for 2008, due to Les Twigg of CARS withdrawing after the 2007 season. Thanks to Les for all his support over the previous years.

e. Training Officer.

2008 looks a very promising year. Here is an insight to some of the plans underway:

We start off in the spring with our latest version of Competitor First on Scene and the after effects. I was concerned about the repetition particular training session but again it is a direct request from Wakefield Motor Club and of course is open to all clubs.

Several other clubs have requested this particular session is repeated in the autumn, perhaps north of the M62.

Eastwood and District Motor Club are putting a lot of work in behind the scenes and will be hosting the regions training day. Again this day will be open to all and is aimed at late spring.

Radio training is a constant request. In 2006 we held a radio information evening where you could get your radio checked and tested which is something you are supposed to do every three years as a condition of your licence. We aim to repeat this evening in 2009. I have found there is a training need both with marshals and competitors concerning the Ralitrak system. I am in discussions with Pete Baker of Ralitrak and Brian Avery our radio coordinator as to the best way forward on this.

The dates for all the above will be published on the ANEMMC web site, also every member club will be emailed with an A4 size add and a request to include the training information in the club newsletter.

If you feel we are leaving you out please contact me / Avril

On

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Or

superavril1@ntlworld.com. - 01724 342821 – please note change of Avril’s email address.

f. Radio co-ordinator.

No report

g. PR and marketing.

No report

h. Women in Motorsport.

No report

i. Social officer.

This years Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation moved to the 16th February 2008 to avoid the clash with the Robin Hood Stages.

The general response has been good and bookings are coming in. The format of the dinner will as usual be with presentation, Films, Raffle and disco.

As always it would be nice for clubs be represented as well as award winners.

Please get your nomination in to Avril for the Marshals Award and the Dick Newsum award of merit.

j. Venues co-ordinators.

Phil Foster is still watching developments at Swinderby. There is a chance that Barkston Heath may be available for 2009.

Border MC are negotiating a venue for 2008. If this becomes available all further requests for its use MUST go via the association.

k. Chairman.

Nothing to report

l. Webmaster

The following are the stats of hits to the website from October 2007 to January 2008:-

	Page Loads	Unique Visitors	First Time Visitors	Returning Visitors
Total	2,656	964	577	387
Average	664	241	144	97

Month	Page Loads	Unique Visitors	First Time Visitors	Returning Visitors
Jan 2008	766	236	137	99
Dec 2007	740	233	147	86
Nov 2007	562	221	123	98
Oct 2007	588	274	170	104

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Returning Visitors - Based purely on a cookie, if this person is returning to your website for another visit an hour or more later

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Page Load - The number of times your page has been visited.

Most popular pages visited are:-

- (1) Stage Rally Calendar
- (2) Road Rally Calendar
- (3) Yearbook – (shame we cannot get a full electronic copy yet – I will work on this as folks obviously want to read/download the Association Year book from the website)
- (4) Latest News Page
- (5) Stage Rally event news
- (6) Road Rally Bulletins

(7) Association Paperwork

Things to remember:-

- (1) Ensure that your Club site has a link to this site please
- (2) Please promote the use of the site in your club when competitors are looking for event news or championship tables / points
- (3) If your club is running an event – even if you have your own event/club website, please send me the same details and I will promote on the Association website. You an NEVER have too much publicity! Just look at the biggest and best events in the country and how much PR they do!

6. Any other business:

Bolton-le-Moors MC have been taken to court, reprimanded and fined for contravening regulations. (9 blue book issues) Everyone is therefore advised to take care when compiling their SR's.

The Eastwood single venue rally on 22nd March has had to be changed to Manby after the MOD withdrew the permit. The event will be split with the 205 challenge running after the other competitors.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st April 2008 at the Bentley Hotel 20.00hrs.