



ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL SOUTHERN MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of General Committee Meeting on 11th July 2016 at Brooklands Museum Commencing at 8.00pm

Present:

Steve Castle – Chairman & Training, Mike Cawthra – Secretary, Bryan Hull – Vice Chairman, Peter Cox – Autotest Championship Co-ordinator, Andrew Bisping – Go Motorsport, Dave Walton – Executive Member, Sue Fielding - Executive Member, Dave Whyman – speed championship coordinator, Mike Hall - Hants RLO, Tony Morriss - Training

Also representatives of the following clubs Farnborough DMC, Sutton and Cheam MC, Harrow CC, Middlesex CAC, NWMC, Southern CC, CSMA, Goodwood Marshals Club, Dolphin MC, Oxford MC. Hants & Berks MC,

Guests

Simon Fowler (Manager Competitions & Clubs) and Michael Wentworth (Licensing Manager) from the MSA

1. Chairman's Remarks

Welcomed our guests from MSA.

2. Apologies for Absence

Tim Walton – President, Tony Pettie - Treasurer, Jules Golbey – Surrey RLO, Basingstoke, Devizes, Bournemouth, Sevenoaks, Greenpower, Historic Lotus, Richard Field – Defence Estates Liaison, Paul Brown – Rallies, Simon Taylor (Farnborough)

3. Minutes of Meeting 11th April 2016

These had been circulated prior to the meeting, and were proposed, accepted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from those Minutes

Short discussion following up on the proposal to have passengers allowed in Autosolo. Had worked well in an introductory event of one member club (expert sits in with a novice driver). Ian will be adding an Autosolo championship next year

MSA (Alan Page) responded in writing to one point from our previous minutes on Rescue Unit Training. He is not aware of any issues or problems, but did note that the MSA is looking to rewrite the Rescue and Recovery training programmes. The MSA will contribute towards the cost of providing vehicles for Rescue Unit training, as part of funding applications.

Goodwood Marshals Club added to this point to highlight the more general cost of maintaining rescue vehicles, their own was facing considerable repair bills and the club is currently debating whether it can afford to continue. MSA suggested giving Joe Hickerton and Alan Page a ring to discuss the crisis. Also issues with regard to getting new crew members having to go through the 2 year probation when they are fully qualified from their professions and logically could be grandfathered. Again MSA advised to approach Joe and Alan. Generally Michael said that the MSA does take experience into account. Send a Motorsport CV in with the licence application.

These situations were well known to others in the room with much sympathy for Goodwood and seen as typical. Dave Walton noted that as a group rescue crews perhaps undercharged their own services and could be charging a real overall cost, but the crews are seen to be trying to support events, Goodwood have not raised prices for three years.

On marshalling – concern from the floor that the MSA require 2 year retraining and yet many marshals do not currently comply because training is not easily available to them locally and regularly. Also concern that we are struggling to have adequate first-responders competence in the marshals groups.

Dave Whyman noted that an excellent key points video had been made for Abingdon Carnival marshals

There were additional responses from the MSA to various points on training from the previous minutes. These are to be found in the attached, the responses are beneath each minuted item.



5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report this quarter

6. Championship Secretaries' Reports

Autotest: Peter Cox

20 competitors have scored points this year, The revised points scoring seems to be working well. 6 tarmac rounds but one at Milton Keynes had to be postponed, but total tarmac events a bit thin.

Only one grass event so far, but many to come in Aug / Sep, hoping for weather to match

Inter association event - the Bath event at Kimble in August. Class structures differ between the regions however.

Rallies: Paul Brown

No report this quarter.

Speed: Dave Whyman

Sprint = Eight rounds done, five to go. 60 competitors.
32 hillclimbers

Total 92 cf 100 last year, but way above prior years, still great impact of the £5 fee.

We have however lost 5 to 8 core competitors due to the vagaries of the rule changes around tyres. E.G. Lower spec tyres only allowed to the ones that he / she drives the car to the event on the road on. Or that they had stocked up on tyres which overnight became illegal. Appealed again for significant changes to things like class rules or tyres to be done only with longer warning period – it just pushes people out of the sport.

Dave has put the detail behind these points to Paul Parker which the MSA in the room also recommended as the right approach / person.

Andrew also noted that people could now register themselves on the MSA website to be sent rule change proposals for consultation, then they can have their say.

7. Liaison Officers' Reports:

Defence Estates: Richard Field by email:

The Longmoor office of DIO/Landmarc have announced, in June, for the Southern Area, major increases in site fees for motorsport. The impact of these is particularly severe on smaller events, because their minimum fee is now based on 50 competitors (was previously 30), together with higher fees per competitor, plus the introduction of new fees for setup days.

Also, their lead times for site license applications are now increased, and events will no longer be licensed less than 3 months beforehand.

If any club would like more details, please encourage them to contact me.

Richard Field

Noted also that Barton Stacey appears to be not available any more due to complaints received.

8. RLOs:

Hampshire: Mike Hall –

Mike referred people to previous minutes for a general update on Hampshire. Slightly fewer events than last year so far. Re-iterated the good relationship with Police which he (Mike) encourages people to go through himself, proper liaison pays dividend.

Wiltshire: John Rodgers - No report

Surrey: Jules Golbey by email:

There are no problems with roads or events in Surrey. In the diary are four events - the HERO 1,000mile trial next weekend and three touring assemblies.

9. Go Motorsport – Andrew Bisping

Many clubs attending public events during this time of year to try to take Motorsport to a wider audience. Getting contact details by enticing with a bbq or a free magazine or a competition then allows that follow up which is so important. Also ideally have some future events of particular appeal that you can specifically target the prospective new members to come along.

Beaulieu Autojumble & Brooklands Museum were both lauded as offering free stand space to Motor Clubs if they want to peddle their wares. Numerous weekend events, in the case of Brooklands.

Clubs could also ask events like Greenpower or Formula Student to perhaps get a stand at their events where you naturally have an interested audience.

9. Training

Andrew is working on issuing something, which shows in simple form what MSA training is available and what is the content, this in response to questions at recent Basingstoke training event.

See matters arising for other training issues.

10. MSA Regional Committee
Report from last Regional Committee Meeting.

Rally Future- 21 of 29 recommendations have now been implemented, with work on-going on the others.

Two years on from the accident, there is still no progress with the Police Scotland investigation on the Snowman Rally.

Discussions are still ongoing with Natural Resources Wales to try to reach an agreement on forestry charges in Wales.

Cloed Roads Regulations are now being discussed with the government again, so there is some hope of the legislation moving forward.

Vnuk case is still ongoing. This new law is going to effect any vehicle in a public place, which will need to be insured. This could go as far as to include ride-on lawn mowers.

The criteria for the COTY & VOTY awards are being tweaked for this year, and will offer an online application. Nominations will be open from September through to October.

Safeguarding Policy is going to change regarding DBS Checks, with fewer officials needing to be checked. Training will be refreshed, with an emphasis on motorsport. Training will be delivered by MSA "people".

650 Officials attended the Club Officials Seminars, with 95% of them rating the sessions as good or excellent.

Over the summer (!) the MSA's training material is to undergo a review to ensure it is still current and accurate, ready for the 2017 training season.

Clerks & Stewards modular training booklets are being updated to reflect current practice.

Over 4,000 people have engaged with the on-line Rally Marshal training since its launch. Questions have been asked as to whether the MSA can make it easier to find the Marshal Registration on the web-site! New tabards are being developed for next year, to include a clear pocket on the front, for people to display their registration cards.

A proposal has been put forward to licence Club stewards, and this is with the Clerks & Stewards Working Group for consideration.

The issue of electric vehicles is being considered by the Technical Advisory Panel, with safety requirements being looked into.

There has been a marked increase, compared to previous years, of contact between vehicles on Single Venue Rallies. This does not seem to be due to the introduction of FHRs, being most likely a lack of respect from competitors. There needs to be a firm stance from Clerks to control this, or lapping may be banned in future.

Autosolos have been added to the list of disciplines to be included in the Inter Association Events list. This year's event will be on the 21st August, hosted by Bath Motor Club.

Rules R32.2 and/or 32.1.3 are causing problems, with numerous interpretations being applied by organisers. Rallies Committee is aware of this and it will have been discussed at June Council meeting.

The Stage Rally Safety Requirements documents have been updated and can now be found on the MSA web-site.

There has been a meeting with the CAA regarding guidelines for the use of drones at motor sport events.

Further safety posters are being created, to supplement the existing ones

11. Treasurer's Report: Tony Pettie by email:

Little has changed since my report to the April meeting other than the outstanding 2016 Club Levies (subs!) is now down to 7 clubs that have not made contact. Chaser letters are now being sent to officials at addresses listed on their WebSites or with the MSA. Tony to advise **which clubs please**

The Cash Balance has increased to a little over £25,000 with a further £750 being invoiced for 2015 awards sponsorship and inclusion of MSA Clubman fixtures within our 2016 Year Book.

12. Any other business:

Bill Bonney on behalf of Hant and Berks MC presented a proposal to try a new initiative to get young people involved, which is so often discussed. The club has introduced cadet membership, but then in visiting tech colleges, still turned up only small interest. Proposal is to widen to the scouting & guiding movement, providing an enhanced structure within scouting. Many of the attributes that scouting seeks to develop are common with our aims. 2 badges do exist but they are in isolation - Motor Sport Activity Badge and Mechanic Activity Badge for scouts aimed at aged 12 to 14.5 but nothing wider (e.g. marshalling) or progression (for cubs and beavers). Though aged less than 11 (MSA minimum for marshalling), but note for example karters start at 8, there is a range of stuff that one could do with visits, talks and demonstrations when they are younger to sow a seed. Requesting the MSA to start a dialogue. And the Chairman will take to Jess and Rob Jones. Detail in the attached:



H&BMC ACSMC
Proposal document.p

Rally Futures Forum – Thurrock on 13th July for AEMC region but some ACSMC members will be attending. The Chairman has spoken with the head of regional committee and there is a possibility that there may be one in Central Southern region but not until much later in the year at best. He will push again at next Regional Committee. MSA representatives at the meeting agreed to take back the request for a regional one to Colnbrook. These forums are aimed at getting the message out about the need for the significant change.

13. The next meeting will be held at the same venue (Brooklands Museum) on Monday 10th October 2016 at 8 pm

The meeting closed at 10.55 pm