

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 8th April 2003

Present: Phil Foster (Chairman), Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Charlie Wheeldon (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator).

Delegates From the Following Member Clubs:

Rolls-Royce MC, Worksop & DMC, Nottingham Sports Car Club, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Matlock Motor Club, Compass Motorsport, NW Motor Club, CSMA, Lincoln Motorcycle & Car Club, HRCR, Grimsby Motor Club, Dukeries Motor Club, Mablethorpe & DMC, Carlton & District Motor Club, Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, Eastwood & District Motor Club, Lindholme Motor Sports Club, Grantham Poachers Motor Club, North Humberside Motor Club,

1. Apologies

Barry Jeffrey (Vice President), Jeff Parker, Tony Barron HRCR.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 07th January were agreed.

Proposed Sheffield & Hallamshire, Seconded North Humberside, EDMC & Mid-Derbyshire abstained otherwise all in favour.

Correction to Jan minutes, multi-use championship it is 9 rounds with 6 to count not 7 as in the last minutes.

An invoice has been sent to Richard Egger with respect to the sponsorship for this years MV Stage championship, no response as yet.

Inter Association Stage Rally.

This event will not now be held the day before the Wolds in September as ANEMMC have decided to run it as a separate event as there was a date clash within other Associations. Sept. 6th was the date of the Ulster rally & is the weekend of the Bulldog rally. The new date proposed is October 18th at Swinderby. Neither EDMC nor Dukeries are happy with the date as it now falls one week after the Harold Palin & one week before the Dukeries stage rally. Dukeries have yet to reply as to whether they approve the date as it could affect their rally particularly with respect to marshals.

What will constitute a team is not decided however the event is to be 2-wheel drive, normally aspirated only & is supposed to be 'semi competitive' with a convivial atmosphere.

3. Chairman's Report

Rally Radios

The club development fund for 2003 is £30k, which has been ring fenced for subsidising new 81FM radio sets at £50 each. Therefore clubs should assist their radio operators to obtain this money. 650 people out of 1200 licence holders have so far received a new licence, with a further 30 applicants in process. Anthony Northcote advised against assuming there would be any restrictions on funding & to talk to Alan Dean-Lewis with queries. There are five radio sets that meet the required specification & some second hand sets are available and to re-iterate, the radio specification is NOT going to be reduced. **Action Sec. to request information from the MSA & distribute**

Other Development fund ideas are on hold until the radio situation is sorted out.

Rallies Committee - the Regional Associations nomination to the committee is Martin Chinnery of ASEMC.

John Grant

Licences JG stated there was no truth in the statement that all club events would require an MSA licence. This was a deliberate provocative statement to obtain feedback & comment!

The MSA are trying to raise the profile of motorsport in the 'silicon valley' of UK motorsport along the M4 corridor. They are looking at scholarships & apprenticeships for engineers.

MSA spend - the commonly held belief that the MAS spend heavily on the British GP & Rally GB is not true. The MSA regards itself as the governing body & aims to break even (just).

Colin Hilton

MSA turnover is £3M. There are 33 staff of whom 15 have more than 13 years service, but the average is 9 years. Tony Newsum is going in May & there is no talk of a replacement.

Marshal of the Year Award. Alexander Forbes made the point to the MSA that there was no awards for marshals at the Night of Champions & offered to put up an award. Nominations to be put in to Alan Dean-Lewis by the Regional Associations. Anthony Northcote will handle nominations for EMAMC. Nomination forms to be put out to rally organisers via the co-ordinators.

Marshal Statistics

There are 4850 on the register, 15% Grade 1, 35% Gr. 2. 50% Gr. 3. There is an overlap of 1000 with the race marshals register.

Timekeepers - Regional

The list needs to be updated. EMAMC are requested to send in a list. Active timekeepers will be put on the National B list; inactive timekeepers will be put on the marshals register.

Inter Association Events

PCT 14 Sept

Autotest 21st June - at Rufforth organised by Alwoodley MC

Autocross 9/10 August

Road Rally, Date TBA, but to be an EMAMC event

4. Secretary's Report

4.1) Clubs applying for membership of EMAMC

Huddersfield MC had sent in an application to become a member of EMAMC. This club has members who have been longstanding competitors in the EMAMC Championships albeit previously with another club. Proposed for acceptance Rolls-Royce, Seconded Sheffield & Hallamshire & all in favour.

Thame MSC had sent in an application to become a member of the EMAMC. The EMAMC Sec. had spoken at length to their chairman who intended to join the EMAMC road rally championship. Proposed for acceptance Rolls-Royce, Seconded Eastwood & all in favour.

A potential application for membership may come from Malton Motor club as they also have competitors who wish to be part of the EMAMC. It was proposed by Rolls-Royce that should they apply they would be accepted, seconded Matlock - all in favour.

Letters

HP & 061 - Clubsport licences. Issue covered in the Chairman's report.

Leukaemia Research Fund - letter of thanks for our donation of £162-10 from the raffle at the awards dinner.

Sheffield & Hallamshire - letter from Mike Jones - potential EMAMC PCT Championship for 2004 - **Action Sec. to distribute the letter.**

Ecurie Royal Oak have secured the use of Wilbarston Airfield, first event 8th June.

4.2) Event acceptances

The following have been accepted on behalf of the EMAMC: -

Motorsport in the Midlands - Multi Venue Stage Rally on 17/18th May

Rolls-Royce Motor Club - Flying Lady Autotest - 27th April. This is also a date change to avoid Easter.

Eastwood & DMC - Phoenix Stages - 9th August

Miglia Quadrato Treasure Hunt - London 17/18 May

4.3) Event changed date - John Overend stages to 18th May

4.4) Forestry charges for 2004 - £403 for first use, £297 for secondary use.

- 4.5) The MSA have enquired about our meeting dates with a view to further visits, I have sent them a list of topics they could come & discuss, such as licences, radios, the outcome of the Mike Broad review etc.
- 4.6) Website. Reminder for the monthly update. Closing date for updates will be the **21st of each month**. Please send any updates to EMAMCsecretary@AOL.com or by post.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1) ADR have paid their sponsorship.

5.2) Clubs who have not paid their subscriptions: -

Keighley - they have not paid in 2002 either so they lapse.

Loughborough MC

Nottingham University MC

Nuneaton MC

Peak & District Landrover Club (1993)

Watling

Worksop - however due to credit for 2002 event they only owe £3.

59 clubs paid by the end of 2002

6. Registrar's Report

To date we have 164 registered competitors for 2003 compared to 189 at the end of 2002, up in road rally by 8, down in stage rally by 16, up in MU stage rally drivers, down in co-drivers & millennium is down 12.

As a reminder the position of EMAMC registrar is vacant. If anyone is interested please get in touch. Duties involve the holding of the data bases for member clubs names & addresses, competitors registrations, issuing registration cards & organising the printing of the handbook each year.

7. Awards Secretary

2003 Awards dinner will be 24th January 2004.

Action Dennis Turner to book & also to enquire if a bar extension could be organised.

However we were late sitting down this year so not helping the amount of time available for socialising at the end of the evening.

The point was also made that clubs had not been canvassed for their nominations for the marshals award - which was not awarded for 2002.

Action Sec. to minute requirement for nominations at the October delegates meeting.

8. Championship Co-ordinators Reports

Multi Venue Stage Rally – Tracy Wood

4 rounds have run. The last event was the Rally of Kent & 2 crews made t trip to take part. Bulletin 1 was out at the North Humberside event; bulletin 2 is available now. One registration form is being held pending clarification of the registrar position.

Action Tracy Wood to chase Richard Egger for the sponsorship money.

Multi Use – Steve Flanagan

2 rounds run. There are 26 drivers & 20 co-drivers registered. The new points system seems to be working well & we have a clear leader in the championship. Two events have been observed to date with others to follow. The Thurlby Motors Rally at Cadwell & the Wellington Stages at Hixon were both satisfactory for potential inclusion in the championship next year.

EMAMC are keeping a watching brief on the situation at Leconfield. ANCC seem to be chasing this vigorously.

The change of date for the Phoenix Stages was communicated to all registered competitors at the time of the change. There were no objections then & no comment from any later registered

contender either. No clubs are affected by the date change as the closest dates had been lost due to the Leconfield situation.

Road—Charlie Wheeldon

3 events run, however the last 2 were not particularly successful. On the first of these there were too many 'clean' crews at the finish & on the second there was too much route cancellation on the night. The next event is the VK Derbyshire rally, which has a full entry with 8 reserves.

CW Comments on the John Thornhill letter

a) accepts the general direction of the proposals but thinks the proposal for a 'standard section timed to the second with extra secret checks' is no the way to go.

b) does not like the proposal for endurance rallying with tests.

c) feels there is confusion as to where the problem lies, is it fast cars, poor PR or poor organisation.

Counter suggestions included an entry of 50 cars max., limiting mileage i.e. a good 120 mile rally is better than a poor 160 mile one,

Action CW to convey his comments to John Thornhill

Phil Foster commented that the opinion of the Rallies Committee is that clubs must police our events & ensure they comply with the rules, particularly as the EMAMC is regarded as a good championship within the MSA.

Autotest – Simon Haas - No report

9. MSA Officer's Reports

RLO – No report

FLO – No report

10. EMAMC Officer Reports

Marshals Training – No report

Press Officer – Helen-Claire. Reported that a proposal to try & obtain information for events to use for publicity has been sent to the co-ordinators. The proposals will be circulated separately.

Action Sec. to circulate proposals & investigate putting a blank info. form on a website section.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Number of delegates meetings

This was considered to be quite satisfactory as is at 4 meetings per year.

11.2 Rules for the points scoring in the Club Championship

This arose from the 2002 Club Award for the multi venue stage championship. A draft was presented & will be discussed at the next delegates meeting - see below. If anyone has any comments, please let me know.

11.3 North Humberside requested clarification that even though the John Overend stages had not been in the championship this year it could still be submitted for next year. This was agreed.

12. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th July 2003 at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

EMAMC Ltd Stage Rally Championship

Proposed Club Championship (CC) Rules 2003 -

Discussion document. Will be on the next Delegates meeting agenda.

- 1) As part of the Stage Rally Championship it will be administered in accordance with those rules, including the relevant judicial procedures.
- 2) Only Member Motor Clubs of the Association are eligible to take part, entry is free.
- 3) The CC is only competed for by registered Championship Contenders, no separate registration is necessary. Points for a Motor Club can only be scored from the date of Championship registration.
- 4) The CC takes place over all Stage Rally Championship rounds.
- 5) Contenders score points for the Member Motor Club indicated on the Championship Application Form, irrespective of the club listed on a rally entry list.
- 6) No alteration can be made to a the Member Motor Club after that initially declared on the Championship registration form.
- 7) A contender cannot elect for their Motor Club not to score the CC points
- 8) Points scored by individual contenders in the Stage Championship are those counted towards the CC element.
- 9) The Club scoring the highest cumulative number of points from all their individual contenders scores is the winner. In the event of a tie the award will be shared. A Trophy will be presented to the winning Motor Club at the awards evening. This Trophy remains the property of the EMAMC Ltd & must be returned by the 30th November.
- 10) Results will be published in the Stage Rally Championship Bulletin, which is issued to all Championship Contenders, it is the responsibility of Motor Clubs & Championship Contenders to raise any queries, errors or omissions with the Championship Co-ordinator. Final results of the Club Championship will be circulated to all Member Motor Clubs and Championship contenders, they will also be published on the EMAMC Ltd website.
- 11) Section O of the 2003 MSA Yearbook and these Championship Regulations apply to any Championship Judicial Procedures

Anthony Northcote - 8 Mar 03