

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 14th October 03

Present: Phil Foster (Chairman), Roger Ashmead (Secretary), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), John Thornhill (RLO), Barry Jeffery (VP)

Delegates From the Following Member Clubs:

Rolls-Royce MC, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Matlock Motor Club, CSMA, Lincoln Motorcycle & Car Club, HRCR, Grimsby Motor Club, Mid-Derbyshire Motor Club, Eastwood & District Motor Club, Lindholme Motor Sports Club, Quinton, Carlton & DMC, Nottingham Sports Car Club, Cannock.

1 Apologies

Anthony Northcote, Charlie Wheeldon, Alan Ogden (HP&061), Howard Wilcock, Andy Large, Grantham Poachers

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th July were agreed with the following amendment to the list of attendees - Barry Jeffery (VP) & noting that the date had been incorrect on the minutes.

Championship rules - Charlie Wheeldon & Steve Flanagan had not decided on whether the multi venue club championship rules for 2004 should apply to their championships. The delegates were in agreement to accept their decision. Ongoing action for decision by end Oct. in time for the 2004 in time for the 2004 Year book.

Strategic Plan - see later.

Inter Association Road Rally. After discussion between the Chairman & the ANEMMC Chairman it was decided that the Beaver Rally would not be approached to be the Inter Association Event for 2003. There being no other suitable event in 2003 & with the MSA stating that an early 2004 event is not acceptable it is regrettably decided that the Inter Association Road Rally Event for 2003 will not run.

Start lights - this subject was not discussed at the last MSA meeting & the matter will not now be discussed until March 2004.

3 Chairman's Report

3.1 The chairman reported the demise of Charles Potter. Charles had been one of the longest surviving members of the EMAMC & had held many posts including being a VP for over 20 years.

3.2 EMAMC Strategic Plan.

Barry Jeffery has done a resume of where we stand today. (See appendix 1)

The question was then 'Do we need a strategic plan? The answer was yes we need one to be able to present ourselves as a Professional part of the MSA & therefore to be able to better represent the interests of Motor Sport in our region.

Volunteers were requested to help draft the EMAMC strategic plan. - See later.

Regional committee

a) The track invader at the British GP was given a short custodial sentence but is now released.

b) Racing is now undergoing a similar review to that undertaken on Rallying by Mike Broad. The Mike Broad report is on the MSA website. <http://www.msauk.org/admin/news/listnewsview.asp>

c) The Government is putting £16m into motorsport in the next 5 years. Some money for marshals training & such like is likely to be available.

d) The MSA website has been updated. Waivers of Permit are now available on line.

e) The 5642 marshals registered with the MSA up to the end of 2002 should now have received an MSA tabard; those registering this year will receive theirs in due course.

f) The training & development fund has so far subsidised 490 rally radios by £50 ea. & this number will rise to over 600 by the years end.

g) MSA special committee is looking at cages in rally vehicles taking part in off road events.

h) Threats to Rallying. LARA was set up to protect the interests of motorsport. It has been active in working with the various National Parks & other bodies, however it reports that the Lake District National Park has summarily banned all motorsport in their area. There has been no consultation.

Closer to home the West Lindsey District Council which includes Gainsborough, Wolds, Binbrook, Blyton etc. has issued a first draft of a planning document under which 'environmentally damaging sports' would not be granted planning permission if such had to be sought from the Council. Under the 14/28-day rule the sports can proceed, however it shows the importance of keeping that rule intact. The Chairman has objected as a ratepayer of the area & so have many others.

There was much discussion on this topic & comments to the effect that members of the general public traversing the roads to go fishing, cycling, walking etc. likely do much more 'environmental damage' than does motorsport. However it demonstrates why we need to be seen to have a Development Plan & why we need to be recognised as a responsible organisation.

The following delegates offered to take part; Roger Hage EDMC, Ray Smith QUINTON and also John Thornhill RLO. The elected members of the Exec were automatically assumed that they would participate. If anyone else would be prepared to take part could they please contact the Secretary? Participation doesn't mean attending meetings, more being willing to contribute ideas by letter or e-mail, especially initially.

It was noted that our Vice Chairman, Anthony Northcote, was in a difficult position being a West Lindsey Planning Officer having to write what was agreed in Council with respect to this subject & not being in a position to object outright.

4 Secretaries report

- 4.1 Website - the secretary requested that the EMAMC website have spam-filtering put in place to block the large number of offensive e-mails coming through the system. The cost would be £10 per month. Proposed Quinton, Seconded Lindholme & all in favour.
- 4.2 **EMAMC marshal of the year.** Please note that nominations for EMAMC marshal of the year are now open. Would clubs please consider who they wish to nominate, & why, & send their nominations to the Secretary by the **16th of December.** **Action all.**

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

The accounts show a £2245 profit to date however the costs of the awards are yet to be taken from this. The stage rally sponsor has paid £500. The profit forecast for 2003 is around £600. A full set of accounts is available on request.

Autotest levies for clubs in the now defunct championship will have their fees accredited against next year's subscriptions.

6 Registrar's Report

This post is vacant & clubs are requested to see if one of their members would be prepared to take on the job. A full job description is available, but duties are basically the holding of the data bases for member clubs names & addresses, competitors registrations, issuing registration cards, distribution of label prints & organising the printing of the handbook each year.

In the interim all registration forms, requests for labels etc. should be sent to the Secretary.

To date we have 198 registered competitors for 2003, just six short of the 2002 total.

7 Election of Co-ordinators

The Chairman thanked all the co-ordinators for their hard work & commitment over the past year.

- 7.1 Multi-venue stage rally.

Tracy wood nominated by Sheffield & Hallamshire, Seconded CSMA. Carried unanimous.

7.2 Multi-use stage rally
Steve Flanagan nominated by Rolls-Royce & seconded by Lincoln MCC. Carried unanimous.

7.3 Road Rally
Charlie Wheeldon nominated by Rolls-Royce & seconded by Lincoln MCC. Carried unanimous.

8 Championship Co-ordinators Reports

8.1 *Multi Venue Stage Rally* – Tracy Wood
So far this year all contenders seem happy with the championship to date. All places are still to play for.

It is proposed to have 7 rounds in next year's championship - as this year. There is the possibility of an 8th round - the Riponian.
Action Tracy Wood to follow up.

8.2 *Multi Use* – Steve Flanagan
The championship is still all to play for. So far no complaints received by the co-ordinator about any event run.

The 2004 championship is to be the best 7 from 11 with 2 reserve events. Further source of support for the Championship has been forthcoming from Rally Co-Driver. co.uk

8.3 *Road Rally* - Charlie Wheeldon
The millennium championship has been considered to have run its course. In its place a proposal was tabled by Matlock MC to give free registration to novices to the championship. This was seconded by Nottingham Sports Car Club & carried unanimously.

8.4 Autotest – Championship abandoned. There are no plans to set up an Autotest Championship in 2004.

9 Championship dates review

The road rally calendar was not ready for release.

The multi venue calendar will be the same events as last year - dates to be finalised.

The multi-use calendar is complete & the championship events chosen. **Action MU Co-ordinator to write to all the clubs who put forward an event informing them of the decision.**

10 MSA Officer's Reports

RLO (John Thornhill)

John Thornhill re-iterated for the benefit of delegates that no report goes from himself to the MSA unless one has been specifically requested. He also pointed out that a copy of the report would be passed to the club at the same time.

Issues regarding reports on the Matlock MC & HP&061 events were originated by the MSA.

Noise - the majority of complaints with respect to road rallies referred to noise. The 8m test is recognised, as being more difficult to pass which is why it is being insisted upon within Derbyshire. It is recognised that a good venue is a must for the 8m test to give a true result. In 2004 all events should 8m test per the Blue Book.

There is a new rule for 2004 that noise must be measured at 2/3 rpm. Competitors are therefore going to have to know the max. rpm for their vehicle & be able to provide this to the scrutineers.

The level of complaints recently were none for the Mid Derbyshire Drystone event, & 3 on the Matlock MC AB Motorsport event. The complainants were the same as on other events.

Submission of events

There have been 24 events on 119 thus showing the need to be on time with submission of event info. 119 is currently full until Sept. next year. route info. Mid Derbyshire asked how many of the events were submitted by Derbyshire clubs. The reply was that all the Oct/Nov. events were Mid-Derbyshire, Matlock & HP&061 & that preference is given to local clubs in date clashes.

The Premier stages were 1 month LATE in submitting their information.

Mid-Derbyshire Moorlands & Meadows event - result of MSA tribunal.

The club was fined £3500 plus £750 towards costs. The basic fault was that the event run was not the route submitted. Some 40+ additional miles were run resulting in an average speed well in excess of 30 mph on various sections. It was noted however that not one complaint was received by the police about the event & that the PR work for the route actually run was excellent.

FLO – (Howard Wilcock) No report.

11 **EMAMC Officer Reports**

Marshals Training – Andy Large - no report

Press Officer – Helen-Claire - no report due to family issues.

Awards Secretary - Dennis Turner

2003 Awards dinner will be 24th January 2004 at the Hostess Restaurant. Can this please be put on all Championship bulletins from now on. Video clips & photos are also required for the awards evening to be collated by Phil Foster.

Trophies - to be returned by the end of November. Please remind your club members who won awards last year.

Results - all co-ordinators were requested to return their final results as soon as possible with copies to the Chairman as well as the Awards Sec.

RAC Silver Jubilee award for contribution to motorsport - **Action all for nominations by 16th Dec.**

John Wheatley memorial trophy - will go to the highest placed EMAMC club member on the Wales Rally GB.

12 **Any Other Business**

- 12.1 Sheffield & Hallamshire held a marshals training evening. Bill Winning noted that radio marshals need to register with the MSA..
S&H are also to run a further training evening - date TBA & extend an invitation to all EMAMC club members who may wish to attend.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th January at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

Roger Ashmead, Secretary EMAMC Ltd

Appendix 1

EMAMC - Regional Development Plan Review - October 2003 - Barry Jeffrey

Following on from the announcement made by our Chairman in his July delegates meeting report, relating to ANICC strategic report, I was asked to look at the validity of our EMAMC Regional Development Plan (RDP) produced in July 1997. In carrying out this review the following points were highlighted.

The EMAMC document is a Development Plan & not a Strategic Plan; i.e. it does not contain financial & projected budget information like the ANICC plan.

The questions are then, do the MSA want the RDP updating & what are their views? Have all other Associations got RDP's & of those who have, have they updated them. Would our 1997 plan still be acceptable by Governing and Sporting bodies? Would the result be the same if compared to say a 2004-dated document being presented?

The greater part of our original plan still represents, in my opinion, present day issues and facts, however a number of intentions & recommendations may not have been implemented.

Are all clubs aware we have an RDP, can anyone remember it & who read it? Do we know of any clubs who used it to their advantage?

So, should we spend time updating and re-publishing the RDP which is not a small task, who would take it on & what would be the time schedule?

Finally what changes would be seen in the EMAMC should we produce a new plan.

If we did update the RDP

There could possibly be an Economic Value to the EMAMC in the form of :-

Being a responsible body

Promoting a variety of Motorsports

Support for the clubs locally & regionally

Clubs structure provides a good local base to be involved with other sports events perhaps marshalling on cycling & running events also local carnivals & gymkhanas.

Promotion of organised events for youth.

Training for youth.

Reduction in 'Road Racing' - hopefully.

Link to World Motor Sport - TV/Radio - It does take place in the EM as well.

Risk Measurement

If we do not update

Local councils & national authorities apply pressure against motorsport.

Local people less aware of the economic consequences.

Lower motivation.

Disenchanted youth.

Lack of support for Grant Applications.

Lowering of MSA respect for the EMAMC.

Loss of Regional Committee seat.

Police may take action against organised motorsport.

Environmental damage - being labelled irresponsible.

Environmental Health Organisation prosecutes under the Health & Safety regulations.

Possible Research

Club Membership - number of members, breakdown by gender, ethnic background, active vs. inactive members whether as competitors or marshals. Number & variety of events.

MSA Statistics - number of recognised clubs & associations in the UK & in England. Total number of Motorsport club members, competition licence holders & the number of events run per year.

Other Motor sport bodies & organisations.

Economics - Company involvement

How many companies are motorsport orientated? How much business turnover is there related to motorsport activity e.g. in our area ADR, Mellors, Competition Car Insurance, Bown Brothers, Classic & Rally Services etc. Total £k (local, national & international)

Since 1997

Number of marshals - declined or increased

Spectators

Competitors

Events - races, rallies (stage & road), sprints, karting, Offroad - autotest, hillclimbs & PCT's.

Who should receive an updated plan?

EMAMC member clubs, MSA, Sports Council, Sport England, Planning Authorities, Land owners - Forestry Commission/s, M.o.D., Circuit owners, Peak National Park, National Forest, East Midlands Development Agency, RLO's, FLO's, Leisure Depts., Police Forces, Local MP's, Local Councils.

There will need to be a Response Form - a consultation process.

Plan

Produce a revised RDP

Distribute draft for comment

Consider responses & hold an open meeting to discuss

Final draft

Issue.

Initial response

If you have any comment on the above please copy them to the Secretary. Views & comments from the clubs are essential if this review is to happen. If you or anyone in your club would like to help prepare the revised RDP please inform the Secretary. info@EMAMC.org.uk