

East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs Ltd
Minutes of the Delegates Meeting Held on the 11th October 2005

Present:

Phil Foster (Chairman), Barry Jeffery (Life Vice President), David James (Secretary), Guy Robinson (Treasurer), Dennis Turner (Awards Secretary), Roger Hage (Road Rally Co-ordinator), Tracy Wood (Stage Rally Co-ordinator), Steve Flanagan (Multi-Use Co-ordinator), John Thornhill (RLO), Colin Hilton (Chief Executive MSA)

Delegates from the Following 13 Member Clubs:

Carlton & DMC, Clowne & DMC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers MC, Grimsby MC, HRCR, Lincoln MC & CC, Lindholme MSC, Matlock MC, Mid Derbyshire MC, North Humberside MC, Notts SCC, Sheffield & Hallamshire MC.

1. Apologies

Anthony Northcote (Vice Chairman), Alex Kirk-Willey (Registrar), Andrew Large (Marshals Training Officer), Howard Wilcock (FLO), Border MC, Bury MC, High Peak & 061 MC, Malton MC, Quinton MC, Geoff Field (WAMC Sec)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed a true record by Sheffield & Hallamshire MC, seconded by Grantham Poachers MC & all in favour.

Matters arising.

2.7.3 Ryemoor trophy rally. This had previously run under a Navigational Permit which does not meet the Championship requirements. It will run under a National B permit this year.

11.1 Championship address labels – no further comments.

11.4 ERO Oaks Trophy Rally on 3rd/4th September was observed for possible championship inclusion in 2006.

Exec Barry Jeffery asked about the John Wheatley Memorial Trophy. This was an Executive Committee decision to be notified to the Delegates Meeting. This is awarded to the member of an EMAMC Club placed highest in General Classification on Wales Rally GB. In recent years Phil Mills (Dukeries member) has won it. The Executive Committee propose awarding it to the highest placed **amateur** if an amateur finishes, and to the highest placed **professional** if no amateur finishes.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said he would not give a Regional Committee report as Colin Hilton is attending this meeting.

He has the first Quarterly Progress Report from Sue Sanders-Peppitt on recruitment, training, and retention of marshals. The second report is due in December. Correspondence to Clubs and members in the training schemes is due to come out soon.

Agenda and Minutes from various MSA Committees.

Copy of Rallies Committee proposals for implementation January 2007. Next Rallies Committee meeting is in March, Council in June.

4 Secretaries report (from Roger Ashmead, outgoing Secretary)

Roger thanked David James for taking on the Secretary's post. Roger is pleasantly surprised by the number of people wishing him well.

Correspondence

Ecurie Royal Oak – Adrian Barker Stages 23rd October

Dukeries – Premier Rally – 30th October

Middlesex & Thame – Rockingham Stages 10/11th November

Simon Fowler (MSA) reminder that clubs should inform Regional Associations of event dates as well as putting them on to the MSA website

Eastwood – Cossack Rally 12/13th November (**date changed since this meeting to 10/11 December**)

Silverstone Charity Walk – 16th October

Proposed rules for 12 cars, scatters, and treasure hunts from John Thornhill (RLO) – see below.

5 Treasurer's Report - Guy Robinson

Very few transactions since last meeting.
Second sponsorship cheque for Road Rally Championship has been received.

6 Colin Hilton MSA

Marshals recruitment, training, retention project came out of Motorsport Development Initiative. £150,000 government funding (from DTI). MSA adding partnership funding. MSA will continue project even if government funding stops. Sue Sanders-Peppitt working on project under Alan dean-Lewis' leadership.

Talent Development (Rally Elite Scheme)

Scheme being run by Robert Reid's group for up to 10 people. Training and getting them in front of manufacturers. Currently 2 co-drivers and 4 drivers selected. Funding from MSA (£tens of thousands). Those selected give up their time and are "branded". Race and Karting not seen as a great need currently (UK young drivers are doing well internationally).

British Grand Prix

At Silverstone for 5 years.

BRDC appointed as promoter (by Bernie Ecclestone)

ASN appointed as organiser (by FIA)

DEFRA

Farmland legislation – Single Payment Scheme. DEFRA proposals would have taken out 2000 events and 60 to 70% of ACU activity. MSA with ACU and others took the matter to the High Court. DEFRA changed their mind when the papers were lodged. European inspectors due to visit UK to look at implementation of farmland legislation. There could still be a problem if they are unhappy with what the government has done. The new minister seems to be more pro motorsport than his predecessor.

Rally Ireland

The proposed event is a cross-border event with funding from both governments. The MSA has entered into an understanding with the organisers allowing the event to run in Northern Ireland so long as it does not affect the UK's WRC date.

Judicial

The National Court is now the final court of appeal (there is no appeal to the Stewards of the RAC). The first case is to be chaired by one of the Stewards of the RAC.

Parents are now regarded as entrants where the driver is under age. There have already been a number of cases where parents have been penalised.

Rallying

The tender process has now been done for the BRC, MSA Gravel, MSA Asphalt, and home countries championships. Agreement that BRC can run Rally masters at National A level. Russell Brookes working on RallyStar (an entry point series for 1400 front wheel drive cars). There's a deal with the Forestry Commission for a pilot series for 1 year. Now launching in 2007 to allow a build up of eligible cars. Proposing a Champion of Champions event at the end of the series.

Rally GB

Ran an under-cover stage in the Millenium stadium – huge success – 21,000 spectators. Want to keep the stadium stage for 2006, but now expect the event to be in November which is a problem for access to the stadium – it is used for Rugby then! Now negotiating for the date to be the first weekend in December.

WDA has agreed sponsorship for a further 6 years.

Department of Transport

A consultation document on route authorisation is about to come out. The RAC no longer wants to be the authorising body; the MSA has been doing the job since 1979, but when RAC asked DoT to amend the Regulations to make the MSA the authorising body, the DoT said the delegation of delegated powers was illegal. The Secretary of the RAC has been coming into Motorsports House each Monday to sign authorisation certificates. Devolution may move some powers to Wales.

New MSA website

Will soon expand the existing on-line applications from Certificate of Exemption to include non-race National B events. Looking into issuing licences via the web.

Clubs can now enter closed-to-club events.
Funding is still available for Association Fixture Lists.

Finances

Question had been asked whether the MSA needed to be FSA registered, and whether clubs needed to be FSA registered – because of handling insurance premiums. Alexander Forbes has said there is no need in either case.

MSA Development Fund

has paid £427,500 over last 10 years. Clubs have funded £2M over the same 10 years.

Insurance

Roger Lindy had made a presentation to the Regional Committee. He has long experience with Motorsports insurance and is now back working for Alexander Forbes.

Inter-Association Events

Majority have now taken place. Last one to run is PCT.

EMAMC had the Stage Rally (hosted on the Dukeries). West Midlands won.

EMAMC got all our teams to the finish.

2006 Inter-Association Stage Rally will be Tour of Mull (14/15 October)

Autotest: West Midlands

Autocross: South West

PCT: South West

Rallies Committee

Satellite Navigation systems will be banned on Road Rallies from 1 January 2006

Safety

There has been a lot of debate on AAAF extinguishers. Statement has been issued that plumbed-in fire extinguishers are intended to give time for crew to get out of the car, not to put the fire out.

The Chairman thanked Colin Hilton for his presentation.

7 Registrar's Report – (Alex Kirk-Willey, given by Roger Hage)

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| Registrations: | 179 | (230 in 2004) |
| Multi-use: | 71 | (2004: 67) |
| Multi-Venue: | 31 | (2004: 53) |
| Historic: | 9 | (2004: 11) |
| Road: | 68 | (2004: 99) |

Clubs asked to ensure they send updates of their details to the Secretary so that we have up-to-date details for the Yearbook. The Yearbook will be printed at the end of November.

Action: member clubs.

8 Championship Co-ordinators Reports

8.1 *Multi Venue Stage Rally* – Tracy Wood

8 rounds run, last one was Trackrod. Bulletin to go out this weekend.

2 more rounds: Premier and Malton Stages

8.2 *Multi Use* – Steve Flanagan

8 rounds run.

2 rounds to go.

West Raynham had maximum 60 entries.

Currently scoring system gives 1 extra point for each contender beaten in class to a maximum of 5; for 2006 this will be modified to a maximum of 3.

Steve wants to introduce a 1000 cc class for 2006.

Championship entry forms need to show a **car**, and contenders need to notify changes of vehicle to the Championship Co-ordinator.

8.3 *Road Rally* - Roger Hage

8 road rally and 7 historic rounds run

3 road rallies to go (061, Cossack, and Beaver)

1 historic rally to go (Cossack)

Competitor survey has been issued and 20 replies have come back.
For 2006, Danum Trophy has been added to Road Rally Championship, in the
historics Danum and Autumn Mist added, East Anglian Classic dropped.
The Oaks Trophy was observed successfully, but is not in the 2006 Championship as
it is pre-plot.
Autumn Mist, Lincolnshire Clubman, and 3 swans not in championship (because of
territory and/or style).

The Chairman thanked the Co-ordinators for their work throughout the year.

9 Election of Co-ordinators

Road: Roger Hage, proposed Mid Derbyshire, seconded Lindholme. Unanimous
Multi-use: Steve Flanagan, proposed Eastwood, seconded Matlock. Unanimous
Multi-venue: Tracy Wood, proposed Grantham Poachers, seconded Sheff & Hallams.
Unanimous

10 MSA Officer's Reports

10.1 FLO – (Howard Wilcock)

10.2 RLO (Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire John Thornhill)

John presented new requirements for 12 cars, scatters, and treasure hunts in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

1. Clubs rationed to 2 12-car rallies per season, 2 scatters, and 1 treasure hunt (season is Oct 1st to March 31st)
2. Current submitted dates (including scatters) are OK
3. All cars to be standard (except for safety features)
4. No 4x4 vehicles
5. Standard 8 metre noise test to apply
6. Organisers must provide more effective PR in line with current section K tables, and a completed PR log must be available 5 days prior to the event.
7. Length of time between events using the same road will be 6 weeks
8. Notification to remain at 4 weeks but no days grace will be given
9. Compliance with K 4.1(k)
10. No changes in the use of auxiliary lights but strict compliance must be observed

John said the level of complaints was too high and rising again (40 in 2003, none in 2004, back in double figures for 2005). Blame placed at organisers' doors.

1. Rationing – map 119 getting over-rallied – lots of complaints before events. CoC's in Derbyshire have done well to keep complaints down.
 - 3 & 4. 12-cars are not practice for permitted events; 12-cars are not a spectacle
 - Banning of 4x4s attracted discussion. John agreed to modify this to bring forward the 2006 rules, i.e. just banning cars such as Imprezas.
 - 5 C 12 & E 12 – can be done by ear with a reasonable observer.
 6. PR – means 500 m circle for controls and all houses along the route within 100 m (Takes 5 people a whole afternoon and approx. 200 letters to do it properly). Letters on nlampposts, etc at RLO discretion.
 7. will “rest” some small areas of map 119
 9. K 4.1(k) is contact with local Police stations. Can be difficult. Suggestion: ask HQ to get address of local stations.
- Roger Hage suggested that 12-cars should avoid certain areas and not be pre-plot.
Lindholme reported they had had problems with BT after putting PR letters on telephone poles – BT issued a big bill. Notices should be on public notice boards if such exist. Could use club boards as a way forward to get the notice out without sticking it to someone else's property.
John will add a requirement to comply with EMAMC navigational rules.

11 EMAMC Officer Reports

11.1 Marshals Training – Andy Large
No report

11.2 Press Officer – Position vacant.

11.3 Awards Secretary – Dennis Turner

Date is 14 January 2006 at The Hostess Restaurant, Mansfield (same venue as last year)

Has been full for the last 2 or 3 years.

Tickets will be first-come, first-served

Booking form will allow people to attend the awards presentation without attending the dinner.

Seeking nominations from clubs for the EMAMC Silver Jubilee Award (for "the greatest contribution to the development or reputation of Motor Sport within the East Midlands area during the calendar year") and the Bell Leisure Marshal of the Year Award

Action: member clubs

12 Any Other Business

The Chairman (from the August Executive meeting): Distribution of Regulations. Proposing that the requirement to send a paper copy of event Regulations to all member clubs be replaced by a requirement to send either a paper copy or a flyer with the sponsors logos.

Registered contenders to be able to specify on the registration form that they wish to receive Regulations electronically. To be reviewed after 1 year.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2006 at 8pm at Civil Service Club, Calow, Chesterfield.

David James, Secretary EMAMC Ltd.

2006 Calendar of E.M.A.M.C. Meeting Dates

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| 10 th Jan | Delegates | 11 th July | Delegates/Dates |
| 14 th Feb | Executive | 08 th Aug | Executive |
| 11 th Apr | AGM/Delegates | 10 th Oct | Co-ord. Elections/Delegates |
| 09 th May | Executive | 14 th Nov | Executive |