



Association of Northern Car Clubs
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Minutes of the AGM & General Meeting – Monday 9th April 2017.

Attendees:- John Richardson / John Harden / Heidi Woodcock / Derek Slater / Malcolm Lister / Dave Pope / Nick Thornton / Alan Shaw / Neil Andrews / Graham Whitaker / Bob Wright / Suzanne Barker / Nicola Harper / Karen Humphries / Chris Woodcock.

Annual General Meeting - AGENDA

Election of Officers:

Hon President - John Richardson

Chairman - Chris Woodcock

Hon Secretary & Vice Chairman - Karen J Humphries

Hon Treasurer - Graham S. Whitaker

Dates Co-ordinator - Paul Slingsby

Training Officer - Bob Wright

Child Protection - John Spencer

Election of Management Committee:

All existing Officers and Management Committee members have indicated their willingness to continue – Neil Andrews / Suzanne Barker / Nicola Harper / Ian James / Alan Shaw / Derek Slater.

All of the above were proposed and accepted.

Proposed by Nicola Harper and 2nd Alan Shaw.

General Meeting - AGENDA

Apologies.

Were received from the following motor clubs: Knutsford / Sheffield & Hallam / Karting Legends / Stockport 061 / Motorsport NW / Wigan / Furness & District / Tynemouth / RAFMSA / BARC.

Minutes of Meeting of 8th January 2018 – Were read out & accepted.

Proposed Alan Shaw / 2nd Bob Wright.

Matters Arising – None

Treasurers Report – Annual Accounts to be approved.

See enclosed spreadsheet.

Graham Whitaker (GSW) reported we have £14400.85 in the bank.

Membership has increased by 2 & 1 Resigned.

Forest Challenge has now finished and any monies left are now in the main account.

Road Rally & Stage Rally funds have increased.

Expenditure – has increased due to more meetings / Inter Ass event expenses / LARA donation.

Website costs have increased due to various improvements – more to come...

GSW is now on top of all the accounts and is up to date with everything.

Invitations to the Association – Keith Pattison Memorial Sprint @ Blyton on 28th May.

Applications for Membership - None

Alterations to Date/Status - Melbourne this year = no events due to improvements.

Mailing List Alterations - Please keep us informed of any changes, hopefully moving forward we will be linked to the MSA so any changes done with them will then cascade into our web pages.

Championship Co-ordinators Reports

Road Rally (Sam) is going very well. 42 Registered contenders. Next event is 061 Altrech on the 20th May. 10 rounds in the championship this year.

Classic Championship – 8 registered contenders to date, although Heidi is attending events and signing people up all the time.

Stage Rally – Thanks to Paul, Neil & Sam for pulling it all together. There are a reduced number of events and these have been spread round. It has been well received by competitors.

Forest Challenge – Next event in Greystoke on 8th July.

Car Trial Challenge is now in place – Information sheet enclosed for you to read.

Any questions then contact John Spencer.

Website- is fairly up to date – any changes please email Chris Woodcock or Sam Spencer.

Presentation – was a formal sit down meal and was well received. A lovely meal, great evening with John Heppenstall as speaker. A good night was had by all.

Time, Date & Place of next meeting – Monday 25th June.

Hopefully Dave Richards will be attending one of our meetings before the end of the year – we will let you know which.....

Correspondence

Suze Dean in doing the London Marathon and raising funds for Marie Curie – please get in touch with her with any donations.

MSA/Regional Committee

Rallies Committee 23 January 2018

Rally Tracking

Tracking is to be the subject of a further review by the incoming MSA Chairman. The MSA want to provide the answers but this would only happen when the answers were available and real-world testing had been carried out.

FAI

The Chairman reported that the Sheriff had released his report following the Fatal Accident Inquiry, which had been very fair to the sport. There was praise for how the volunteers involved had presented themselves throughout the hearing. It was also noted that in both accidents, on the Snowman and Jim Clark Rallies, the processes in place had worked as they should.

The Chairman confirmed that some recommendations and considerations had been made within the report that work carried out by the Rally Future programme since the accidents had been taken into account, but work would continue to ensure the sport was as safe as possible and no complacency should be allowed. In both accidents, the spectator dynamic had changed after the Stages had been approved to run, and how this was dealt with was the biggest challenge.

First Aid Kit and Ok Boards on Clubman Events

The recommendation that first aid kits and OK boards on Road Rallies, it was felt that this could be seen as a barrier to entry on smaller events. It was suggested that this should only be mandated for

events which included Special Tests although some events are already mandating them in their supplementary regulations. On events in Europe, competitors are required to have two fluorescent jackets in the car and it would be a good idea to recommend the same in the UK. It was agreed that equipment such as a first aid kit, fluorescent jackets and torches should be recommended within the Yearbook and RRSR's.

Red Flags

The Chairman said that the change to red flags had been drafted, and the regulations were out for consultation until 28th March 2018. However, the utilisation of the flags needed to be discussed. Ian Davis reported that the use of the flags had been discussed by the Committee in 2013, but reviews (MESR/FAI) since has found some weaknesses within the regulations, particularly with regards to how a car within a Stage was instructed to cease competition in the event of an accident or spectator issues. The tracking system would assist in such a situation, but the use of flags would continue in the meantime. Additionally, there was some confusion regarding when the flags should be used. Some organisers, Officials and Marshals believed that they were to be used on all Stages, at all Radio Points, to cease competition, and Ian suggested whether the regulations should be altered to match this. The Chairman added that the current regulations only required the flags to be used on Stages where there was a chance of a non-competing Rescue vehicle entering the Stage ahead of competing cars. The current fear is that Marshals are using the flag incorrectly. The Committee agreed to a simplification and clarification of the use of the Red Flag, noting the recommendation of the FAI.

Electric Vehicles

The Chairman confirmed that the MSA had issued guidance for the use of electric vehicles within motor sport events. A Competition Car Log Book has been issued to a Renault Zoe, which subsequently competed in a Single Venue Stage Rally at Three Sisters circuit. The FIA do not allow Marshals to attend to cars with over 60v power.

GDPR – weekly updates have been sent from the MSA – please read them and act accordingly.

VNUK – There is an update available from the Dept Of Transport –they are working on it along with the F.I.A.

Safety Car Courses are now available – details on the MSA Website.

Rally Stage Commander / Spec Safety one day training courses will be available soon.

Further Safeguarding training will also be available.

Inter Association Events:

Hartlepool will host the Autotest round on 10th June.

ANCC will host the Autosolo via Boundles@ Lymm round on 24th June .

Cross Country event – tba.

Closed Roads:

3 Applications for events have now been received at the MSA.

Our Chairman and RDO - Chris and Heidi are taking part in the 1st event – good luck.....

LARA – John Richardson advised things are quiet at the moment.

RLO;s – Derek Slater – Nothing New

John Richardson – PLEASE get your routes in early please!!!!

You can apply to him more than 6 months in advance.

Chris Woodcock – A lot on Touring Assemblies and runs are coming forwardm

AOB – Rob Jones at the MSA is retiring as of the end of May. The MSA is going through a period of change – Interesting times ahead.

Go-Motorsport / RDO – Heidi reported new RDO’s have been recruited and we have Mick Kinghorn in the North & Ian Smith has been recruited in the East Midlands.

Heidi is visiting clubs – please get in touch with her if you would like a visit.

If you have any events running in April / May – please take pics do a report and send them into Heidi for the “spotlight” feature in the MSA magazine.

Training – has now “officially” finished, although if you would like a training evening then please get in touch with Bob Wright.

Meeting Closed at 21.30.

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