



# ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

## MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 August 2017

### **Present:**

Dave Cooper (Chairman)	Steve Gregg (Vice Chairman)
John Arnold (Secretary)	
Bob Bud (Autotest Championship Secretary)	Steve Courts (Car Trial Championship Secretary)
Ian Jarrett (Training Officer)	Bryn Pound (Go Motorsport)
Kevin Witton (West Midlands FLO)	Suze Endean (MSA)

### **Delegates from the following clubs:**

Aston Martin OC	Boundless by CSMA	MGCC (Midlands)	BRMC
BTRDA	Cov & Warks	Mercia Motorsports	Ludlow Castle
Midland Manor	Rugby	Warwickshire Drivers	Whitchurch
WSSCC			

### **1. Apologies**

Sue Sandesr, Rob Bateman and delegates from the following clubs:

Bath	Bala MC	Devizes	Epynt MC
Hagley & District LCC	Jaguar Apprentice	MAC	Morgan SCC
Redditch & DCC	Ross & Dist	Stockport 062 MC	Telford AC

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated to all member clubs were signed.  
Proposed by Phil Darbyshire and seconded by Jim Mayle.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

### **4. Correspondence**

All clubs are requested to furnish Steve Gregg and Kevin Witton with their latest email addresses as all correspondence will only be circulated electronically.

(a) MSA - Minutes from MSA Committees and Regional Associations

(b) MSA - 2018 Forestry Allocation letter

(c) Rob Bateman (Staffs RLO) - letter saying all ok in his area

### **5. New Clubs/Official changes/Date changes**

Two clubs applying for membership of the Association - Forest Radios & That's Motorsport Ltd. Both were accepted - proposed Ian Jarratt, seconded Kevin Witton

### **6. Championship reports:**

**Autotest** - Bob Budd reported that 4 events had been run with 11 contenders. The championship leader at the moment is Malcolm Livingstone. AWMCC won the Inter Association AutoSolo event with a team co-ordinated by Nick Darkin.

**Road Rally** - John Arnold reported that 9 events had been run with 19 contenders. Mark Lennox/Ian Beamond are currently leading the championship. The Inter Association event will be organised by the AEMMC (Mercian Rally) on 16/17 Sept.

**Stage Rally** - It was reported that 5 events had now run with 40 contenders signed up. Andy Corner/Ade Camp were championship leaders. Due to a date change the Patriot Stages is now not a round of the championship leaving 2 rounds still to be run.

**Car Trial** - 5 events have now run. The Inter Association event was won by the ANWMC. The Inter Association Sporting Trial is to be hosted by AWMCM on 24 Sept (Ross & DMS)

#### **7. Suze Endean - MSA Development Officer**

See notes attached

#### **8. Training Officer Report**

It was reported that there had been 2 more successful training days held at Oxford and Llandrindod Wells. There are now 8619 marshals who have done the on-line training and all the Welcome Packs have been distributed.

#### **9. Regional Committee & Rallies Committee**

**Regional** - The testing of the new Stage Rally Tracking system is on-going. Edition 3 of the Stage Rally Safety Requirements has been published and in force on events from 1 July 17. The Scottish Fatal Accident Inquiry started on 18 July and is expected to run for some 12 weeks. The Closed Roads legislation is now in force in England with Wales hopefully to follow shortly. The Club/Volunteer/Official of the Year 2017 nominations open soon and all clubs are encouraged to submit possible winners. Jonathan Day has left the MSA and returned to British Cycling. Details of the new Safeguarding Policy has been sent to all clubs which have to produce a policy for themselves - a template is provided on the MSA website.

#### **10. Treasurer's Report**

Tim Hobbs is to take over the role of Treasurer until the EGM in November. It was reported that we currently have £12 219 in the bank.

#### **11. Yearbook**

2017 Yearbooks are now available and could be collected at the end of meeting. Bob Budd and Dave Barratt were thanked for their efforts in producing them.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

(a) The awards evening will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> January back at the Hagley Golf Club. Ianto Guy and all at Harper Adams were thanked for the provision of facilities for the last two years. Sue Warmsley is to organise the event.

(b) This is to be the last meeting for Steve Gregg before he departs to Australia. Steve was thanked for all of the hard work that he had done for the Association over the years. He has been a fine Vice Chairman, has looked after communication with clubs as well as co-ordinating the Stage Rally Championship. Steve will be missed but we wish him all the very best for the future.

**The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 7 November 2017. The meeting will start at 7:45pm and be held at the Bromsgrove Golf and Conference Centre, B60 1LD.**

## Notes on report from Suze Endean - MSA Development Officer

- Who I am/my background - I first became actively involved in motor sport ten years ago and am an active competitor, volunteer and organiser.
- My role at the MSA - I am the Development Manager at the MSA. A large part of my role is managing the Go Motorsport programme, but there are many other things which fall under my remit including volunteer recruitment and retention, club development, development funding (including MSA and FIA development funding) and building partnerships with other stakeholders and organisations.
- Go Motorsport changes - we have new RDOs with Heidi Woodcock (Yorkshire), John Conboy (East) and Andrew Actman (South East) joining the team. Regional areas are now defined by counties and a map is published on the Contact page of the Go Motorsport website. The Go Motorsport website has been reviewed and relaunched and the Club Manual is being reviewed to be relaunched as a series of "How To" guides covering similar topics, but in a more user friendly, bite size format. I am currently reviewing this with an update expected by the end of the year.
- Vnuk - the MSA has submitted its response to the government consultation as reported in the May newsletter, the MSA response is published at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/msaresponsetodftvnukconsultationapril2017.pdf>
- Closed roads - the MSA has issued guidance on applying to run a closed road event, which is available at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/closedroadeventspermittingprocess.pdf> . A flow chart showing the process is available at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/processforapplication-closedroadspermit.pdf>
- The FAI commenced on Tuesday 18th July and is expected to run for at least ten weeks. Updates will be shared centrally from the MSA when possible.
- Safeguarding - all MSA clubs are required to appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer. An updated policy, templates and poster are available from <https://www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers>. Revised training has been launched and clubs and associations will shortly be contacted to understand training needs in the area, this has initially been launched with karting clubs.
- The MSA Motor Sport Development Fund (formerly the Club Development Fund) was launched earlier this year. There is now an online application form, as well as a guidance document, to make applications clearer and easier for clubs. This information is all available from <https://www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers>.
- Training-four new Safety Car course dates were shared with all stage rally CoCs recently. It is intended to pilot an Event Safety Officer course later this year, with further courses to run in 2018 for Event Safety Officers, and more Safety Car courses as required.
- Volunteers - as of 24th July there were 9311 registered marshals of whom 7642 had completed the online training. Recognition packs have been sent to all registered marshals to date. In May, a marshal prize draw was launched which every MSA registered marshal is automatically entered into each month with details of winners and prizes announced in the monthly MSA newsletter. There are further initiatives currently in the pipeline.
- Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year nominations will launch in August, please nominate your clubs and volunteers and encourage your fellow clubs members to do so.
- David Richards has been appointed as the new MSA Chairman as of 1st January 2018.

There were a variety of questions asked but the main questions I took away with me were:

- Can the Association receive the scrutineers bulletin - I understand that there is currently no intention to publish it publicly and anything that may be of interest for competitors is shared in the MSA Newsletter. It was suggested that if somebody wanted to receive the newsletter on behalf of the association, if the email [technical@msauk.org](mailto:technical@msauk.org) they will be added to the circulation list and they can share as desired.
- Marshal recognition on events - what can we do to better recognise marshals - Ian Jarvis to contact myself to discuss further, we'll look at the MSA newsletter and helping organisers amongst other options
- Can barcodes be on licences/can there be an app to help know who marshalled at an event - this is noted and will be raised as a longer term item, potentially to link with the new CRM system.