



# ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

## **MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Present:**

Kevin Witton (Chair)                      John Arnold (Secretary)  
John Jones (Vice Chair)                  David Simons (Minutes Secretary)

Guest Speakers: John Ryan and Iain Tullie (Motorsport UK)

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

MGCC, Redditch & District CC, Rugby MC, CSMA, BRMC, Coventry & Warks MC, Quinton MC, BTRDA, MAC, Owen MC, Hagley & District LCC,

#### **1. Apologies**

Mike Wilding, Jim Male, Brian Osborne (MGCC), Bath MC, John Corderey, Stockport 061

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Proposed: David Nursey      Seconded: Cyril Loman

#### **3. Matters Arising**

(None)

#### **4. Correspondence**

Committee minutes and bulletins from Motorsport UK  
Training proposal from BRMC and the Association  
A request for marshals from Oxford MC (circulated by email)

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

(None)

#### **6. Championship Reports**

##### **6.1 Autotest**

(No Coordinator at present)

##### **6.2 Road Rally**

(No Coordinator at present)

##### **6.3 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)**

(Details are on the website) There are 26 registered competitors and Matt Wood / Val Thompson are leading at present after the second round at Fulbeck.

The remaining rounds will be held in October 2021.



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## **6.4 Car Trials**

Eight competitors are involved, but the year has been inconsistent as regards attendances at events. Mark Hoppe is helping with co-ordination and is a leading competitor in two classes. There are three events to complete and Gary Preston has returned the trophy.

## **7. Training Officer's Report**

No recent progress has been made but there were on-line training sessions earlier in the year. The intention is to head towards "blended" training, involving a mixture of online and attended training sessions. The BRMC/AWMMC proposal dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (referred-to above) has been circulated.

It was considered that some cross-discipline tasks could be shared with race and speed marshals training (e.g. fire training and dealing with electric vehicles) and the possibility of arranging fire training in conjunction with speed and race venues was discussed. David Nursey (MAC) agreed to assist if possible.

## **8. John Ryan and Iain Tullie - Motorsport UK**

### **John Ryan**

John outlined his role as Technical, Sporting & Safety Director and described some of the recent developments at MSUK, including the move to Bicester. He invited members to visit the new offices and discussed the staff changes arising (in part) from the move.

Rallies have suffered from Forestry Commission restrictions recently as evidenced by the Wyedean cancellation, but it is anticipated that events can proceed again from October 2021.

John emphasized the importance of Sustainability, confirming that motorsport is far from being the worst offender and mentioning a new MSUK Committee. Covid has been a big challenge, but people have worked hard to get motorsport through the pandemic successfully. The challenge remains, particularly in coordinating the requirements of the devolved administrations.

He acknowledged concerns about self-declaration scrutineering and confirmed that the matter is under review, but some electronic procedures developed during the pandemic will be retained. He agreed that the CRM system at MSUK HQ needs to be improved and also communication systems generally.

Emergency vehicle training is to be improved, as part of an initiative to increase rescue crew numbers and it is anticipated that formal training seminars for Clerks and Stewards will be held again next year. It is intended to involve CMO's and Chief Marshals in the incident handling modules.

John confirmed that Sue Sanders is undertaking a review of Regional Associations and he mentioned on-going investigations into recent fatalities at Snetterton and Brands Hatch.



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He ended his presentation by paying tribute to David Pierre and Bernard Cotterell, who had sadly passed away recently.

Questions were raised by David Nursey, who queried changes to the grading of Speed Clerks of Course and the status of (new terminology) Deputy Clerks and Speed Assistants, in particular.

Kevin Witton mentioned the difficulty for trainee Clerks & Stewards in fulfilling the judicial modules of their training and various difficulties with the MSUK website. John R confirmed that Chris Walkinshaw is responsible for IT & CRM at MSUK HQ.

Mike Sones queried the on-line scrutineering system and suggested that log books or vehicle passports might help. As part of the discussion around this, John R mentioned the intended introduction of impact data recorders, possibly linked with GPS.

David Lucas queried the monitoring of concussion injuries in line with other sports and (supported by Mike Broad), requested a 'Who's Who, who does what' directory of personnel at MSUK.

Mike Broad raised the apparent difference of approach of the Forestry Commission regionally in the South West from the national authority. Could this be resolved?

John agreed to look into those items raised that he could not answer directly.

## **Iain Tullie**

Iain has recently joined Motorsport UK as Autotest, Trials, Cross Country and Rallies Executive on a part-time basis, (replacing Ian Davis).

He described his background as having started as a car trialist and rally navigator in his early days before becoming a rally official. He then worked for M-Sport for over 10 years before undertaking motorsport work on a freelance basis.

He will be looking at rallying generally, but also monitoring trials and autotests. He emphasized the importance of volunteer officials and marshals, in whom he has a particular interest; he fully intends to make use of their knowledge base.

As he is 'new to the job' he confirmed that he attended the meeting to introduce himself and also as part of getting to grips with his new duties.

## **9. Motorsport UK Regional Committee & Rallies Committee Reports** (Not discussed)

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

There is £16,967.44 in the business account and £100.00 in the cheque account. There are also some uncashed cheques.

## **11. Yearbook Update** (Not discussed)



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## 12. **Any Other Business**

Attendees were reminded of Rob Hayden's sponsored walk and were urged to make generous donations in support of it.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Bromsgrove Golf Centre