



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE

On Tuesday 27th February 2024

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair)
John Jones (Vice Chair)
John Arnold (President)

David Simons (Secretary)
Ian Jarrett (Training Officer)

Delegates from the following clubs:

BTRDA, MGCC, Kidderminster CC, VSCC, W&SSCC, S & WMC, LCMC, (plus
Jon Cordery on Zoom)

1. Apologies

John Jones, Ian Jarrett, Loughborough MC, Mike Broad, Eastwood & Dist. MC,
Stockport061, Bath MC, Tim Harding.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 7th November 2023

Proposed: Tania Brown

Seconded: Bill Pardoe

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence have been received since the last Meeting,
including, but not limited to:

- Minutes from meetings of other Associations (and Cotswold Group);
- Various Regulation changes proposed for consultation;
- Clerks & Stewards Bulletins;
- Scrutineers Bulletins;
- Information from LARA on arrangements for events;
- Applications from New Member Clubs (See below)

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: Five new applications have been made, which were approved at
the meeting; these are:

- Blackbird Auto Club, Northampton
- Fifties Sports Racing Car Club
- Cheltenham & Cotswold Rover Owners Club
- Staffs & Shropshire Land Rover Club
- Midland Rover Owners Club

Unfortunately, the One-Litre F3 Historic Racing Association, approved as a
Member Club last year as part of their application to become a Motorsport UK
Registered Club, have failed to pay a subscription. This has been reported to
MSUK (Simon Fowler)



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Official Changes: Member Clubs have been advised to make their own amendments on the Association website.

Date Changes: Any known changes to be entered on the Association website.

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reported as follows:

We are down on registrations compared with last year with 78 applications at the moment. However, entries for the first three events are similar to last year. The Awards evening went well.

6.2 Car Trial

No report received but the situation is believed to be similar to the position one year ago. There may be more rounds of the Championship this year.

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian J and John J were unable to attend the meeting but Ian sent the following notes:

Rally Marshal training will take place at the Showground, Builth Wells; the anticipated date is 21 April 2024.

BRMC - AWMCM - AEMC online training programme for Marshals is in progress for this year. The training is delivered on a monthly basis.

If anything, the training has been too successful. Well attended 'update sessions' are not considered as 'training' for grade maintenance purposes, but they did bring up issues likely to affect 'hands on' marshalling on rally events. These included time control procedures, chicane dimensions, placing of arrows, changes to the safety code signs etc.

The session also covered wider ranging aspects relating to governance, management of the sport and requirements for competitors, etc.

Fire practical training is being considered, however a date has not been identified and efforts are in hand to seek an opportunity later in the year.

(John Jones was carrying-out an on-line training session on the evening of the meeting.)



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8. Motorsport UK Committees, Groups and Liaison work

Regional Committee:

John A reported that there had been no Regional Meeting as yet, but there had been a "pre-meeting". Points mentioned included:

- This Region needs a new RLO (Simon Fowler to appoint at MSUK); Volunteers?
- Blue books will be issued to clubs and Associations soon.
- Approx. 100 clubs have still not appointed a Safeguarding Officer.
- Test Equipment and Timing Equipment will be checked/certified in the current year.
- A recent LARA meeting revealed that National Park restrictions may be extended.
- Next LARA meeting will be on 24th May 2024

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W reported that no 2024 Rallies Committee meetings had yet been held, but a comprehensive meeting was to be held the day after this AWMCC meeting. Report to follow at the next Association meeting.

MoD Liaison Officer's Report:

David S reported that the efforts in trying to rescue Rissington Kart Club (a.k.a. Bromsgrove Kart Club Limited) continue.

There was a recent Zoom meeting with DIO and MoD personnel, MSUK representatives included Dan Parker and Jamie Champkin. It proved what David S had always imagined: if the two sides start talking to each other instead of sending draft lease agreements back and forth, a better outcome is probably available.

Apparently, the MoD wish to convert the hangar at the back of the kart track into an Air Cadet Centre, so the discussion revolved around how the two entities could co-exist. Dan Parker is leading on the production of a proposal document from MSUK prior to setting-up another meeting.

Clerks & Stewards' Working Group:

David S reported that there had been no meetings yet, although he had been in contact with Neil Fuller and Brian Hemmings. Part of this involvement is aimed at setting up a Stewards' forum for this region

9. Treasurer's Report

Kevin W reported that there were still 18 clubs that had not paid their 2024 subscriptions. As reported to the AGM, we have a slight deficit of £207.39 due to greater contributions to Awards and other Donations; there is a total of £17,688.12 in the bank. Money is available for worthwhile causes/projects on a 50/50 matched funding basis.



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10. Any Other Business

Kevin W confirmed that his initiative in providing a facility for member clubs to attend our meetings via Zoom will continue.

Dolphin MC were looking to set-up an inter-Association Autosolo, but recent Regional Committee meetings have confirmed there is little support for inter-Association events. They are however, trying to set-up their Autosolo on a different basis if any clubs are interested.

Insurance: Local Authorities will now get cover for damage to roads arising from motorsport events.

The Club Development Fund is available. Claire Kirkpatrick at MSUK deals with requests for funding.

It was observed that entries for forest rally events appear to be struggling at the moment.

The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th May 2024.

The meeting will be held at Bromsgrove Golf and Conference Centre B60 1LD