MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE On Tuesday 13th May 2025 - Updated

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair & Treasurer)
John Jones (Vice Chair)
Paul Clackett
David Williams

John Arnold (President)
David Simons (Secretary & MLO)

Delegates from the following clubs:

BTRDA/Quinton MC, BRMC, WMPMC, BRSCC(M), MGCC, WMPMC, Sixty & Worcs/VSCC, Kidderminster MC, Rugby MC, Matt Walk and Ken Sheather on Zoom representing Dowty MC and Cotswold Motor Sport Group.

1. Apologies

Tanya Brown, Kathy Denyer, W&SSMC, Forest Radios, Ian Jarrett

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 4th March 2024

Proposed: Ethan Harris Seconded: Mike Broad

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;
- Motorsport UK NCR implementation and updates; (Currently Version 9)
- Motorsport UK Club News;
- Correspondence re: Association memberships.

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

<u>New Clubs</u>: There has been correspondence with MSUK regarding clarification on which member clubs are not currently attached to an Association as required by the rules. Since our early March meeting, the following applications were received, supported by supplied information read out at the meeting:

- TVR Car Club Regional Association
- Harper Adams University Off-Road Club
- Shropshire Off-Road Club

These were unanimously approved for membership at the meeting. DS/KW to action.



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Last month, Forest of Dean Motor Club were advised to re-apply as their membership had lapsed, but nothing had been received from them as at the date of the meeting.

Official Changes: None. Member Clubs are advised to make their own amendments on the Association website.

Date Changes: Refer to the website. Clubs to update the website as necessary

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reported as follows:

There are about 100 registrations; the first three rounds totalled 60 entries, so there is an average of 20% of the registrations for each round. There are 19 entries for the round at Abingdon on 8th June 2025, so the championship is progressing well.

There is outstanding sponsorship funding from two sponsors to be resolve and Matt has expenses to be paid.

6.2 Car Trial

No report received.

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett provided a written report as follows:

"Please present my apologies for non-attendance at the meeting. There is little to report on the training front. As I'm sure John Jones will confirm, the BRMC online training sessions are continuing and proving to be popular.

Shelley Walsh have agreed use of the venue for fire training on 18th October 25. All other details are yet to be confirmed.

There was a Rally Marshal theory and practical day held at Builth Wells on 28 March. This was led by BRMC and was essentially a WAMC event although many who attended are from clubs within AWMMC and who support many of the events that we are involved with."

John Jones added that the BRMC online sessions continue, but there is a current shortage of trainers. A meeting with MSUK's Sam Walker is planned to discuss this. Further practical training days are planned in the N & NW of England.



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8. MoD Liaison Officer's Report

David S reported as follows:

Unfortunately, I missed the Zoom meeting that was held on 9th April as I had another commitment, but I sent a written report on the activity reported at the last meeting and it appears that further contacts are in the course of being developed, in addition to the Army Training sites. Major Sean Caine is still keen to assist with the latter, although a new pricing structure for the Army sites will be issued in the near future.

Delegates were reminded that the Association has good information available on the various Army Training Sites. Hopefully links with other army commands and other services will be made available soon.

9. Motorsport UK Committees and Groups

Regional Committee:

John A reported on recent developments, including the meeting held on 3rd April 2025:

- Insurance for rally events was discussed. There was also discussion on a Rally Charter (Environmental), safety convoys on rallies and timing on road rallies;
- There is a new Head of Safeguarding Vickie Lewis (now on MSUK website);
- There was discussion on Sport:80 developments;
- Discussion on sustainable fuel was postponed until 2026;
- NCR updates were discussed;
- A view was recorded that communications to and from MSUK were poor;
- It was noted that there was a poor response on the Club/Volunteer of the Year election;
- "Martin's Law" will affect some planned venues.

The next Regional Committee meeting is on 17th June 2025

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W reported on a meeting held on 11th March 2025, mentioning in particular, discussions on:

- Tyres (ongoing);
- NCR's (content similar to the earlier seminars);
- Consultation on new regulations notional times, historic events, spectators;
- Road rallies these will in future have a safety plan;
- Clerks of Course on road rallies will in future be licenced;

The next Rallies Committee meeting is on 11th June 2025. Mike Broad confirmed that the 2026 rallies calendar will be discussed separately on 8th July 2025.



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10. Treasurer's Report

Kevin W reported:

Although (as noted by Matt Walk), there is outstanding sponsorship funding from two sponsors to be resolved, entry fees for Heart of England Championship events have been paid. Club subscriptions are also up-to-date, apart from the new memberships noted above.

We have £100.00 in the Cheque Account and approx. £18,500.00 in the Premium Account

11. Any Other Business

Kevin W referred to further news/information:

- It is National Motorsport Week from 10th to 20th July 2025. Cannock & DCC are running an Autosolo at Curborough on 13th July and Oxford MC are organising an Autotest at Faringdon on 20th July 2025;
- The Chair of the BWRDC is local, she will be invited to come to an Association meeting.
- On 31st May / 1st June 2025, there is Staffordshire Rally show on Uttoxeter Racecourse.

David S reported on arrangements for the Prescott Motorsport Festival on 7th & 8th June 2025:

This involves a Trial, Autosolo and Autotest, in addition to the normal Hill Climb event. AWMMC and MSUK will have a presence on site supporting the Pavilion for Car Clubs. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a competitor, official or member of BOC can apply to BOC for tickets by email at least 7 days before the event. Access to the site for setting-up will be available from Thursday 5th June.

Ethan Harris is a member of the MSUK Young Officials Sub-Committee and will be able to report on progress at future AWMMC meetings.

The next Association meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th August 2025.

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