



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING **HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE** **On Tuesday 3rd March 2026**

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair & Treasurer)
John Jones (Vice Chair) (BRMC)
Ian Jarrett (Training) (Boundless) (Zoom)
Matt Walk (Stage Championship Co-ordinator)

John Arnold (President)
David Simons (MLO)
Jackie Harris (Secretary)

Delegates from the following clubs:

Bill Pardoe (Midland H/C)
Pat Egger (Loughborough CC)
Tony Carwithen (BRSCC)
Cathy Dewyer (Rugby MC)
Paul Clacket (WMPMC)
Adrian Tucker-Peake (MGCC)
Steve Blakeman (SASLRC)
John Claydon (Quinton)
Colin Griffiths (Ludlow Castle MC)

Richard Egger (Loughborough CC)
Dave Nursey (HDLCC)
Tania Brown (VSCC)
Mike Granthan (BRMC)
Mark Wakeham (WMPMC)
Henry Adams (WMPMC)
Chalkie White (Quinton)
Mike Wilding (Ludlow Castle MC)

On Zoom:

Mike Broad (BTRDA)
Ken Sheather (CMSG and Dowty MC)
Mark Wagstaff (Eastwood & District MC)

Tracey Smith (BRMC)
Mark Wilkinson (Stockport 061)
Jo Barnett (SASLRC)

1. Apologies

Wolverhampton and South Staffs
Jon Cordery

Devizes and District MC
Ethan Harris (VSCC/SWMC)

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 11th November 2025

Ian Jarrett asked for Boundless to be added to the minutes next to his name.

Proposed: Chalkie White

Seconded: Dave Nursey

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

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

- Guy Woodcock has been appointed by MSUK as the RLO for West Mercia, West Midlands and Warwickshire.

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: No further applications have been received since the November meeting.

Official Changes: There have been changes to officials at Shropshire & Staffordshire MC and Hagley MC.

Date Changes: Reminder to Club to include any dates on the Association calendar.

6. Championship Reports



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6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk gave an update:

- Awards night was held on 21st February and there was a good turnout.
- The Hills Ford free entry was awarded to John Fellows.
- 71 have, so far, registered for 2026.
- Entries for three rounds have opened, with 20 entered at Donnington, 13 at Weston Park and 13 at Anglesey.
- The competitors from last years championship presented Matt with a card and gift in recognition of all his hard work in organising the championship.
- Two sponsors onboard for 2026 with one other to confirm.
- A delay with MSUK meant that the regs were delayed by 3 weeks. Not happy with the slow response from MSUK.

6.2 Car Trial

- One registered entry to date.
- Regs have been received in the last few days and will be up on the website shortly.
- Eight entries registered in 2025.

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett provided a verbal report as follows:

- Unfortunately, late going to press with training details for 2026 but details eventually went live last week.
- Online, the first course of the year, First On Scene, will be held on 24th March followed by monthly sessions throughout the year.
- Face-to-face training to take place at Builth Wells but waiting on confirmation of date.
- Funding received for, at least, two additional face-to-face sessions, to be held somewhere in West Midlands/Central England/Oxford. Sessions ready to go but just need locations for classrooms and outdoor practical will depend on the venue.
- Shelsley fire training date to be confirmed. Space for maximum of 40 attendees. Theory online.
- Clubs asked to contact Ian, John Jones or Kevin with any specific training needs.

8. Ministry of Defence Liaison Report

David Simons reported as follows:

There has been no activity since November 2025, and it will be necessary for Motorsport UK to pursue further links with armed services liaison personnel at senior levels. In particular, we have not been informed of a successor to Major Sean Caine of Army Training Command, who moved on to other duties in the autumn of 2025. Venues will be on the agenda at the next meeting of the Regional Committee.

9. Motorsport UK Committees

MSUK Regional Committee:

John Arnold advised that the first meeting of the year will take place on 12th March 2026.

- Reminder to all clubs to consider nominations for Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year for 2026.
- CMSG have advised that they are not running a stage championship this year, main reason being loss of venues.
- Cheltenham, Cirencester and EMCOS will be running a closed road event in May 2027, exact location to be confirmed.
- LARA have recently met with the CEO of Cotswold National Landscape and there was a positive outcome for motorsport.

Rallies Committee:



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Kevin W reported that the first meeting of the year is being held on 8th April 2026, with meetings then following in July and September. Items for discussion include:

- Better wording in the yearbook for class finishers.
- Rallies Championship Steering Group – meeting dates still to be confirmed for 2026.
- No paperwork to date for MSUK Championship titles.
- New NCR for category of licence holders. Certain licence holders cannot drive certain vehicles. Concern about who and how licences are checked. May effect entrants into rounds of the British Rally Championships.
- 40 out of 60 Road Rally Clerks now have access to a Road Rally Clerks licence.
- Road Rallies Working Group still to meet.
- Aware of issues with Sport80, bit if anyone has any concerns please pass to Kevin.

10. Treasurer's Report

Kevin Witton reported:

- Currently £100.00 in the Cheque Account and £18,921.00 in the Premium Account.
- All awards and the awards night have been paid for.
- There are several clubs who have yet to pay their subs. Invoices were sent out in November with a January 2026 payment date. Clubs were reminded in mid-January and beginning of February to please pay by the end of March, otherwise they will cease to be part of the Association.

Those clubs who have yet to pay their subs are:

- Cheltenham Cotswold Rover Owners
- Harper Adams University
- Oxford University Motorsport Foundation
- Shropshire Off Road Club
- The TVR Car Club Ltd
- Midland Rover Owners Club
- Thame Motorsport Club
- Witney Motor Club
- Moving forward, the Association will request a definitive postal address, named responsible person and treasurer's email address from all member clubs.
- Issues with Sport80 using personal email addresses rather than club emails.
- Two sponsors paid for Heart of England with another still to confirm.
- Funding available for recovery/rescue units.

11. Any Other Business

- Association is happy to promote all club events. When sending details please send a link to regs on club website rather than sending the regs themselves as these are two bulky for the mailing system.
- Richard Egger commented that he had been attending regional associations for 50+ years and was concerned about the level of negativity about MSUK.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2026 as follows:

5th May 2026

4th August 2026

3rd November 2026

The next Association meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

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