ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING
HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE
On Tuesday 4th August 2026

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair & Treasurer)
John Jones (Vice Chair) (BRMC)
Jackie Harris (Secretary)
John Arnold (President)
Ian Jarrett (Training) (Boundless)

Delegates from the following clubs:

Bill Pardoe (Midland H/C)
Tony Carwithen (BRSCC Midland)
Catherine Dewyer (Shenston and District CC)
Dave Williams (WMPMC)
Mike Wilding (Ludlow Castle MC)
Mark Wakelam (WMPMC)
Chalkie White (Quinton MC)
John Claydon (Quinton MC)
Dave Nursey (HDLCC)
Paul Pugh (WSSCC)
Ethan Harris (VSCC/SWMC)
Adrian Tucker-Peake (MGCC)
Paul Clacket (WMPMC)
Henry Adams (WMPMC)
Mike Grantham (BRMC0

On Zoom:

Chris Gwilliam (Shenstone and District CC)
Mike Broad (BTRDA)
Mark Wagstaff (Eastwood and District)
Mark Wilkinson (Stockport061)
Ken Sheather (Dowty MC and CMSGCC)
Jon Cordery (Forest Radios)
Dave Whyman (Sutton and Cheam)

Motorsport UK Representatives:

Craig Murray – Finance Director

1. Apologies

Matt Walk (Stage Championship Co-ordinator)

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 5th May 2026

Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: Bill Pardoe Seconded: Catherine Dewyer

3. Matters Arising

A question was asked whether the proposed changes to the MSUK phone and ticketing system, as discussed with Chris Walkingshaw at the last meeting, had been implemented. It was also noted that paperwork from MSUK was still arriving late. A request for information was made regarding a recent steering group and the response was that no one was available for 10 days due to everyone being away from the office and there was no back-up in place. MSUK are currently trialling within two departments all voicemail messages being logged. This will be available to all departments shortly and will include all incoming emails. Voicemails and emails will be "red lighted" if they are not responded to in a timely manner. MSUK departments need to ensure that relevant contact details are included in their responses, including a named contact. It was confirmed that emails for a specific department go to a group mailbox and are logged and then passed to the relevant people.

4. Correspondence

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

- Requests for marshals on various events.

5. New Member Club Applications / Club Officials Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: No new clubs have made an application to join the Association.

Official Changes: There have been no changes to officials.

Date Changes: There were no date changes to note.

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Kevin Witton gave an update on behalf of Matt Walk:

- Registrations have now closed for 2026, with 128 registered competitors, of which 116 have started at least 1 event so far.
- Up until Round 6 we have averaged 24% of the entry on each event. We have competitors from 35 different clubs
- Matt has started planning next years calendar. He has looked at 23 venues and around 30 events based on suggestions from competitors, although he doesn't envisage much change compared to this years calendar. He's factoring in travel time, entries availability and event dates.
- Matt will try and put together a survey to send out to everyone who registered and possibly to potential competitors to see what they want for next year, weather its less travel or if they don't mind traveling for more popular events and any other suggestions they have. This is all assuming the Association keeping Matt as Championship Coordinator for next season of course!
- The Association has paid for a competitor to enter the Hills Ford Rally. The competitor was randomly chosen from the stage rally registered competitors. Matt is also to be reimbursed by the Association for any travel expenses incurred.
- It was asked, from the 128 registered competitors, how many were drivers?

6.2 Car Trial

- Latest results on website. Currently between 8 and 9 contenders.

7. Motorsport UK Representatives

Craig Murray – Finance Director

- Welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation on motorsport insurance.
- MSUK use several insurance organisations to give a wide range of cover for motorsport events. These are Marsh, who are the appointed broker, Allianz, the core insurer whose master policy covers competitors, officials and volunteers, Aviva for travel and personal accident insurance and other corporate specialists, including Kingfisher who provide Road Section Top Up Insurance. Marsh also organises club and team insurance for outside of permit cover, road, track, furniture and equipment cover such as club trailers and public liability insurance.
- Marsh recently attended a MSUK council meeting and were also invited to attend last year's Woodpecker Rally. They stated that premiums have started to plateau, but the cost of claims is increasing. They are also looking at changes in technology and how this changes risk.
- Road Section Top Up Cover provided by Kingfisher can be an event-by-event policy or, if they so wish, competitors can take out an annual policy. Any vehicle on the public highway must be legally compliant but most standard vehicle insurance policies exclude stage and road rallies. Competitors and officials are covered, and it works like a fleet policy and has tiered pricing, with less risky events being cheaper. There are also minimum qualifying criteria which includes a UK licence, 19year + and a valid UK motor insurance policy. Anyone not meeting these criteria can be referred to Kingfisher for further assistance.
- More information is available on the MSUK website including an improved club and competitor "how to" guide and electronic/digital signing on integration is being trialled with Rallies.info.

- There remain gaps in cover with different scenarios being put to the insurers. Increased data makes events less risky. Cancellation insurance is also being investigated.
- Thanks to Craig for the work done. Further details for clubs can be found on MSUK website.
- A question was asked about insurance for demo runs on circuits. This can be added to a standard permit cover, but you need to speak to MSUK direct to ask for it to be included.

8. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett reported as follows:

- AWMMC Practical Fire Safety Training will take place on 17th/18th October 2026 at Shelsley. Organisers meeting taking place on 11th August to finalise details and will also be publicised by the BRMC.
- Online rally marshal training, including report writing, available through BRMC website on 18th August. Also online training packages available through Sport80.

9. Route Liaison Officer's Report

- Nothing to report.

10. Ministry of Defence Liaison Report

- Nothing to report although there is support for motorsport through the British Arm Motorsport Association (BAMA) but doesn't feed down to individual site managers. MSUK discussing the use of dormant army site for motorsport.
- MSUK asked to confirm rumours that Epynt will be closed during July and August 2027.

11. Motorsport UK Committees

MSUK Regional Committee:

John Arnold advised that the most recent meeting took place on 9th June 2026

- Report from MSUK Committee
- Ian Smith new to the Committee.
- Safeguarding update.
- Sustainability.
- Forest charges for championship calendar 2028/29.
- LARA was discussed together with compiling a list of heritage events.
- Club/Volunteer of the Year award – nominations before end of October. If not supported will, may not continue.
- Dan Carter working on impact data recorders, AI recorders for stage rallies and light panels for hill climbs. Whilst most agree that light panels are useful to communicate with competitors, there was concern about the use of AI recorders for stage rallies. Whilst people can see the practical and operational issues are to protect spectators, second delegates are required to review the footage and there are confirms that someone looking at the footage remotely will not be aware of the full context of the issue.
- Next meeting 10th November 2026

Rallies Committee:

Kevin Witton reported that at the most recent meeting items for discussion include:

- Historic road rally events rule changes.
- AI cameras
- Changes to clerks' licences impacting events. Are current holders still active in motorsport.
- Tyre panel meeting in September, paperwork has already been issued and there isn't too much change to note. Tyre testing to take place on machines to assess how much gravel is dispersed.

Young Official's Working Group

Ethan Harris reported that at the meeting held on 18th June the following items were discussed:

- Working on young official taster days in each discipline by end of the year.
- Ideas for a community of officials aged 18-35 taken to MSUK marketing team who have said no. To have full autonomy they suggest setting up own motor club, but this is not the way the group want to take this forward.

12. Treasurer's Report

Kevin Witton reported:

- Currently £100.00 in the Cheque Account and £17,110 in the Premium Account, due to recently paid Hills Ford HOE entry and LARA subscription fee.
- Recommendation made for Association to donate £500 to Blood Bikes. All those in attendance agreed.

13. Any Other Business

- Recent MSUK survey about maintaining existing venues, what about revitalising unused venues or investment for the development of an Association venue available to all member clubs. MSUK venues working group needs to be re-established to move this forward.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2026 as follows:

3rd November 2026

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The next Association meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

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