



# ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLAND MOTOR CLUBS

## MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 November 2017

### **Present:**

Dave Cooper (Chairman)

Bob Bud (Autotest Championship Secretary)

Ian Jarrett (Training Officer)

John Arnold (Secretary)

Steve Courts (Car Trial Championship Secretary)

Kevin Witton (West Midlands FLO)

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

Aston Martin OC

Boundless by CSMA

MGCC (Midlands)

BRMC

BTRDA

Cov & Warks

Hagley & District

Mercia Motorsports

Ludlow Castle

Midland Manor

Owen MC

Rugby

Telford AC

Warwickshire Drivers

Whitchurch

WSSCC

### **1. Apologies**

Bala MC

Ross & Dist

Epynt MC

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated to all member clubs were signed.

Proposed by Kevin Witton and seconded by Jim Mayle.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

### **4. Correspondence**

All clubs are requested to furnish Kevin Witton with their latest email addresses as all correspondence will only be circulated electronically.

(a) MSA - Minutes from MSA Committees, Regional Committee & Press Releases

(b) Other regional association minutes

(c) Letter from a Mr Harris who farms in Presteigne offering the use of farm tracks for motorsport events - more details from John Arnold

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

Nothing to report

### **6. Championship reports:**

**Autotest** - Bob Budd reported that all events had been run with 11 contenders. The championship winner is Malcolm Livingstone.

**Road Rally** - John Arnold reported that all events had now been run with 19 contenders as Peak Revs has now been cancelled. Mark Lennox/Alex Barker are the championship winners. No team was sent to the Inter-association rally. **At present we do not have a championship secretary for 2018 - anyone interested please make contact with either John Arnold or Dave Cooper.**

**Stage Rally** - It was reported that all events had now run with 40 contenders signed up. Chris Tansley/Ade Camp were championship winners. Very big thanks to Steve Gregg for all that he had done for the championship over the last few years. The 2018 championship will be overseen by Sue Warmesley and Michele Petrie.

**Car Trial** - All events have now run with Dave Oliver winning the RWD award and Shane Franklin the FWD. The inter-association Sporting Trial was won by ASWMC and the Car Trial by AWMCC.

## **7. RDO Report**

Nothing to report

## **8. Training Officer Report**

Training days for 2018 had been planned and marshals were reminded that they have to attend 1 day/year to maintain their grade.

## **9. Regional Committee & Rallies Committee**

### **Regional**

- Marshals Welcome Packs have now all been distributed at a cost of £150000
- Stage Rally Tracking system is still being tested/evaluated
- The Fatal Accident Inquiry report is due out before the year end
- Closed road bill is to become law in Wales during 2018
- Go Motorsports RDO hours have been reduced
- Training seminars for 2018 will be for Club Officials and Club Safeguarding Officers
- Targa Road Rallies seem to be growing in number and popularity with some associations running a championship for them

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

Tim Hobbs has taken over the role of Treasurer. It was reported that we currently have £11 947 in the bank.

## **11. Yearbook**

Bob Budd reported that the 2018 Yearbook production was progressing but that very few clubs had returned the information sheet.

## **12. Any Other Business**

(a) The awards evening will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> January back at the Hagley Golf Club. Sue Warmesley is to organise the event with Paul Dyas and Stuart Derry presenting awards.

(b) The General Data Protection Regulations are to come in to force May 2018 - Dave Cooper looking in to how this change may affect the Association.

**The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 13 February 2018. The meeting will start at 7:45pm and be held at the Bromsgrove Golf and Conference Centre, B60 1LD.**

## Notes on report from Suze Endean - MSA Development Officer

- Who I am/my background - I first became actively involved in motor sport ten years ago and am an active competitor, volunteer and organiser.
- My role at the MSA - I am the Development Manager at the MSA. A large part of my role is managing the Go Motorsport programme, but there are many other things which fall under my remit including volunteer recruitment and retention, club development, development funding (including MSA and FIA development funding) and building partnerships with other stakeholders and organisations.
- Go Motorsport changes - we have new RDOs with Heidi Woodcock (Yorkshire), John Conboy (East) and Andrew Actman (South East) joining the team. Regional areas are now defined by counties and a map is published on the Contact page of the Go Motorsport website. The Go Motorsport website has been reviewed and relaunched and the Club Manual is being reviewed to be relaunched as a series of "How To" guides covering similar topics, but in a more user friendly, bite size format. I am currently reviewing this with an update expected by the end of the year.
- Vnuk - the MSA has submitted its response to the government consultation as reported in the May newsletter, the MSA response is published at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/msaresponsetodftvnukconsultationapril2017.pdf>
- Closed roads - the MSA has issued guidance on applying to run a closed road event, which is available at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/closedroadeventspermittingprocess.pdf> . A flow chart showing the process is available at <https://www.msauk.org/assets/processforapplication-closedroadspermit.pdf>
- The FAI commenced on Tuesday 18th July and is expected to run for at least ten weeks. Updates will be shared centrally from the MSA when possible.
- Safeguarding - all MSA clubs are required to appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer. An updated policy, templates and poster are available from <https://www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers>. Revised training has been launched and clubs and associations will shortly be contacted to understand training needs in the area, this has initially been launched with karting clubs.
- The MSA Motor Sport Development Fund (formerly the Club Development Fund) was launched earlier this year. There is now an online application form, as well as a guidance document, to make applications clearer and easier for clubs. This information is all available from <https://www.msauk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers>.
- Training-four new Safety Car course dates were shared with all stage rally CoCs recently. It is intended to pilot an Event Safety Officer course later this year, with further courses to run in 2018 for Event Safety Officers, and more Safety Car courses as required.
- Volunteers - as of 24th July there were 9311 registered marshals of whom 7642 had completed the online training. Recognition packs have been sent to all registered marshals to date. In May, a marshal prize draw was launched which every MSA registered marshal is automatically entered into each month with details of winners and prizes announced in the monthly MSA newsletter. There are further initiatives currently in the pipeline.
- Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year nominations will launch in August, please nominate your clubs and volunteers and encourage your fellow club members to do so.
- David Richards has been appointed as the new MSA Chairman as of 1st January 2018.

There were a variety of questions asked but the main questions I took away with me were:

- Can the Association receive the scrutineers bulletin - I understand that there is currently no intention to publish it publicly and anything that may be of interest for competitors is shared in the MSA Newsletter. It was suggested that if somebody wanted to receive the newsletter on behalf of the association, if the email [technical@msauk.org](mailto:technical@msauk.org) they will be added to the circulation list and they can share as desired.
- Marshal recognition on events - what can we do to better recognise marshals - Ian Jarvis to contact myself to discuss further, we'll look at the MSA newsletter and helping organisers amongst other options
- Can barcodes be on licences/can there be an app to help know who marshalled at an event - this is noted and will be raised as a longer term item, potentially to link with the new CRM system.