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British Army Motorsports Association is believed to be making an application to join AWMMC in the near future.

All present agreed that these clubs should be accepted as members.

Official Changes: None

Date Changes: Bath Motor Club have advised changes to their calendar of events.

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reports as follows:

The 2023 Championship has built on the success of last season's Championship. At the time of writing we have 143 competitors registered for the series, an increase of 60 competitors from last season. We have had some challenges; the loss of local venues and events has meant we've had to look further afield, although these changes have had a positive response from competitors who have been understanding of the situation.

2023 is looking like another enjoyable year and we have possibly the most well supported Regional Championship. Looking at 2024 already, I've heard rumours of some new, more local venues becoming available in the near future so if any clubs have any events in the pipeline. please let me know.

6.2 Car Trial

Mark Hoppe reports as follows:

The 11 round Championship will comprise of 4 additional rounds this year and the promise of consideration of a round in 2024 to be hosted by Stroud. The addition of Bala as hosts of 2 rounds has encouraged several Welsh entries and the championship is picking up traction in terms of contenders; I have no doubt we will increase on last year's numbers.

Round 1 is at Bala on 15 April with round 2 at Falcon and Bristol Pegasus (2 rounds on the same day as a test) the following weekend.

Generally all positive. One item to keep abreast of is the use of AWMMC "support" for the CMSG championship.

Ross & DMC are running an Interclub Wye Valley Trial on 25th June 2023

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett reports as follows:

There is a Motorsport UK initiative to establish a network of Regional Training Co-ordinators with the goal of supporting trainers and promoting better communications between clubs, regions and each other. This is to allow better use of resources (people, materials and venues) and achieve consistent delivery of training content. This is not solely focused on marshal or official training but expanded to include areas such as objective definition/planning, organisational and process development, and



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implementation/ operation. To support this the Regional Team are creating a Regional Development Plan.

To this end, member clubs are requested to keep the region informed of any training they are promoting or hosting so that appropriate access can be made available to others wishing to take up any spare places. While this may only be a small step it will begin the process of promoting dialog and discussion of ideas between clubs. This is important in developing trading strategy and needs both regionally and nationally.

The BMSTT Calendar will be returned to the Motorsport UK website.

There is a new defined pathway for Cadet Marshals. The intention is to ensure that they get exposure to appropriate disciplines and experience. Also intended to avoid the need to re-do training modules already completed (unless time/refresher related).

The bulk of the training modules designed to fit with the revised 'Marshals Pathway' have been completed and are now available via the trainers hub.

The Personal Record Card for marshals is in final edit and will be released in due course. The format will include sections for the common modules and task/discipline sections. Space will be available for training attendance, assessment and feedback from assessors.

Other Training:

We should direct clubs towards the BRMC website training pages . The series of 'online' sessions is continuing. There are some minor changes due to 'assessed and validated' modules for some specific topics being available.

If clubs require assistance with or guidance on training such as content, providers or delivery please contact me.

(There was also discussion in the meeting on the need for more Safeguarding Officers).

8. Motorsport UK Representatives

John Ryan, Sporting and Safety Director

John congratulated the Association on their success with training and confirmed that the early season MSUK seminar programme is now complete. Attended sessions were combined with on-line webinars and there will be specific webinar follow-up sessions – for example on Driving Standards.

John introduced Jonathan Jackson, new MSUK Rallies Executive, who will talk on rally strategy, but is also dealing with Cross-Country. Further support on rallies will be recruited but recent former Executives remain available on a consultancy basis.



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Changes are also intended on the safety front and a new assistant to Dan Carter will be recruited.

John then talked about “Vision 2030” which is the major initiative to address risks to motorsport; he covered the following topics:

- Venues - including MoD properties, looking at risks and new uses.
- Officials - attempting to get the average age down by recruiting younger people.
- Competitors - links with indoor karting and extending the Street Car initiative to include Cross-Country and Road Rallies in addition to Auto-solos.
- Diversity - promoting this amongst Competitors and Officials
- Retention of people.
- Technology - in terms of fuels, propulsion systems and EV's
- Digital licencing.
- Website development and a rewrite of the Yearbook into self-contained disciplines, in an electronic format.
- Development of Training Plans.
- Motorsport TV - dedicated channels for each discipline.
- Committee Structure - overhaul and improvement to accessibility.
- Race And Respect - a greater awareness is becoming apparent and there is a weekly 'triage' group active in sorting teething problems.
- Driving Standards - a review is under way for Car Racing, this will be extended to Karting.
- Seats and Harnesses - a review will be carried out.
- Impact data recorders (a.k.a. Accelerometers) - the use of an available FIA device will be trialled.
- Forestry England - the Agreement is now signed!
- Tyres for rallying - numbers increased from 10 to 12.

The Seminar on EV's is still available to those who may have missed it. John also mentioned that the British Motorsports Trust will have a bigger remit going forward.

Concern is growing about non-MSUK sanctioned events in karting and rallying. These may have a negative impact on the sport generally and on matters that affect everyone, such as insurance.



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Jonathan Jackson, Rallies Executive

Jonathan introduced himself as the new Rallies Executive.

In addition to the items covered by John Ryan, Jonathan confirmed he was working with the rally forum from 2022, but 12 streams had been distilled down to 7 work groups going forward.

As feedback from Rallies Committee, he will be looking at sustainability issues in the near future.

The work groups are flexible, they can be added-to and everything is under review. So far each work group has done an hour of study and there is more development to come. It is “early days” at the moment, but all will be kept transparent going forward.

In discussions following Jonathan’s introduction there was a question from Richard Egger about the on-going availability of Type 81 radios and a question on calendar planning. Mike Broad suggested that the event calendar would be available by latest, October 2023.

9. Motorsport UK Regional Committee & Rallies Committee Reports

Regional:

John A reported on the following from the Regional Committee Meeting on 22nd March 2023:

- There was discussion on a new register of licence suspensions on the MSUK website. Some concerns were expressed regarding the publishing of names and also as to the inter-relationship between Safeguarding and Judicial Procedures, with concern as to whether (for example) Safeguarding issues could result in licence suspensions.
- Nominations are required for Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year, by October 2023.
- Simon Fowler is currently dealing the MoD venues project and an RLI vacancy in S. Wales.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W referred to the following items from the meeting on 27th March 2023: (On-going matters arising from previous Meetings:

- Tracking - proposal out soon
- Forestry Matters - sign-off of the Agreement.
- Tyre limitations - Guidelines for implementation on 01/01/2024
- Bogey Times on Multi Venue Stage Rallies - (This was the subject of a question on chicanes in the meeting, see below).
- Competition Car Numbering - one standard form proposed.
- Recovery Units - Relating to the use and regulation of commercial units, Northern Ireland has specific issues with this.
- Service Area Safety - new/updated document to be provided.
- New Stage Rally Licence Holders - A new system is being evolved with an initial grade similar to a Speed licence.



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- Digital Radio Communication - the adoption of the "A" system.
- Route Notes in Zero Cars - An FIA issue.
- Notional Times.

The Meeting also covered issues such as Road Rally Tyres, Targa Road Rallies (Regulations) and the new National Competition Rules due in 2024.

Contracts for all Motorsports UK Stage Rally Championships are now complete.

Jonathan Jackson confirmed, in answer to a question from Ian Jarrett, it was intended that the construction of chicanes would be standardised. There had been evidence of incorrect and dangerous use of chicanes on events, this was now considered an invalid method in relation to bogey times. Mike Broad also commented.

10. Treasurer's Report

Kevin W reported that there is £19,150.00 in the business account and £100.00 in the cheque account at present. (These figures do not take into account the donations agreed in this meeting.)

11. Any Other Business

Kevin W raised the idea of having an Association Event Stewards Register, to assist member clubs in appointing suitably trained/experienced people. He also questioned the availability of up-to-date MSUK Judicial Procedures guidance as the document currently available is for 2022.

Kevin also mentioned that he was prepared to try hybrid meetings - where a conventionally attended meeting at the usual venue would also be available on Zoom. Probably the November meeting would be the first.

Ian Jarrett queried availability of the new SRSR's. Issue depends upon completion of the Tracking proposal, but the target date is 1st September 2023.

The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 1st August 2023

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