



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE

On Tuesday 1st August 2023

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair)

John Jones (Vice Chair)

Ian Jarrett (Training Officer)

John Arnold (Retiring Secretary)

Delegates from the following clubs:

BTRDA, BRMC, Boundless, VSCC, Sixty & Worcs. MC, Hagley & Dist. LCC,
Redditch & District CC, Robert Hayden

1. Apologies

Ross & Dist. MC, Bath MC, Jon Cordery, David Simons.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 15 November 2022

Proposed: Phil Darbyshire

Seconded: Cathy Denyer

3. Matters Arising

KW reported on various minor issues arising from the previous minutes.

4. Correspondence

- The new Master Agreement between Forestry England and MSUK was completed and distributed just after our last meeting.
- The Scottish Association has a new website and has been very active in working towards the New Strategy agreed in the March 2023 Regional Meeting.
- Training is available for Club Safeguarding Officers – Contact at MSUK is Amy McLeod
- Richard Crozier appointed Rallies Assistant for Scotland in May 2023
- LARA AGM & Steering Meeting, May 2023 - DEFRA Landscape Review meeting planned for May 2023 was deferred.
- Sixty & Worcs. MC – Woodpecker Rally, 9th September 2023
- Inter Association Car Trial held on 25th June 2023 – won by Tim Dovey.
- Salisbury & Shaftesbury Car Club – Bustard Targa Rally 18th November 2023: AWMMC members invited
- Fire Training dates at Shelsley Walsh in Autumn 2023, to be agreed with MAC
- Request for marshals – Historic Rally Festival, Weston Park and Hatton Grange, 30th Sept & 1st Oct 2023
- AMOC Sprint, Curborough, 17th September 2023 – Entries invited
- Request for marshals – Three Shires Road Rally organized by Cheltenham Motor Club, 17th September 2023
- DSS & JA to attend MLO Forum at Bicester on 30th August 2023



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5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: Applications for membership from the One Litre Formula 3 Historic Racing Association and the Vintage Sports Car Club were approved.

Official Changes: None

Date Changes: None reported.

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reports as follows:

The 2023 Championship has been built on the success of last season's Championship. At the time of writing we have 153 competitors registered for the series and most events are receiving around 20 entries.

The Awards Evening will be funded by both Quinton MC and AWMMC.

6.2 Car Trial

The Championship is up and running, results and championship positions are on the website.

7. Training Officer's Report

Practical Fire training is due to be held at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb on 22nd October 2023. A budget for next year's training needs to be resolved,

8. Motorsport UK Regional Committee & Rallies Committee Reports

Regional Committee:

David S provided notes on the meeting of 25th July 2023 (attended with John A) as follows:

- A Webinar is available on Environmental & Sustainability – Jessica Runicles is MSUK contact
- MSUK TV has now been active for two months, clubs within Regions to be canvassed for suggestions on content to be added.
- SAMSC gave a good presentation on progress in working to the New Strategy – AWMMC to consider?
- Club and Volunteer of the Year awards not being sufficiently supported – more nominations needed.
- Marketing Accreditation – Regional Associations can apply
- Venues:
- MOD liaison is becoming a matter for concern
- A venues database is being updated at MSUK and work is in progress to align it with Track Licenses, etc.



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- There are some new MOD (RAF) venues, but some existing venues are at risk, including Caerwent in Wales and in particular, Little Rissington, where there has been a kart track since the 1960's
- Promotion of the Sport: Inter Association Events were discussed and the consensus was that these events should continue this year, but not be repeated for next year. However, the issue will be reviewed at the next meeting in October 2023.
- Streetcar: There are now 55 Approved Clubs, a demonstration event will be held at Sevenoaks & Dist. MC's Formula E meeting.
- Women in Motorsport: A "flat-line" was reported on licence numbers and it was agreed that more could be done promotionally; [Clare Mudie was going to attend on behalf of BWRDC, but also has Covid].
- Volunteers: Sue Sanders reported that Event Steward training was going well
- FIA Volunteer Weekend 22nd to 24th September 2023
- Training initiatives include programmes for Rally Stage Commanders and Club Safeguarding Officers plus a CPD module for Trainers. CPD modules for Mentors & Assessors have already been delivered.
- Autotests: There is a proposal in discussion to lower the age limit from 16 to 14
- Events not authorised by MSUK: If anyone becomes aware of an event that should be covered by MSUK Regulations, but has no Permit or Certificate of Exemption, please advise Simon Fowler at MSUK.
- The number of Regional Associations in England is under review.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W referred to ongoing discussions taking place, but was unable to report on them as a matter of confidentiality.

9. Treasurer's Report

Kevin W reported that there is £16,773.00 in the business account and £61.00 in the cheque account at present.

10. Any Other Business

None minuted.

The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 7th November 2023

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