



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE

On Tuesday 7th November 2023

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair)

John Jones (Vice Chair)

John Arnold (Retiring Secretary)

David Simons (Secretary)

Ian Jarrett (Training Officer)

Delegates from the following clubs:

BTRDA, BRMC, Boundless, QMC, VSCC, Sixty & Worcs. MC, Redditch & District CC, Midland Hill Climb Championship, BRSCC(M), Rugby MC, WSCC, Matt Walk, Ludlow Castle, (Plus Telford Auto Club by Zoom)

1. Apologies

Bath MC, Mike Broad.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 1 August 2023

Proposed: John Jones

Seconded: Kevin Page

3. Matters Arising

Kevin W confirmed and clarified that the matter raised under “Any Other Business” at the last meeting was a complaint that should have been raised with senior officials at the event in question and was not a matter for AWMCC.

4. Correspondence

The following significant items of correspondence have been received since the last Meeting:

- Minutes of the Regional Meeting of 25th July 2023 (not available on 1st August);
- Minutes from meetings of other Associations (and Cotswold Group);
- Various Regulation changes proposed for consultation – Speed and Rally;
- Clerks & Stewards Bulletins;
- Scrutineers Bulletins;
- Information from LARA on arrangements for events;
- British Motorsport Trust – Training Event Grant Aid, (11th September 2023);
- NCR Project Update from Motorsport UK (Richard Norbury);
- Nominations for Club & Volunteer of the Year Award (now closed);
- Safeguarding Officer Training at Bicester – 12th December 2023.

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: No new applications have been received since the last meeting.

Official Changes: Wigan & District MC have made a change, (to be entered onto the Association website)



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Date Changes: None reported, but any known changes to be entered on the Association website.

6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reported as follows:

The last Round of the Championship will be at Donington and has attracted 25 entries, with the overall winner still to be decided. There have been 153 competitors registered for the series and most events have attracted around 20 entries. There will be a similar calendar for next year with possibly one additional venue.

6.2 Car Trial

Mark Hoppe reported as follows:

Unfortunately, there was a disappointing end to the season with the cancellation of the Falcon Guy Fawkes event. This means that the final Championship positions are as shown on the Association website. The top 7 places are all rear-wheel drive, which highlights a disadvantage for front-wheel drive competitors.

The meeting suggested that as the front-wheel drive entries appear to be disadvantaged, there should be a separate award for the best front-wheel drive competitor.

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian J and John J Reported as follows:

Overall, 400 online training places have been completed. Although this does not mean that 400 people have been trained, it is a measure of the success of AWMCMC's training initiative, which continues.

Unfortunately, the practical fire training planned for Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb on 22nd October 2023 had to be cancelled as only 10 people volunteered.

A further date for Shelsley Walsh fire training is being sought. The Bugatti Owners Club is organising fire training at Prescott on 4th March 2024.

BMST funding is required but an application has been made.



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8. Motorsport UK Regional Committee & Rallies Committee Reports

Regional Committee:

John A gave a summary of the meeting of 24th October 2023:

- Motorsport UK has a new appointee for HR: - she is Natalie Halford;
- MSUK TV has need of video footage from member clubs, a link to Associations will be provided;
- Rallies and Cross Country Executive will be split into two roles;
- Andrea Richards and Stewart Haviland (Assistant Rally Executive) have recently left MSUK;
- A Street Car and Junior Motorsport Co-ordinator is to be appointed;
- There will be no more Inter-Association events;
- Associations are requested to have a Safeguarding Officer, to assist member clubs who don't have a suitable person, (there is a current shortage);
- A presentation on Women in Motorsport was made, the "Better Together" campaign. The contacts for this are Laura Christmas and Laura Cooledge - contact: hello@amsc.org.uk ;
- The Secretary of State will be visiting the Forest of Dean Rally.

MoD Liaison Officer's Report:

David S reported that he had attended a Zoom meeting (on 27th September) and had spent some time trying to assist Rissington Kart Club with its current lease difficulties at Little Rissington airfield.

MoD has introduced restrictions on how the Club can use the site, which affects its viability as a kart venue and there are fears that the Ministry intend to repossess the site for alternative use. A meeting with MoD representatives is being sought.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W referred to Regulation changes (Classes, Reverse Seeding, etc) and ongoing discussions, but the next Rallies Committee takes place next week.

9. Treasurer's Report

Kevin W reported that there is £16,244.00 in the business account and £100.00 in the cheque account at present. Invoices for next year's subscriptions will be sent out soon.

10. Any Other Business

David S highlighted an example of poor technical links in Championship Regulations for a race series, where a precise maximum engine power output was given, but the test facility specified in an Appendix could not measure it.

Kevin W commented on the lack of a venue for the Ken Wharton Autotest, which might therefore find a new home in Northern Ireland



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A shortage of senior officials in rallying was also discussed and it was confirmed that if possible, AWMMC would like to set up a register of Event Stewards suitable for appointment by member clubs on events, subject to GDPR considerations.

The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 27th February 2024.

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