



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE On Tuesday 14th May 2024

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair)

Ian Jarrett (Training Officer)

John Jones (Vice Chair)

John Arnold (President)

Guest: Claire Kirkpatrick from Motorsport UK

Delegates from the following clubs:

BTRDA, Kidderminster CC, VSCC, S & WMC, Global Rally Adventures, Rugby MC, Boundless by CSMA, HDLCC, WMPMC, (plus Mike Broad on Zoom)

1. Apologies

David Simons, Matt Walk, John Jones, Eastwood & Dist, Loughborough, Stockport 061.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 27th February 2024

Proposed: Bill Pardoe

Seconded: Phil Darbyshire

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

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

- Minutes from meetings of other Associations (and Cotswold Group);
- Various Regulation changes proposed for consultation;
- Clerks & Stewards Bulletins;
- Scrutineers Bulletins;
- Information from LARA on arrangements for events;
- Applications from New Member Clubs (See below)

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: Two new applications have been made, which were approved at the meeting; these are:

- Global Rally Adventures
- Dellow Register

Official Changes: Member Clubs are advised to make their own amendments on the Association website.

Date Changes: Any known changes to be entered on the Association website. Woodpecker Rally confirmed as 6th & 7th September 2024.



6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk reports by email as follows:

“(Unfortunately I was travelling back from Wakefield so I could not make the meeting).

No Major update from me, we're at 91 registrations for the year so far, of which 72 have taken part in at least 1 event. We're currently averaging 18.5% of the entry on each event. We have 20 cars with a confirmed run on the next round at Abingdon and another 5 reserves.

The Championship is getting good exposure, alongside Pete Schreider's reports, the reports I produce are showing an average reach of 4.6k views.

Around July/August I will start looking at 2025, I will reach out to competitors for any feedback. I also have some ideas on how we can keep the Championship growing, which I will put together and discuss with the relevant parties. If there are any questions please let me know and I will get back to you.”

6.2 Car Trial

No report received from Mark Hoppe, but two events have been held so far, with one event at Bristol cancelled. There is another round organised by Ross & District on the weekend following this meeting, 10 further rounds in all.

There are 8 regular competitors, which is down on last year; Mike Broad expressed concern at the future of trials events.

7. Motorsport UK Representative - Claire Kirkpatrick

Claire Kirkpatrick described her role within Motorsport UK and provided information on plans for the future.

There was discussion on progress and the future of the Streetcar initiative, also discussion on sustainability, website developments and NCR introduction / trial events.

8. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett reports as follows:

On-line (zoom) training sessions continue - please see BRMC website for dates etc. There has been a successful 'face to face' training session at Builth Wells held on 21 April - there were approx 40 attendees. We are still seeking venues in Midlands for similar events.

Note the forthcoming training sessions:

- for Safeguarding Officers (MSUK);
- Event Safety Officer/Stage Safety Officer - 7th September - B'ham;
- Safety Car Workshop - 20 June - B'ham (Registrations Closed 26 April);



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- Stage Commander Workshops - 29 June - Leeds, 7 July - Reading, 19 October - Belfast;
- Event Secretary and Event Steward Workshops scheduled for Q3 / Q4

We direct all to the 'Learning Hub' via Motorsport UK website for variety of self learning resources.

9. Military Liaison Officer's Report

David S reports as follows:

"There have been no face-to-face meetings of the MLO group this year, but I have been busy continuing to try and help Rissington Kart Club through its difficulties with MoD/DIO.

After an encouraging zoom meeting with DIO officials in January, we were hoping for some progress in opening-up the restrictions imposed last year. Bizarrely however, the club was contacted by Solicitors acting for DIO, who seemed to be under the impression that the kart club's restricted lease arrangements were to continue as last year and that RKC were going to pay their fees!

I drafted two letters for the club to send and it seems that DIO are agreeable to positively reviewing the lease arrangements without reference to a Solicitor, but RKC will have to continue under last year's restrictions for the time being.

I am also on the lookout for potential MoD venues for club motorsport generally. If anyone has a lead on anywhere, please let me know."

10. Motorsport UK Committees, Groups and Liaison work

Regional Committee:

John A reported on recent developments.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W reported that there was still on-going discussions on tyres. A lot of changes to regulations have been implemented since last year. There is another Rallies Committee meeting in June 2024

Clerks & Stewards Working Group

David S reported: We have had one zoom meeting on 2nd April and there is a meeting at Bicester on 21st May 2024. We are currently reviewing entry and training requirements for Clerks and Stewards.

11. Treasurer's Report

There is a total of £17,216.63 in the bank. Money is available for worthwhile causes/projects on a 50/50 matched funding basis.

Mike Broad suggested that as there were ample funds available, contributions to the running of Rescue Units related to this Region could be made. Chasing membership payments is counter-productive and non-



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payment in future will result in cancellation of membership from the Association.

12. Any Other Business

John A identified the New Route Liaison Officer: Maurice Leach. Date clashes for rallies to be resolved? Mike Broad suggested that the only way to resolve this to cancel clashing permits, but this would be unlikely to occur in practice.

The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 6th August 2024.

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