





# ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

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membership application could not be approved without supporting information from the club.

Official Changes: Member Clubs are advised to make their own amendments on the Association website. Sixty & Worcs have made a recent change.

Date Changes: None advised. Any known changes to be entered on the Association website.

## 6. Championship Reports

### 6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Prior to the meeting, Matt Walk submitted a report as follows:

“Registrations Close on 4th August, we have 93 registrations, with 80 starting at least 1 event so far

I have reached out to competitors for feedback on this year’s Championship; I will be making a start on next year’s calendar towards the end of August

I have send my vision for the future of the Championship to Kevin to asses along with other members of the Association.”

At the meeting, Matt added that there was a 19% entry on the rallies so far, with the next round at Mewla at the end of August, with 17 cars entered so far and 5 reserves. Championship Regulations to be converted to NCRs for 2025.

### 6.2 Car Trial

No report received from Mark Hoppe, but results from 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 are now on the website. The next round is on 1<sup>st</sup> September, but as previously, there are only 8 entries.

Mike Broad again expressed concern at the future of these trials events.

## 7. Motorsport UK Representatives

### Steve Blakeman:

Steve described his role as including a responsibility for Clubsport, with an emphasis on Trials and Autotests. He is new to MSUK this year and happy to be out and about, meeting the motorsport community. He has a Motorsport Management qualification and he is developing a strategy for Cross Country events, where the concentration will be on promotion, governance and the people involved.

### Peter Stockwin:

Peter works as Jonathan Jackson’s assistant, dealing in particular with radio renewals. He comes from a karting background and is an F1 fan, but he is looking to broaden his motorsports knowledge and experience and deliberately chose rallying as an unfamiliar discipline.

The attendance of the two MSUK representatives was appreciated by the meeting and there was a lively question and answer session.



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In answer to Mike Broad, Steve confirmed that his next priority was Autotests and Trials and concern was expressed at the reduction in popularity of these events from both competitors and volunteers.

It was suggested that vehicle regulations for these events need rationalising and clarifying, perhaps championship autotests should be a completely separate category?

The progress and promotion of the Streetcars initiative was also discussed.

## **8. Training Officer's Report**

Ian Jarrett reported as follows:

On-line (zoom) training sessions continue - please see BRMC website for dates etc.

Issues to be considered:

- Fire training - it is possible that AFFF foam extinguishers will no longer be used due to health and environmental issues, although they can still be used for actual events. Training will concentrate on dry powder and water extinguishers. MSUK guidance will be necessary.
- British Motorsport Trust letter of 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024: This advises a need to rationalise and improve the co-ordination of training events to avoid local duplication. Multiplicity of fire training sessions would be a typical example. Discussion at the meeting centred on consultation and publicity, as knowing what is planned by different organisations will assist in avoiding duplication.
- A training session for rally marshals is being arranged at Harewood hill climb.

## **9. MoD Liaison Officer's Report**

David S reported as follows:

There have been no face-to-face meetings of the MLO group this year, but we are due to meet at Bicester on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

I am on the lookout for potential MoD venues for club motorsport generally. If anyone has a lead on anywhere, or needs to look at the feasibility of using an MoD site, please let me know.

Despite promising indications from DIO, the situation with Rissington Kart Club's lease remains unresolved. I stewarded a meeting at Rissington in July 2024, which had only 41 entries, due to the restrictions in force. The club cannot continue on that basis indefinitely.



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## 10. Motorsport UK Committees and Groups

### **Regional Committee:**

John A reported on recent developments, mentioning a number of matters discussed at a recent meeting. Nominations are invited for this year's Club and Volunteer of the year awards.

### **Rallies Committee:**

Kevin W reported on a number of issues discussed at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024:

- Forestry liaison and repairs issues
- Tyre limitation guidelines – a consultation paper
- BARS – navigation issues discussed
- Class structure – a consultation paper
- Weight limits
- Targa rallies – fire extinguishers and guidance for organisers
- Incident response
- Use of route notes on single venue rallies
- Regulation changes
- Trials regulations – classic trials on public highways
- Timekeeping
- NCR trial events
- Road rally working group
- Tracking – approved suppliers

### **Clerks & Stewards Working Group**

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

Revised requirements will probably involve an initial interview for new trainees to confirm suitability and to identify a specific modular training plan for each individual.

## 11. Treasurer's Report

There is a total of £16,230.00 in the bank and £100.00 in the Cheque Account. Money is available for worthwhile causes/projects on a 50/50 matched funding basis.

Mike Broad repeated his suggestion that as there were ample funds available, contributions to the running of Rescue Units related to this Region could be made.

Ludlow Castle MC are seeking funding for signage and a gazebo, but are recommended to try the Club Development Fund first.



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## **12. Any Other Business**

Mike Broad asked for his view to be recorded that Regional Association Officers should have access to Motorsport UK Committee minutes, particularly those discussed in Regional meetings.

Kevin W reminded everyone that membership invoices for next year will be sent out before our next meeting

Our new RLO, Maurice Leach has suggested a road rally event/championship for cars up-to 1400cc

Then was a general discussion on how publicity for events could be improved, an Events Calendar for the website was suggested.

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The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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