

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on Sunday 15th April 2012

Present:- Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Geoff Field (Secretary), Mike Taylor (Treasurer), Jimmy Jones (National/Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), Keryl Williams (Welsh Speed and Hillclimb Championship), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman), Dave Evison (National Forest Championship), Neil Fuller (Southern Centre Chairman), Kevin Witton (FLO North Wales), John Surrige (Road Rally Championship Secretary), Jim Jones (Northern Centre Competitions Committee Representative), Dorian Evans (Southern Centre Competitions Committee Representative)

Delegates from the following Clubs:

60 & Worcs MC, Burnham on Sea MC, Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC, Welsh Border CC, Broughton & Bretton MC, Forresters CC, Blackwood & Dist MC, Brecon MC, HERO, Beacons MC, Ystradgynlais Overland Club, Swansea MC, BARC Wales, Welsh Counties CC, South Wales Kit & Sports CC, International Rally Drivers Club, Gwendraeth Valley MC, Lampeter & Dist MC, Amman & Dist MC, SWAC.

1. Apologies: Mike Vokes (Knutsford & Dist MC), North Wales CC, Andy Lewis, Phil Jones, Rob Baldwin, Jerry Herbert, Phil Mills, Gethin Rees, Keith Ashley, Chris Summerfield, Whitchurch MC, Llanelli MC, Ceri Morgan.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM:

Acceptance of the 2011 minutes:

Proposed: Dave Evison Seconded: Jim Jones

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 None.

4. Centre Reports:

North – This years Northern Centre AGM and General Meeting was held on the 14th of March at the Vaenol Fawr Hotel, Bodelwyddan.

Motorsport in our area has had a rather varied 2011. Due to a lack of entries, it is regrettable that some Tarmacadam events had to be cancelled or ran with a much reduced field. Needless to say, Clubs can only do this for a limited amount of time, and to this end some have decided that it does not make economic sense to continue making a loss and consequently will not commit to running in 2012. We can all sympathise with their predicament and I trust that we shall see them back again in the future. It was also noted that a couple of road rallies elected to run with a smaller field's, but were well run on the night.

On a brighter note, entries were still strong on the more established road rallies, as it was for the forest stage rallies. As previously reported, WRGB proved to be a huge success, locally. Hopefully, the 2012 route should be confirmed soon, putting an end to all the speculation.

Turning to Sporting events, I am delighted to report that a number of clubs are showing a great deal of interest in organising PCT's and Autotests, something we should all encourage.

As you know Howard Davies is now the MSA Go-Motorsport representative for the northern half of Wales. He has now teamed up with Chris Evans and they are taking the message into schools in the Gwynedd and Meirioneth area and are looking to expand into other parts of the region.

I would take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last 12 months.

Notably, Our North Wales RLO – John Davies, and the FLO – John Wood who retired this last year after a number of year's service and Kevin Witton who took over at very short notice.

Finally, my particular thanks should go to my two colleagues, our well informed Vice-Chairman Dave Evison and our excellent Secretary – Ros Goodall, who were, like me, re-elected to their respective posts for the forthcoming year.

South – The AGM was well attended, with the current officers being re-elected for 2012, in a packed room once again at the White Lion.

Championship secretaries present gave championship reports with other championship reports being read out.

A discussion took place with regard to the adverse Police presence on the Gremlin Rally. As we had not heard from Brecon Motor Club, the chairman called a halt to the debate and decided that we should leave it to the officials of Brecon Motor Club to talk to the police and only step in if we are asked to do so by the organising club.

We also discussed the RLO report from Andrew Thomson as he is unhappy with the quality and inconsistency of the paperwork that he is receiving. The chairman informed the meeting that he is now copied in to the replies that Andrew sends out to clubs.

Discussion also took place with regard to the merits for use of the 0.5 metre or 2 metre sound test for road rallies.

Ryland James informed members of an Autosport show that has been arranged for June 2nd & 3rd at Pembrey Circuit by the owners. Clubs are invited to come along (for free) and set up a stand to promote your club and motorsport in your area

Date of next meeting 29th May

5. Chairman's Report:

Paul thanked the officials of the association for their hard work during the past year. It is sometimes a lonely thankless task with open criticism on the forum etc. this is not helped by the forum master writing contentious items in the Motorsports news. This unfortunately sets the standard for the other posting contributors.

The previous year has gone well with close competition in the championships right until the last round. The road rally was well contested with full entries on each round. We have been fortunate to attract 3 new sponsors for our championships this year. The main Police meeting was another good PR exercise although Dyfed Powys once again failed to turn up. The RLO,s and FLO,s did a good job during the year, particular thanks to Phil Jones who has had a testing time with the allocation of military land etc.

This will be a challenging year for Motorsport in Wales but with the officials we have I am sure we will remain the home of rallying etc.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Mike presented printed copies of the Annual Accounts for all to see. It shows a situation where we are in slight profit for the year and this is down to continuing monitoring of our expenditure. We are NOT here to make a profit, but must be able to maintain a comfortable level of finance. Interest rates are very poor, so the income generated is affected by this. Thankfully, the venues for the centre meetings are now available free of charge, which helps to balance the books. We don't want to put membership fees up and will avoid that for as long as it takes.

7. Questions to the Treasurer:

Dave Thomas asked why there were miscellaneous expenses shown against the Southern Centre and none shown for the Northern Centre. Mike answered that they had been combined into one figure, as he thought it was easier to manage and input.

8. Election of Officers:

Nominations are:

President	Phil Mills
Vice President	Frank Williams
Chairman	Paul Loveridge
General Secretary	Geoff Field
Treasurer	Mike Taylor
Accountants	Thomas, Isaacs and Co.

Voted for en-bloc – Proposed : Jim Jones Seconded:John Surridge. All agreed.

9.0 Any Other Business:

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting closed at 13.55 hrs.