

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 14th April 2013 at 13.30 hrs. The venue will be the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells.

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Geoff Field
WAMC Secretary

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs, at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, on Sunday 27th January 2013.

Present: Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Geoff Field (Secretary), Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones (Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), Dave Evison (MSA National Forest Championship).

Delegates from the following Clubs: Newtown & Dist AC, Severn Valley MC, 116 CC, Llanelli & Dist MC, Welsh Border CC, Port Talbot MC, Marches 4 X 4, Swansea MC, BARC Wales, International Rally Drivers Club, Brecon MC, Maesteg MC, Amman & Dist MC, South Wales AC.

1. Apologies:

Ceri Morgan, Andy Lewis, Neil Fuller, Kevin Witton, Phil Jones, Jim Jones, Gwyn Reynolds-Jones, Phil Mills, Keith Ashley, Mike Taylor, John Surrige, Wyn Edwards, Gethin Rees. Teifi Valley MC, Rob Baldwin, Wyn Edwards

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed: Dave Thomas Seconded: Dave Evison

3. Matters Arising from those minutes not covered by this agenda:

None.

4. Membership Applications:

Bristol Pegasus MC had requested membership of the WAMC, as they run events in the Sprint & Hillclimb Championship, along with WCCC and Swansea MC. They had set out to attend the WAMC meeting, but broken head gasket had scuppered their progress. Alun Morgan and Rob John were happy to speak up for them, in their absence.

Proposed: Rob John Seconded: Dave Thomas – all agreed.

Paul welcomed them to the WAMC and Geoff will inform Mike Taylor, so that he can send them an invoice.

5. MSA Delegates Reports:

Regional Committee (Geoff Field)

No meetings since our last meeting. The next one is in February 2013.

MSA Rallies Committee (Paul Loveridge)

No meetings since our last meeting. The next one is in February 2013.

6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:

Copies of the current situation were handed out, in Mike's absence. There were some comments on the figures and Geoff explained that he had been tasked to contact Mike and ask for a clearer breakdown of some of the Championship figures. That information would be added to these minutes, prior to distribution.

7. Centre Reports:

Southern Centre:

No Officers from the Southern Centre were present at the meeting, but the minutes from the last meeting have already been distributed to member clubs.

Northern Centre:

Due to the floods in the St Asaph area, The last meeting had be changed to 'The Bull ' in Abergele at very short notice, Despite this it was a very well attended meeting, with a number of items being discussed, In particular :-

*.....The overuse of certain parts of North Wales Maps.

*.....The 2m Noise test.

Because of the feeling of the room, It was decided to hold a Clerk of Course meeting for all Road Rallies held in North Wales and also hold a Noise test similar to the one held in Lampeter. These duly took place at the Waterloo Hotel and at the Station Car park, Betws y Coed on Tuesday the 22nd of January.

The noise test commenced at 6pm and, together with an informal test the previous week, the failure rate was in the region of 30%.

The C of C Meeting proved to be extremely beneficial to everybody, with everybody having an opportunity to explain what areas they want to use and the reasons why, what problems they were experiencing from their dealings with the MSA, RLO's, Police and the Public en-route.

As the meeting progressed it became less formal with a good exchange of views and advice, such as making PR improvements to area's surrounding halfway halts, Efforts to have competitors spend less actual time at halfway, ie reduce the number of competitors at the pumps, It was felt that we need to concentrate on this as it is becoming more difficult to find adequate fuel halts.

As the meeting closed, the opinion of the room was that it had been a worthwhile exercise and it was agreed to hold another meeting in early November.

To return to the centre meeting, Nominations were received for the election of officers to both the Northern Centre and the Main WAMC,

I am pleased to inform you that all the current officers were nominated en-block.

Harlech MC informed the meeting that discussions had been held between themselves and the owners of the former RAF base at Llanbedr, Harlech. I am delighted to announce that the first Tarmac Rally is now scheduled for the May Bank Holiday weekend, at what should be an excellent venue boasting 9 mile stages on perfect tarmac alongside one of the most beautiful Beaches in Wales. So come along with your speedo's, bucket and spade for what should be a brilliant weekend.

Since the meeting we have had a great deal of press speculation as to the venue for this years WRGB, Should they decide to hold the event in North Wales, we would be delighted to assist in any way. However I do feel that WRGB should liaise more closely with the WAMC rather than individual clubs, as has occurred previously.

8. Nominations for AGM:

Chairman: Paul Loveridge

Treasurer: Mike Taylor

Secretary: Geoff Field

Northern Centre:

Chairman: Gwyn Reynolds-Jones

Vice Chairman: Dave Evison

Secretary: Ros Goodall

Southern Centre:

Due to an oversight, the nominations for the AGM had been missed out, so the Southern Centre has requested that clubs send in nominations by Tuesday 19th February at the latest.

9. Championship Reports:

Forest National:

Regulations/Registration forms are now available on the website, with all previous contenders notified. Registrations have been received including last year's champion Matt Edwards.

A press release issued through Peter Hughes Media in December immediately generated good

interest in the social media networks (a rise of some 30% in our followers) and the article achieved full page coverage in North Wales Daily Post amongst others. A further two articles are planned before the season starts.

Dave can also report that relations with Motorsports News have improved, so far.

A meeting with the Rally North Wales organising committee took place 8th Jan. enabled us to feed back our requirements and contenders comments, proved worthwhile.

As stated previously Pirelli are sponsoring the 2013 championship and with Tyre vouchers to be won with on events draws.

Dave will also reiterate the point that this is NOT a control tyre championship.

We have also just secured some packages for on event draws through Prodrive, which are very worthwhile prizes.

The first event is the Wyedean 9th Feb followed by the Mid Wales, on Sunday 3rd March.

Forest Clubmans:

Regulations are now available for 2013 and a copy has been sent to all 2012 registered contenders. The regulations also went live on the WAMC web site on Monday 17th December.

We have already received enquiries from potential new contenders to the championship this year. A number of last year's contenders have registered for the championship this year again

This year we have a six round championship with the best four scores to count.

Feed back at present is very positive with a fairly even spread of events date and geographically

Championship Calendar 2013

3 th March	Mid Wales Stages	Newtown & Dist. A. C.
18 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M. C.
15 th June	Severn Valley Rally	Midland Manor M. C.
21 st July	Coracle Stages	Carmarthen M C / Epynt M. C.
31 st August	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcester M. C.
19 th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C. C.
Reserve Event		
13 th July	Nicky Grist Stages	Quinton M. C.

Tarmacadam:

There has been a lot of interest in this year's championship and Ceri has received four registrations to date.

The first round of the WAMC Steve Harkness Competition Tyres Welsh-National Tarmacadam Championship 2013 is The Welsh Dragon Tyres Rali Cwm Gwendraeth on Sunday 10th February.

Historic:

With the championship having finished prior to the last WAMC meeting there is nothing to report on results.

Brian Dennis our championship sponsor will be attending the awards evening on the 26th January

Rob did attend the HRCR open day at Gaydon on 12th January where it was well supported by organisers, championships and public and he had 8 contenders sign up to the championship with a promise of 10 more on the opening round.

By the date of this meeting our own WAMC championship show will have taken place where Rob feels confident that the report will be likewise to above.

Speed:

Since taking over the role of secretary in mid November 2012 Wyn Edwards has had a busy time and faced a steep learning curve!

2013 Rounds:

A total of 24 rounds have been agreed with the organising clubs. He has tried to arrange a spread of rounds across Wales and the West of England, to hopefully attract more competitors from North Wales, the Borders and the North West (the championship has, previously, been dominated by competitors from South and West Wales).

The rounds are as follows:

Date	Type of Event	Organising Club	Venue
10 March	Sprint	Chester M. C.	Ty Croes (Anglesey)
17 March	Sprint	B A R C (Midlands)	Mallory Park
13 April	Hillclimb	HADLCC	Loton Park
14 April	Hillclimb	HADLCC	Loton Park
27 April	Sprint	Liverpool M. C.	Aintree
4 May	Sprint	Lancs & Cheshire C. C.	Ty Croes (Anglesey National)
5 May	Sprint	Lancs & Cheshire C. C. / MGCC (NW)	Ty Croes (Anglesey International)
11 May	Sprint	W C C C & Bristol M C / MGCC (NW)	Llandow
12 May	Hillclimb	Swansea M C	Llys y Fran
1 June	Sprint	BARC (Wales)	Pembrey
2 June	Sprint	BARC (Wales)	Pembrey
15 June	Hillclimb	Brecon M C	Epynt
16 June	Hillclimb	Brecon M C	Epynt
22 June	Sprint	Bristol M C	Castle Combe
29 June	Sprint	Liverpool M. C.	Aintree
27 July	Sprint	BARC (Wales)	Llandow
28 July	Hillclimb	Swansea M C	Llys y Fran
10 August	Sprint	B A R C (Midlands)	Curborough
31 August	Sprint	Lancs & Cheshire C. C. / MGCC (NW)	Ty Croes (Anglesey National)
1 September	Sprint	Lancs & Cheshire C. C. / MGCC (NW)	Ty Croes (Anglesey International)
7 September	Hillclimb	Burnham M C / Bristol M C / Taunton M C	Wiscombe Park
8 September	Hillclimb	Burnham M C / Bristol M C / Taunton M C	Wiscombe Park
5 October	Sprint	B A R C (Midlands)	Curborough
2 November	Sprint	B A R C (Midlands)	Mallory Park

The venues:



Classes

The Sprint & Hillclimb Championship is probably unique in having a class for just about anything! Hopefully this will help in encouraging newcomers to the sport and enticing competitors from other disciplines into the world of speed events.

Supplementary Regulations

The supplementary regulations have been agreed in principle with the MSA – it's been a time consuming process and I am just awaiting the final "sign off" before publishing the regulations.

Sponsors

Trident Engineering Llanelli (Mike and Gareth Griffiths) have continued with their sponsorship of the championship. I've not been able to contact the other main sponsor (Mike Bartlett) but have continued on the basis that his support will continue.

We are fortunate to have another sponsor for 2013 – Raintite – run by a former competitor Dave Thomas. Dave has agreed to sponsor a Drivers' Driver award which will be awarded to the competitor voted as the best driver by the other competitors. The prize will be a day at the Shelsley Walsh Speed School.

Next Steps

Once the Supplementary Regulations are approved by the MSA, they will be published on the web site, emailed to all competitors who have supplied an email address and posted to other competitors (using an online mailing company which provides the cheapest and most environmentally friendly printing / postage methods).

Since Wyn had compiled this report, two rounds (Loton Park) have been lost as the organisers have refused to pay the WAMC Championship fee.

Autotest:

No report received. Lee Matthews has expressed an interest in running this championship again in 2013 and this has been agreed, but it has to be run in the same manner as other WAMC Championships, in terms of reports being sent on a regular basis and monies being banked in the WAMC account.

Road Rally:

The 2013 Road Rally Championship has received financial support from the Basic Roamer Co. As well as an initial sponsorship amount, they are also looking to provide some awards.

To date, registrations have been received from 9 drivers and seven navigators. The 2m noise test is proving to be controversial as expected and it will be interesting to see how competitors fare on the Cambrian Rally this weekend.

Ludlow Castle Motor Club have informed me that they do not wish their event to form part of the 2013 Championship as they cannot find a Clerk of Course with enough experience to run a Championship event. This means that the Championship will now consist of 10 Rounds.

John has received a request from a competitor to allow him to run his car with a handbrake extension, despite the Regs clearly stating that they are not permitted. His reason is that having fitted a competition seat, he cannot now reach the handbrake (parking brake) without an extension. When John reminded him that it was not permitted to use the handbrake whilst travelling on the public highway, he replied that he only uses it on off-road sections!!

Rob John stated that a number of vehicles had failed the noise test because they had no internal body trim or under-bonnet sound proofing.

Some considerable discussion took place about an event that took place in the northern Centre, where the Environmental Scrutineer had been instructed, by the RLO, to re-test cars that had failed the 2m noise test with the 0.5m test so that they could run. This action is clearly outside the scope of his role, but the claim is that he had been instructed to do that by Ian Davis, at the MSA.

This needs some clarification and Paul & Geoff will be looking for an explanation, in writing, from Ian Davies and Simon Fowler.

It is also clear that the RLO rules for the northern & southern areas aren't the same, for noise testing, which is creating issues for the Environmental Scrutineers.

There is a Police meeting, in Llandovery on Tuesday 29th January 2013, where everyone is encouraged to attend and put their concerns to the RLO. Geoff will also invite John Davies to attend this meeting.

Club Championship:

2012 results

Welsh Border C. C.	300
H. R. C. R.	236
Teify Valley M. C.	221
Ross & District M. C.	204
Swansea M. C.	201
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	162
Port Talbot M. C.	160
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	139
Ludlow Castle M. C.	136
Dovey Valley M. C.	129
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	126
Forest Of Dean M. C.	123
Forresters C. C.	104
W. & S. S. C. C.	98
Heads of Valley A. C.	83
North Wales C. C.	75
Pembrokeshire M. C.	67
Brecon M. C.	65
Carmarthen M. C.	59
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	57
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	48

Southern C. C.	33
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	30
Duffryn Tywi	29
Herefordshire M. C.	29
Three Counties Car Club	26
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	25
Amman & Dist. M. C.	24
Cheltenham M. C.	23
Bridgend A. C.	16
Llanelli & District M. C.	16
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	13
Harlech & District M. C.	13
Sutton & Cheam M. C.	13
Whitchurch M. C.	13
Quinton M. C.	11
Caernarfon & Anglesey M. C.	10
Burnham on Sea M. C.	9
Clwyd Vale M. C.	9
South Hams M. C.	8
Knutsford & District M. C.	7
Knighton M. C.	6

Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	48	Blackwood & Dist. M. C.	3
Bala & District M. C.	47	Warrington M C	3
Tregaron M. C.	36	Kidwelly M C	2
Ecurie Cymraeg M. C.	35	Telford A. C.	1

King of Epynt:

No Report received.

Junior Championship:

Dorian apologised for the seemingly slow progress on the Junior Challenge for 2013, but he is now able to confirm the rounds for the challenge.

After the news that Gwendraeth Valleys Road Rally will unfortunately not be running in 2013, Ammanford MC's Mel Harries Memorial Rally will now take its place, and will be the second round of the challenge.

The Supplementary regs are more or less complete, and Dorian intends to be present for the Championship open day on the 19th.

He has been talking with a good few potential competitors, although nothing is concrete yet, but he will be making much more of an effort in the coming weeks, and asking the secretaries of the other championship for a LOT of advice on various things. Dorian apologised in advance for pestering!!

The dates for the qualifying rounds are as follows:

1	Hill Climb	May12th	Llys-y-Fran	Swansea MC
2.	Road Rally	May 18 th /19 th	Mel Harries	Ammanford MC
3.	Road Rally	June 1st/2nd	EagleRally	Newtown & District MC
4.	Hill Climb	June 15th	Epynt	Brecon MC.
5.	Autotest	July 14th	Pontrhydfendigaid	Lampeter & District MC
6.	Sprint	July 27th	Llandow	British Automobile Racing Club
7.	Sprint	August 31st	Ty-Croes	Lancashire & Cheshire Car Club
8.	Autotest	Sept 21st	Credenhill	Ross & District Motor Sports Club

Cross Country Events:

Quiet, at the moment. People are preparing their vehicles now. The cost is £1500 for the series.

[Britpart MSA Cross Country Championship 2013 Timetable.](#)

Run by Marches 4x4 Motorsport, the series known as the British Cross Country Championship

20 - 21 April.

Round 1, Pikes Peak, near LLangurig.

11 - 12 May.

Round 2, Ceri Forest, near Newtown.

8 - 9 June.

Round 3, Forrest Lodge, Dumfries, Scotland.

27 - 28 July.

Round 4, Radnor Forest.

14 - 15 September.

Round 5, Penllyn Forest, near Bala.

19 - 20 October.

Round 6, Walters Arena, Glyneath.

Entry: £1500.00 for six two days events, best of five counting towards the championship.

10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:

Kevin Witton:

Kevin apologised for his absence. This was due to a number of things that he needed to complete for rally north wales. As for the FLO report there are a couple of issues due to Marches 4x4 changing dates but other than that no real problems.

Keith Ashley:

From the South Wales viewpoint, all events have been accommodated. Resolven is no longer available, for about three years, as a result of the windfarm programme.

There is sufficient plantation available for a route to be used for the Swansea Bay and Neath Valley Stages.

One event made a direct approach to the FC and MSA, without going through the correct process, about the quality of the roads available to them, and this has created a problem.

The Red Kite was postponed due to the severe weather conditions and an alternative date of the 7th September will be made to the WAMC. Keith has asked that no financial penalty is applied to the organisers, which the MSA has agreed to.

Phil Mills mentioned that there is a PR problem on Epynt, at the moment, which is a major issue and could mean the loss of the venue if the Mewla and the Red Kite are in the same area within a week of each other.

The MOD personnel (Ed and Peter) will be out observing the event, and it has been proposed that the WAMC will send a team of DSO's out to monitor it. This might also include the use of a hired speed gun.

Neil Henderson:

No report received.

10. Route Liaison Officer Reports:

It was suggested that there should be a reasonable notification period from RLO's for any rule changes, prior to their introduction, to allow competitors to make the changes to their vehicles.

North Wales – John Davies:

No report received.

South Wales – Andrew Thomson:

No report received.

12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports

Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:

Phil explained what had been happening with the issue that came about on the Mewla Rally. Organisers of events on MOD property are reminded that they MUST get their routes in to Peter Davies at least 3 months before the date of the event and they must attend the Range Conference meeting (deconfliction meeting) which is always held in Sennybridge on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30 a.m.

Pembrey – Gethin Rees

Nothing to report yet, as the season hasn't started. There are some training dates in February – speak to Phil Davies at the circuit for details of that.

Yearbook:

Printed and distribution started yesterday, at the Awards Dinner.

13. Competition Committee Report:

The new Website is now up and running – www.wamc.org.uk. Everything else comes under its own heading.

14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:

The latest dates list will be issued with these minutes.

The Red Kite will have a new date – to be advised. A request for the event to be observed will be carried out when the new date is known.

15. Correspondence:

Geoff: Minutes of various MSA committees, MSA magazine, MSA Yearbooks and Accounts, List of MSA Licenced Clerks & Stewards seminar dates, Forestry Allocations for 2013, emails re: LARA membership - £150 per year, SCW correspondence re: Gay & Lesbians in sport and forms for Elite Cymru, membership application enquiries from 3 clubs, request from Amman & Dist MC for the Red Kite to be observed for inclusion in the WAMC Championships, A number of items, relating to the problem with Martin Davies, following an incident on the Mewla Rally in 2012, have been received. This issue is ongoing and has potentially serious implications for motor sport on MOD property and relates to “perceived” bad driving from some competitors – not something that Epynt Motor Club have done.

16. Year Book Amendments:

None.

17. Any other business:

17.1 Huw Jones had asked why his name isn't in the list of WAMC eligibility scrutineers. He will be advised that this was as a result of receiving information that he didn't want to be included, but can be considered for inclusion next year as it is too late to change the regulations for 2013.

17.2 The championship show was postponed as a result of snow and the response from people to the new date hasn't been good. Jimmy will email everyone again tonight, to see if he can encourage some additional attendance or the event might be cancelled. He is very disappointed with this.

The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

18. Date and venue of next meeting – 14th April 2013, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.