

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 14th July 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 14th April 2013.

Present: Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Wyn Edwards (Sprint & Hillclimb Championship), Dorian Evans (Junior Challenge), Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones (Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), John SurrIDGE (Road Rally Championship), Neil Fuller (Southern Centre Chairman), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman), Rebecca Richards (Southern Centre Secretary)

Delegates from the following Clubs: Lampeter, 116 Car Club, Swansea, H.E.R.O, MSA council, Broughton & Bretton MC, Quinton MC, IMS, Whitchurch MC, Herefordshire MC, Llanelli & District MC, Ecurie Cymraeg, Forresters C.C, BARC Wales, IRDC

1. Apologies: Andy Lewis, Rob Baldwin, Phil Jones, Ceri Morgan, Geoff Field, CSMA, Bath MC, Jim Jones, Jerry Herbert, Gethin Rees.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed: Jimmy Jones Seconded: Gwyn Reynolds-jones

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

None.

4. Membership Applications:

None.

5. MSA Delegates Reports:

Geoff Field - Regional Committee:

Most of the discussion at this meeting concerned the Inter-Association competitions. A list of these is being compiled and I will circulate it as soon as I get it. We should try to encourage competitors from the various disciplines to enter a team on behalf of the WAMC, as we appear to be the Region with the least number of entries, on previous competitions.

Colin Hilton gave an update on various issues, including the new deal reached with the WAG for continued support for WRGB, Closed Road Rallying, Insurance, MSA Website updates.

Allan Dean-Lewis updated delegates on a variety of items including:

- Licensed Official Seminars for 2013 are just past the half way mark (held 8 from a total of 14). This year separate Scrutineers and Timekeepers seminars are running alongside several of the main meetings. Allan advised that this was his 18th year working with the seminars and he was stepping back somewhat alongside a slightly revised team and he was not attending all the seminars this year.

- Last year we made a total of 82 awards from the Club Development Fund (CDF) and Rescue Development Fund (RDF). The Board had agreed an uplift in our budget for 2012 and the 57 awards to CDF totalled £123k and the 25 awards to RDF totalled £94k – this contribution of £217k provided £600k of investment into the sport which was excellent. Thanks are extended to the Board who have again approved a similar increased budget for 2013 when we have the 'Year of the Volunteer' and already the first round of awards have been approved with 10 to CDF projects and 9 from the RDF totalling £30k. It was noted that Rescue Vehicles must carry a vacuum mattress from 2014 (recommended for 2013) and the awards panel have agreed a fixed price grant of £300 to assist the purchase where necessary.

- The 2013 Club and Marshal of the Year awards are being considered and following review it has been agreed to change the 'Marshal' award to a 'Volunteer of the Year' Award which will allow nomination from a wider section of our volunteers in the sport. It was noted that last year the Winning Club of the Year was Shenington Kart Club and this was only the second time that a Kart Club had received this accolade.

- Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks are now completed as the 'Disclosure and Barring Service'. This is moving to an online facility and MSA Stewards and several Regional representatives are being asked to sign up as 'verifiers' – recent communications have been sent accordingly.
- Club Child Protection Officer training is being planned for 2013.
- Regional Association visits - a programme of planned visits to Regional Association meetings by MSA representatives is being co-ordinated and will commence shortly.
- Motor Club Manual – James Tattersall at MSA has completed work on separating the various sections of the Motor Club Manual on the website so it is now possible to open only the section you wish to read rather than the full document which was proving a distraction.
- The Women in Motorsport group has an increasing number of members and future meetings will have a rotation of membership to provide fresh ideas and give more people an opportunity to be part of an MSA group. Allan explained that there would always be a 'common core' of members and Tracey Louise Muir would continue as the National Co-ordinator.
- Worldwide Training under the FIA schemes is being provided for 19 countries around the world during 2013 including such places as Barbados, Ivory Coast and Croatia, etc.

Geoff Field - Rallies Committee:

Route Note Suppliers – Ian Davis advised that there are about 6 formal applications awaiting approval. This should be finalised by now.

Seats/Seat Belts – The report on these is being finalised and will be announced soon. As soon as I get it, I will send it out to everyone.

A request for an increase in average speeds on events had been received, again, but it is too early to discuss that with the Insurance Company.

A proposal had been received which advises competitors to carry two seat belt cutters in competing cars, which had to be easily accessible – this was agreed, on the grounds of safety.

Historic Committee have been asked to review the requirement for 70 profile tyres on Stage Rallies.

The feasibility study into less-aggressive tyres for forestry rallying is ongoing, with more tyre companies now becoming interested in this.

Tracking of Rally cars, through stages, was discussed at length, with particular reference to a system that is being used in Australia. This system was going to be demonstrated on the Red Kite Stages, but this event was unfortunately cancelled. They were able however to make a brief presentation at Motor Sports House. Such a system uses satellite data to transmit vehicle information back to HQ and, if there is coverage, it can also use the GSM network.

This system is proven and it is used in a lot of National Rallies in Australia. This maybe a system that could be used in this country but costs are unclear at present.

Historic (Paul Loveridge): I will start off by thanking all the association officers for their hard work and dedication to promote and administer motorsport in Wales. The championship secretaries have carried out excellent work during the year in making their individual championships a success. Most of the championships went down to the last round to crown the winner. The registrations have stayed generally the same as last year. The website has been updated and refreshed, this has been well received.

Council (Paul Loveridge): The debate on the lifting of competition seats is drawing to a close. John Symes is compiling all the test results which will be published via MSA council. Another long debate took place regarding cutting of corners on race circuits. Circuit owner Jonathon Palmer was present to explain the situation and the costs incurred.

Championship steering group: No report

Road rally working group: No report

6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:

- Bottom line shows a profit of £ 2607.53
- Profits almost entirely due to Pirelli National Championship sponsorship.
- Bank interest. Still low, even by investing with a different bank.
- Meeting room fees are for the “Metropole” and the various “Police meetings” in the South & North.
- Corporation tax as, I mentioned last year, continued to be much less due to the reduced amount of unearned interest gained.
- Other cost cutting measures have already been instigated and are on-going to ensure that the accounts remain “in the black” for 2013 and going forward, without the need to increase fees etc.
- Unfortunately one or two clubs have decided to “drop from” the Sprint & Hillclimb Championship because they don’t consider our charge per event gives them a good return. One club has decided to resign from the WAMC for that reason.

7. Centre Reports:

Southern Centre:

On behalf of all the members the Southern Centre, the Chairman thanked all the Officers of the WAMC for their continued hard work behind the scenes to make the WAMC the foremost Association for motorsport. The Chairman also thanked John Surridge and Bex Richards for their support with the successful running of the Southern Centre.

The Chairman explained that Bex started the secretary’s post mid way through last year and has gone through a steep learning curve. Her enthusiasm for her role as secretary and support to the Southern Centre is really appreciated. We all agree that she is doing a great job.

Again the majority of events that have been organised have been of a high quality and well supported by our members for 2012/2013. The poor economic climate means that we all have to be more active in making sure our events are cost effective and offer value for money as competitors are becoming even more selective when choosing events.

The chairman reminded clubs that the continued success within the Southern Centre has been our willingness to work together to promote motorsport. He commented that we must not lose sight of this and we must continue to liaise with each other, the RLO and the MSA to ensure that we are the driving force in motorsport.

Finally the Chairman thanked members for attending Southern Centre meetings. Attendance at meetings is high and has continued throughout 2012-13.

Northern Centre:

The Northern Centre AGM was held at The Bull Hotel Abergele on Wed the 13th of March and despite the weather conditions was reasonably well attended by local clubs.

I can confirm that Ros Goodall , Dave Evison and Myself were re-elected as Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Northern Centre .

The meeting also confirmed their nomination of officers to the WAMC , namely

Chairman – Paul Loveridge
Gen Secretary – Geoff Field
Treasurer – Mike Taylor.

As regards to the previous twelve months, And despite the gloomy financial forecasts and rising fuel prices, 2012 has proved to be a fairly successful year for motorsport in North Wales. Production Car Trials in particular have been popular thanks to the enthusiasm of organising clubs hopefully we can attract even more competitors to what is a really great day out for all the family.

As regards to Road Rallying the past year has somewhat difficult for a couple of clubs, However those problems are now behind them and i am sure they will be making every effort next time on their respective events.

Road Rallies over the year have had very little PR or Police complaints, And have been very well run on the whole, That is thanks to the Organising Clubs and the hard work undertaken by them to make their events successful.

For a number of years we have had a shortage of good tarmac venues in the northern part of wales, Fortunately Harlech MC have been able to secure the use of the old RAF Llanbedr airfield for two tarmac stage events this year, The first on the 26th of May, This is truly a first class venue and I am sure you will all support it by either competing or marshalling , Where better to spend a may weekend !

September brought the WRGB to Conwy and proved to be so successful, We all know that it will be based in North Wales this year, With the start in Conwy, Service at Toyota in Deeside. And using North and Mid Wales stages. Hopefully we shall see the rally centred in north wales for some years to come.

On a sad note, It was in October, That we all learnt of the passing of John 'Bont' Roberts, John was a much admired competitor, Who could mix it with the very best, Many of us had the honour of paying our last respects at his funeral and at the minutes silence at the start of the Cambrian, John will be missed by us all, A true character and a proud Welshman.

Finally, I would like to personally thank our Vice Chairman Dave Evison, our Secretary Ros Goodall Together with our RLO John Davies and our FLO Kevin Witton for all their assistance during the past twelve Months

8. Championship Reports:

Forest National:

2013 Registrations to-date:- 91 (83) Drivers 50 (43) Co Drivers 41 (40)

Categories are well supported Group N, 12, Juniors 11, 2WD 23

The least supported class is the U1200 as in 2012, with all other classes having at least three contenders.

Round 1- Wyedean, Contenders 67, Drivers 35, Co Drivers 32.

Lower entry attracted comment compared to previous years. The new signing on room at the racecourse was excellent. The Event itself ran well although the wet weather resulted in one of the highest attrition rates in the events history. Some comment was received about time card format, and road timing. Perhaps it is time to adopt a recognised uniform timecard, certainly that would benefit results teams who cover the majority of events. Changes to the organising team generally worked well.

Round 2 Mid Wales Stages, Contenders 51, Drivers 24, Co Drivers 27.

A new round for 2013 the Sunday format, town centre start, low road mileage and excellent stages is well received, a round of several other championships ensured a strong entry.

It has been acknowledged that the communication system for results will be improved for next year.

Round 3 Rally North Wales- Postponed. New Date, TBC. The officials of the event took the sensible decision to postpone the event on the Monday prior, due to heavy snowfall across Mid & North Wales.

133 Entries had been received at the time

After two events Luke Francis and John Roberts North Wales lead not only Overall but Group N and the Under 25, Will Onions and Dave Williams lead the Two wheel Drive, The full points table can be viewed on the website, together with championship reports from each round.

A banner frame and banners were purchased as agreed in the last meeting, in time for both events.

Junior programme, good progress being made with two trips to tour Prodrive planned with a chance to meet and discuss car preparation with technicians. Any funding requirement will be met out of the donation by Bob Francis Crane Hire Rhuddlan.

Press and Publicity for the championship has resulted in an increased profile, particularly in North Wales, increased registrations from that area. On both previous rounds the championship newsletter has been issued with reports of increased spectator numbers, particularly on the Mid Wales.

The next round will be the Plains on the 18th May

Forest Clubmans:

This year saw the highest number of pre first round registrations since 2004. We believe this is down to the championship being restricted to 2 Wheel Drive cars. There were 21 registrations before the first round out of which over 50% are new contenders to the Championship.

The first round of the In Car Services Welsh Clubman's 2 Wheel Drive Forest Rally Championship was the Mid Wales Stages hosted by Newtown & District Automobile Club on Sunday 3rd March.

With registrations taken at the event, total registrations now stand at 42 after the first round.

There are 21 drivers, 21 Co Drivers, 3 under 25 Drivers, 2 under 25 Co drivers, 9 over 50 Drivers, 6 Over 50 Co Drivers.

Signing on, Scrutineering etc. was all done on the Sunday morning for the Clubman's section of the event which crews appreciate as it keeps costs down.

The event started late morning from the centre of Newtown which was very well received all round by competitors, service crews and spectators.

There then followed a long road section before the competitors started 4 stages in close proximity to each other with a central service at Sweet Lamb before returning to Newtown late afternoon.

The Championship looks to be a very close battle this year as Jimmy Nickolas / Tim Hobbs in a Vauxhall Corsa 1400cc are 3rd overall in the championship and setting a strong challenge early in the Championship.

Current Championship Positions

Overall

Dylan Davies	Llion "Tractor" Williams	Ford Escort
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Front Wheel Drive Category

Jimmy Nicholas	Tim Hobbs	Vauxhall Corsa
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Rear Wheel Drive Category

Dylan Davies	Llion "Tractor" Williams	Ford Escort
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Class 1

Jimmy Nicholas	Tim Hobbs	Vauxhall Corsa
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Class 2

Ian Jones

Class 3
Dylan Davies Llion "Tractor" Williams Ford Escort

Class 4
Colin Webb Matt Rogers B M W 325

Class 6
David Lloyd Roberts Dei Jones Ford Escort

Under 25 Driver
Dylan Davies

Under 25 Co Driver
Chris Davies

Senior Driver
Terry Brown

Senior Co Driver
Tim Hobbs

Remaining rounds in the Championship

18 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M.C.
15 th June	Severn Valley National 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

The best 4 scores to count

Tarmacadam:

Can I ask you to give my apologies and bring a point up as I'm at the fourth round of the Tarmacadam Championship on the day of the AGM - the point is competitors will not join the Championship as they can't get tickets for the presentation night (same old story chicken again) need a new venue !!

At the going rate of all class winners i have seven classes equals 42 tickets !!!

Results after Round Three Are As Follows

Class 1:

1st Driver David Morgan 42 Points and Co Driver Johnathan Roberts 25 points

2nd Driver Owain Roberts 34 Points and Co Driver Ryan Jones 24 Points

3rd Driver Huw Beynon 10 Points Thomas Beynon 15 Points

Class 2

1st Driver Hywel Greves 37 Points and Co Driver Jamie Vaughan 30 Points

2nd Driver Richard Bliss 30 Points and Co Driver Marc Clatworthy 27 Points

3rd Driver Dale Clatworthy 24 Points and Co Driver Emma Todd 12 Points

Class 3

1st Driver Steve Davis 36 Points and Co Driver Stuart Powell 27 Points

2nd Driver Richard Merriman 30 Points

2nd Co Driver Kath Curzon and Emma Todd 15 Points

3rd Equal Driver Carl O'Grady and Dave Allmark 22

Class 4

1st Driver Bob Fowden 27 Points

1st Equal Co Driver Paul Wakely and Simon Anthony 15 Points

2nd Driver Dafydd Davies 15 Points

Class 5

1st Driver Mark Thomas 27 Points and Co Driver Jenny Evans 42 Points

2nd Driver Ceri Jones 30 Points and Co Driver Thomas Blair 27 Points

Class 6

1st Driver Len Giles and Co Driver Derrick Walters 45 Points

2nd Driver Mike Pugsley and Co Driver on Adrian Williams 34 Points

3rd Driver Graham Watkins 12 Points Co Driver David Percival 12 Points

Class 7

1st Driver Nathan Jones 39 Points and Co Driver Tim Murphy 27 Points

2nd Driver Ian Kenvin 30 Points

1st Best Under 25 Driver is Dale Clatworthy

1st Ladies Award is Jenny Evans

Historic:

This year's championship has got off to a good start as we now have 41 registered contenders. The Wydean for once this year was snow and frost-free but caught out a number of competitors with the very slippery greasy surface with 6 out of 14 championship crews retiring. The Mid Wales again was a event which had good weather conditions but was bitterly cold with minus 2 and strong winds where 15 championship crews were grateful of the wind to move the dust quickly. Unfortunately the Rally of North Wales did fall foul of the weather with heavy snow fall then freezing with no sign of a thaw the event was postponed.

Following the Mid-Wales positions is as follows

Top 5 Overall

Rikki Proffitt/Phill Harrison 62 points

David Lloyd Roberts/ Dei Jones 60 points

Ken Davies/Alan Jones 46 points

=Gareth James/Steffan Evans 32 points

=Roger Matthews/Paul Morris 32 Points

David Stokes/Guy Weaver 31 points

Next round will be the Lawrence Landfill Stages on the 19th May at Dale.

Speed:

The MSA Permit has, eventually, been issued (Permit no CH2013/S093).

As of today (14th April) we have 23 registered contenders with more expected. Whilst I don't have the previous years' data, I believe the number appears comparable to previous years. There are a wide range of cars entered, ranging from standard production Fiestas to a 300BHP Westfield. This year we have an electric '7' style car (unfortunately this sits in a class with some of the bike-engined specials!)

The first round of the championship took place at a snowy Mallory Park on the 17th April and was attended by three registered competitors.

There are now 19 planned rounds of the championship, as Liverpool MC and Hagley and District Light Car Club have withdrawn their rounds at Aintree and Loton Park. The clubs withdrew their rounds 'in protest' at the fees charged by the WAMC (although these fees have remained unchanged for several years). A revised fee structure has now been agreed with the clubs hosting the remaining events in the championship.

A meeting of all registered competitors and other interested parties will be held in the near future to discuss 2014 regulations (potential venues, class structures etc.).

Autotest:

No report received.

Road Rally:

2 Rounds of the Championship have now run and 82 competitors have registered, 43 Drivers and 39 Navigators. The next round of the Championship is the Bro Teifi which is the night before the meeting, and has a full entry as usual.

DRIVERS - OVERALL POSITIONS				1000 Lanes	Bro Caron	Bro Teifi	Night Owl	Eagle	PK Inemorial	Breidden	Meirion	Rall Mon	Powys Lanes	Total
Name														
STEFAN DAVIES	Driver	Expert	1401-1800	98	100									198
MARK 'GT' ROBERTS	Driver	Expert	OVER 1800	95	98									193
IAN 'DUDE' ROBERTS	Driver	Expert	OVER 1800	94	96									190
GERAINT DAVIES	Driver		OVER 1800	89	93									182
ANDY DAVIES	Driver	Expert	OVER 1800	91	87									178
STEVE KNIBBS	Driver	Expert	1401-1800	88	88									176
LLION REES	Driver	Semi Expert	1401-1800	84	83									167
JOHN GILBEY	Driver	Semi Expert	OVER 1800	80	84									164

NAVIGATORS - OVERALL POSITIONS				1000 Lanes	Bro Caron	Bro Teifi	Night Owl	Eagle	PK Inemorial	Breidden	Meirion	Rall Mon	Powys Lanes	Total
46	DAFYDD EVANS	tor	Expert	1401-1800	98	100								198
47	DYLAN JENKINS	tor	Expert	OVER 1800	95	96								191
48	GWAWR HUGHES	tor	Expert	OVER 1800	94	95								189
49	DILWYN JOHN	tor	Expert	OVER 1800	89	93								182
50	LEE TAYLOR	tor	Expert	OVER 1800	91	88								179
51	GERWYN BARRY	tor	Expert	1401-1800	88	89								177
52	DYLAN ANDREW	tor	Semi Expert		83	87								170
53	ROBERT STEPHENS	tor	Semi Expert		84	84								168
54	HELEN GILBEY	tor	Semi Expert	OVER 1800	81	85								166

Club Championship:

H. R. C. R.	65
Ludlow Castle M. C.	43
North Wales C. C.	38
Ammanford M. C.	32
Forest Of Dean M. C.	29
Forresters C. C.	26
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	25
Welsh Border C. C.	25
Bala & District M. C.	24
Ross & District M. C.	21

Rallystageteam M C	11
Carmarthen M. C.	10
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	9
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	9
Pembrokeshire M. C.	8
Port Talbot M. C.	8
Telford A. C.	8
Dovey Valley M. C.	7
Brecon M. C.	6
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	6

Herefordshire M. C.	20
Llanelli & District M. C.	18
W. & S. S. C. C.	18
Swansea M. C.	16
Teify Valley M. C.	16
Maesteg M. C.	14
Rhyl & District M. C.	12
Tavern M. C.	12

Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	5
Three Counties Car Club	5
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	5
Amman & Dist. M. C.	4
Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	4
Kidwelly M C	3
Llandysul M. C.	2

King of Epynt:

Following the first round the Tour of Epynt we have 32 registered contenders consisting of 19 drivers and 13 Co-Drivers

Next event is Herefordshire MC Mini Epynt on 2nd June regulations will be available on the internet only from 1st May

Points after 1st round are

Drivers:

Reg No.	Name	Tour of Epynt	Total
		Class Points	
Class 1			
D03/2013	Marcus Mullens	80	80
Class 2			
	Darren		
D11/2013	Underwood	79	79
D12/2013	Craig Jose	71	71
D16/2013	Dale Clatworthy	69	69
D15/2013	Ian Sutton	42	42
Class 3			
D02/2013	Geoff Tremlet	36	36
D10/2013	Steve Leonard	80	80
Class 3a			
D08/2013	Graham Watkins	78	78
D19/2013	Sean Crowley	38	38

Class 4			
D09/2013	John Indri	80	80
D05/2013	Toby Adam	68	68
D14/2013	Roger Hicks	62	62
D06/2013	Ian Caddy	44	44
D07/2013	Ian Kenvin	40	40
Class 4a			
D01/2013	Mark Ellis	78	78
D04/2013	Philip Turner	39	39
Class 6			
D20/2013	Kevin Davies	50	50

Junior Challenge:

At last I've had the relevant numbers from the MSA, the Challenge Permit number being 76/2013.

As of today I do not have any registrations but have a few young competitors wanting to register, however some of these will not be old enough to compete as part of the championship until later in the year. Whether they will want to compete on all disciplines will remain to be seen, but I hope to be in double figures at some point during the year. It will be up to me now to find these competitors, and maybe persuade some others to get involved. If anyone you already know is interested then I shall be more than grateful to receive their details.

Ryland James and Howard Davies are keen for Go Motorsport to be involved, and are in the process of arranging a competition to allow viewer's or S4C's Ralio programme to take part in at least one of the hill climbs or auto tests during the year.

The first qualifying event will be the Swansea MC's Hillclimb at Llys-y- Fran on May 12th, the Supplementary Regs for which are already available.

Cross Country Events:

Jerry apologised for not being able to make the meeting but he is dealing with a health problem in the family.

Round 1 of the Britpart MSA Cross Country Championship at Myherin has been cancelled due to lack of paying competitors. Last Sunday had 6-8" of hard frozen snow in the trees anyway and I nearly got stuck!!

The BCCC will now consist of 5 rounds with the best 4 counting for championship points assuming better numbers rise to the challenge of parting with their money.

I have listed the rounds and dates below.

2013 BCCC Timetable.

11 - 12 May. Round 1, Radnor Forest.
8 - 9 June. Round 2, Forrest Lodge, Scotland.
27 - 28 July. Round 3, Radnor Forest 2.
14 - 15 September. Round 4, Ceri.
19 - 20 October. Round 5, Walters Arena.

Please note:- we were unable to use Penllyn for round 2 due to nesting birds, and we are currently obtaining the relevant permits to hold round 2 in Radnor Forest.

10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:

Kevin Witton: No report

Keith Ashley: No report

Neil Henderson:

The Wyedean Forest Rally took place on 9th February and competitors faced conditions which some considered more slippery than the ice of 2012. Three weeks prior to the event the stages were covered by 12" of snow which melted very quickly. The Forestry Commission have been harvesting throughout the winter months in response to the discovery of Phytophthora Ramorum, and have cleared over 100 Hectares of Larch. This area is actually less than first feared after a number of potential sites of infection, identified in the initial aerial survey, were found to be the result of Squirrel damage.

The VSCC Herefordshire Trial ran successfully and The Kyrle Trial is taking place this weekend. Ross & District MSC have spent time familiarising a new FC Ranger with the competitive sections.

11. Route Liaison Officer Reports:

North Wales – John Davies: No report

South Wales – Andrew Thomson: No report

12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports

Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:

We do have a PR problem on Epynt to the East of the ranges. Work is going on behind the scenes to try and resolve the issues, this matter is being led by the MSA at the present time. I would like to thank the organisers of The Tour of Epynt for their assistance in minimising any impact the event had on the current situation. It is vital anybody up on the ranges observes speed limits, drives with consideration for other road users and represents our sport in the best possible light. No news from the MSA, Rob Jones is dealing with the situation and a face to face meeting with the complaining party has been offered.

I have been informed by Ecurie Cymraeg that the Leukaemia and the Twilight rallies will not be using Caerwent in 2013, in part due to the Commander DTE Wales & West decision not to sign off events until 1 month prior to the event date.

Next event:

Epynt - Welsh Marches Mini Epynt 2nd June
Caerwent - Mid-Summer Caerwent 23rd June

Pembrey – Gethin Rees: No report

13. Competition Committee Report:

Events that wish to be considered for a championship will be required to pay £50.00 up front. This is to cover the costs of an observer, which must be requested by the completion secretary.

14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:

Ides Rally: Change from 29/30 June to 14/15 September 2013.

Red Kite Stages – 8th September (requested WAMC Observer for Championship status).

Time Trial Rally – 2nd November Quinton MC

15. Correspondence:

Geoff: MSA – Magazine, Minutes of various meetings, Elite Cymru & SCW letters and meetings (support in 2013, to be confirmed, for Jake Rattenbury, Matthew Parry and Dai Roberts).

16. Year Book Amendments:

Rhyl & District MC contact details are incorrect (Ian Baxter)

17. Any other business:

17.1 John SurrIDGE informed the meeting about information regarding raising money for 'Flanders'. In brief the campaign wishes to raise £60k for a memorial for soldiers killed in WWI. John will circulate full information to clubs regarding this.

17.2 Next championship meeting will be September 11th where it is hoped that the outcome regarding applications for inclusion in championship rounds will be finalised and whether the full fee will be required upfront and also if there are any appeals under exceptional circumstances for refunds will be given (at the committee discretion) This was proposed that it be raised by Mike Taylor, seconded by Chris Tomley.

17.3 7th May West Midlands MC at Bromsgrove Golf Club 20.00 Dave Powell/Simon Fowler will be demonstrating the 'QUO' software.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

18. Date and venue of next meeting – 12th July 2013, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.