

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on Sunday 14th April 2013

Present:- Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Mike Taylor (Treasurer), Jimmy Jones (National/Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), Wyn Edwards (Welsh Speed and Hillclimb Championship), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman), Neil Fuller (Southern Centre Chairman), John Surrige (Road Rally Championship Secretary), Dorian Evans (Junior Challenge), 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, Jim Jones, Jerry Herbert, Gethin Rees

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM:

Acceptance of the 2012 minutes:

Proposed: Jimmy Jones

Seconded: Gwyn Reynolds-Jones

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 None.

4. Centre Reports:

North – 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

South – 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.

5. Chairman's Report: 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

6. Treasurer's Report:

- 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. Questions to the Treasurer: Sports council Wales give x3 grants per year which are then transferred via the WAMC.

Are there any large bills outstanding? No large bills outstanding. Accounts were accepted as true and accurate.

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 : Dorian Evans Seconded: Gwyn Reynolds-Jones

All agreed.

9.0 Any Other Business:

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