

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th October 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 July 2013.

Present: Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Dorian Evans (Junior Challenge), Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones (Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), John SurrIDGE (Road Rally Championship), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman), Phil Jones (Epynt & Caerwent Liaison Officer), Rob Baldwin (Historic Championship), Ceri Morgan (Tarmacadam), Geoff Field (General Secretary), Mike Taylor (Treasurer), Phil Mills (President), Andrew Thompson (South Wales RLO), Kevin Witton (North Wales FLO), Dave Evison (MSA Forest Stage Championship), Chris Summerfield (DSO),

Delegates from the following Clubs: Epynt MC, HOVAC, Welsh Border CC, HRCR, Ross & Dist CC, Carmarthen MC, Pembrokeshire MC, Swansea MC, BARC Wales, IRDC, Amman & Dist MC, Dovey Valley MC, Lampeter & Dist MC, Brecon MC, Marches 4X4, Whitchurch MC, Quinton MC, IMS, 60 & Worcs MC, Burnham On Sea MC, WSSCC, Newtown & Dist MC, Forresters CC, SWAC.

Also in attendance were Nick Bunting and Ian Davis, from the MSA.

1. Apologies: Jim Jones, Gethin Rees, Neil Fuller, Bex Richards, North Wales CC.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed: Gwyn Reynolds-Jones Seconded: Steve Gregg.

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

None.

4. Membership Applications:

Caerphilly & District Car Club have requested an application form, but no representative had turned up at the meeting.

5. MSA Delegates Reports:

Geoff Field:

Rallies Committee:

The testing of seats is nearing completion and the report will be made available to everyone as soon as it is finished.

There is a potential issue with newly qualified Doctors, who might not be able to act as a Doctor on an event for the first 5-6 years as a result of a new proposal by the GMC. This is being looked into, to see if a solution can be found.

There was some discussion on rally car weights, which are being measured and data compiled, before considering any changes.

Andrew Kellitt has been asked by Council to look into a Tracking system for stage rallies, which he is doing, along with Rod Parkin. (RalliTrak have a new system being developed and an email about this has been sent out to all WAMC member clubs).

The yellow flag regulation change has highlighted the number of radios shown on documentation by some events and it was discussed if there should be a recommended distance between those shown in the road book. Whilst there may be many more radios on the stage, those shown in the road book and safety manual are the important locations and if too many are shown there can be potential safety implications if they do not all turn up on the day. Jon informed the meeting that mandatory radios are where you have radio boards – the majority of radio controllers know their areas and where to locate radio points.

After further discussion it was agreed to cross reference R29.5 in R24.4.5, and advise

organisers that the safety plan should show both mandatory and non-mandatory radio points whilst the road book and signs on the route should only show the mandatory locations.

The Committee referred to an e-mail that had been received, about the size of rear window hi-viz numbers when using international type door plates (R6.1.3 (b)). The regulation states 25cm high but in 2011 the FIA regulations reduced this to 20cm. It was agreed that the reduction in size was sensible and that the colours could be yellow as well as orange if required.

Noise testing – the Technical Advisory Panel have been asked to look at clarifying the rules for noise testing, to remove any ambiguity.

At a recent Stage Rally Tyre Working Group meeting a dossier was produced for the meeting with all the gravel tyre patterns submitted by the manufacturers and they agreed to remove four of the suggested tyres due to their aggressive tread patterns. The intention is that, from 1st January 2015, only tyres on the approved list can be used on gravel rallies. The approved list will be publicly available and Scrutineers will also have a copy of the list. These are patterns for 13” tyres or larger wheels. Smaller size wheels, which are used by only a few cars, will be exempt from these rules. Tyre cutting will not be permitted.

Regional Committee meeting:

The Chairman welcomed the new MSA Chief Executive, Nick Bunting, to the meeting.

Many of the topics discussed are covered under the Rallies Committee report, but others were:

Fixture list – there are still some issues with the new computer system for this, but it is nearing final development now.

A Regional Roster of Club Stewards had been suggested, but this was considered to be unnecessary, although changing Club Stewards instead of using the same ones year after year for any event was thought to be a good thing.

Definition of Clubsport event: “A Clubsport Event is a social competition involving vehicles, but not exclusively. The emphasis is not on the outright performance of the vehicle and the events are of the type described in D5.”

Colin Hilton’s report:

The MSA self-insurance scheme has encountered a possible tax implication, but this is being resolved now.

The closed roads initiative has stalled as the Government has changed its priority to the HS2 project, but steps are being taken to get it going again.

The WAG has agreed to the MSA continuing to be responsible for route authorisation of events.

The first FIA sports conference is being held in the UK and the MSA are hosting this.

A deal has been agreed for the continued WAG support for WRGB, which has moved base to North Wales from 2013.

Go Motorsport:

A number of events were planned for the Nation Motorsport Week, including the GoLive event at Silverstone.

Training & Development:

Allan Dean-Lewis reported on the following:

Grants received so far have been 33 – 19 for clubs and 14 for rescue; currently totalling £58,000 towards projects worth £209,000. In the last 48 hours 3 more clubs plus 1 rescue application has been made. Vacuum mattresses have a fixed price grant and 9 awards have been made for these so far. On the increase are grants for de-fib units. Since 1995 £1 ¼ million has been awarded.

Marshals Training Days – a number of training days have been lost days because of the weather. Slush fund available this year – happy to try and help. The Trust also asked Regional Associations for any other ideas for funding, need to explore areas.

Kart Seminars – invited clubs for training instructors. 11/12 clubs have put forward names.

Officials Seminars 2013 now complete – Very close to arranging seminars for 2014 and associations were asked to advise if they have any events in their area during January/February please let Allan know in order to avoid those dates. The emphasis in 2014 is on club officials who are the bedrock of the sport.

Child Protection – Currently arranging training seminars for Clubs and Associations.

Announcements later this year – watch out for end of July/beginning of August.

Alan Page and Sue Sanders have new e-mail addresses at the MSA and they are:

Alan.Page.Consultant@msauk.org and Sue.Sanders.Consultant@msauk.org

Club of the Year – a new form has been designed giving more detail. Marshal of the Year, which is now re-titled Volunteer of the Year and also has changed criteria and 5 categories. Both forms are appended to these minutes.

Lastly – International training has been taking place in different countries this year covering quite a spread around the world, this does help to strengthen the profile of the MSA and of UK volunteers.

INTER ASSOCIATION EVENTS.

Firstly the roster appended to the last minutes was amended to add ANWCC under Cross Country for the year 2022 and agreed which takes nearly all the events to 2020.

Road Rally – SACC.

Roger Reed advised that the event is still on – Navigational event to be run on 16th November 2013 around the Dunfermline/Borders area.

Stages Rally – ASEMCC

Martin Chinnery advised that Chelmsford Motor Club will run a Single Venue Rally at Woodbridge on 22nd September 2013. Regulations will be out late June. Bob Milloy reported apologies from ANWCC.

Car Trials – ANCC

Chris Woodcock advised that Ilkley & District Motor Club's Car Trial, Filtrate Trophy, will run on 28th July 2013.

Sporting Car Trial – AWMCC

John Arnold advised that Coventry & Warwickshire Motor Club will run the Mercian Trial on 20th October 2013.

Autotest - ANECCC

Ronnie Sandham advised that Hartlepool & District Motor Club will run the Hartlepool Championship Autotest on 20th July 2013. The site venue is being sought, contact for the Club is Bob Coulson.

Sprint – ANICC

Alan Elliott advised that it is still as per last minutes – 500 MRCI's Sprint at Kirkistown on 6th July 2013. To date he has received no entries from any Associations, although it was noted that ANECCC had already sent apologies.

Autocross – ASWMC

Paul Parker advised via e-mail that the event will be run by Witney Motor Club on 25th August 2013 (Bank Holiday weekend). SRs for the event should be available in the not too distant future and will be circulated to all regions.

Cross Country – ACSMC

As per last minutes, Steve Castle confirmed that it is still All Wheel Drive Club who are organising an event on 8th September in the Bedfordshire area (Sandy).

Historic (Paul Loveridge):

Nothing to report.

Council (Paul Loveridge):

Nothing to report.

Championship steering group:

Nothing to report.

Road rally working group:

Nothing to report.

6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:

Currently we are just over £10500 up, but some of that is for the donations to the Flanders memorial.

There are some outstanding expenses due, but we are slightly better placed than last year, at this point.

7. Centre Reports:

Southern Centre:

No report received.

Northern Centre:

The venue might be changed for the next meeting but the last one was well attended.

Alan Edwards has had a good response for a request for help on WRGB.

The new tarmac event proved to be well received, with another event due to be held in October.

The Three Castles event was held in good weather.

8. Championship Reports:

Forest National:

2013 Registrations to-date:- 95 (83) Drivers 51 (43) Co Drivers 44 (40)

Categories are well supported Group N,23 , Juniors 20, 2WD, 49 (Contenders)

Whilst registrations are up on the year event entries to date are below last year's levels,

Round 4 SJR Plains Rally:- The format very similar to last year, Rally HQ based in Welshpool, using the Dyfi and Hafren complexes with service in Sweet Lamb. The event ran well with 134 starters with 32 regd. Drivers. 1st registered crew home were Connor McCloskey/Francis Regan, joining them on the finish Podium Matt Edwards/Will Rogers and Tom Naughton/Mark Glennerster, after a very close Group N battle with Alex Allingham/Chris Williams. The two leading Group N cars having passed post event scrutineering.

All Plains on-event award winners were using Pirelli tyres.

Round 5 Severn Valley:- In an effort to minimize costs the organisers planned a 42 mile route using the Crychan complex to its maximum including some double usage, with three stages either side of service in the showground. The level of entries courted concern in the event build-up which resulted in the organisers implementing a reduction of 3 stage miles. 87 crews started though with 24 cars carrying championship logos, compared to 11 in 2012. The event is usually

affected by dust but a deluge before and during turned the stages into a challenge. Irish crew Conor McCloskey/Francis Regan took the win from Alex Allingham/Chris Williams.

After Round 5 Luke Francis and Co Driver John Roberts retain the overall championship lead, with Luke & John also leading Grp N crew. Irish crew Conor McCloskey/Francis Regan are mounting a strong challenge by scoring a third maximum. Luke also leads the Us 25 with Chris Williams leading Co Driver. David L Roberts/Dei Jones now lead the 2WD category, David also the leading O'50 driver.

The points tables and class positions can be viewed on the Assoc. website.

At the time of writing the next championship round is the Nick Grist Stages on July 13th. Junior programme, Gwyn Reynolds-Jones took a party of juniors on a visit to Prodrive on the 26th June, where David Richards greeted them, the group had the opportunity to meet up with the likes of David Lapworth. Feedback received so far is very positive and with another visit on the 15th Sept. Thanks to Gwyn, who took Junior Programme sponsor Bob Francis along, David Richards and to the staff at Prodrive.

A date has also been arranged for a visit to Sweet Lamb on the 27th August where Juniors will have the chance to meet up with Howard Davies and Gwyndaf Evans who have agreed to pass on a few tricks of the trade.

Forest Clubmans:

The Severn Valley Stages hosted the third round of the In Car Services Welsh Clubman's 2 Wheel Drive Forest rally Championship on Saturday 15th June Based at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd with stages in the Crychan and Cefn Forest complexes.

Registrations currently stand at a total of 49 Championship Contenders.

Drivers 25, Co-Drivers 24, FWD Drivers 13, FWD Co-Drivers 11, RWD Drivers 12, RWD Co-Drivers 13, Under 25 Driver 6, Under 25 Co-Driver 5, Senior Driver 9, Senior Co-Driver 6.

This is the highest number of Registered Championship contenders since 2009. Registrations close on the next round of the Championship which is the Coracle Stages.

Current Championship Positions Overall

1st	Dylan Davies / Llion Williams	87 points
2nd	Terry Brown / Tomos Whittle	75 points
3rd	Len Jones / Don James	74 points

Front Wheel Drive Category

1st	Gwyn Jones / Rob Leeman	75 / 79 points	2nd Jon
	Madoc-Jones / Peter Williams	69 / 72 points	

Rear Wheel Drive Category

1st	Dylan Davies / Llion Williams	87 points
2nd	Terry Brown / Tomos Whittle	75 points

Class 1

1st	Jon Madoc-Jones / Peter Williams	42 / 44 points
2nd	Martin Jones / Richard Christensen	37 points

Class 2

1st Thomas Lloyd (Driver) 34 points
1st Ian Jones (Co-Driver) 51 points

Class 3

1st Dylan Davies / Llion Williams 87 points
2nd Terry Brown / Tomos Whittle 75 points

Class 4

1st Colin Webb / Matt Rogers 51 points
2nd David Jones / Glyn Price 30 points

Class 6

1st David Lloyd Roberts / Dei Jones 49 points
2nd John Baker / Seyyan John 33 points

Under 25 Award

1st Dylan Davies (Driver) 36 points Chris Davies (Co-Driver) 36 points

Senior Award (Over 50)

1st Terry Brown (Driver) 36 points Don James (co-Driver) 34 points

Remaining Rounds in Championship

21st July	Coracle Stages	Carmarthen M C & Epynt M C
31st August	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcestershire M C
19th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales Car Club

Tarmacadam:

Results after Round Six Are As Follows:

Class 1

1st Driver David Morgan 87 Points Co Driver Ryan Jones 54 points
2nd Driver Owain Roberts 34 Points Co Driver Johnathan Roberts 25 Points
3rd Driver Huw Beynon 15 Points Co Driver Thomas Beynon 15 Points

Class 2

1st Driver Richard Bliss 57 Points and
Equal 1st Co Drivers Marc Clatworthy Jamie Vaughan on 57 Points
2nd Driver Dale Clatworthy 54 Points
3rd Driver Hywel Greves 47 Points and Co Driver Emma Todd 12 Points

Class 3

1st Driver Richard Merriman 60 Points and Co Driver Kath Curzon 45 Points
2nd Driver Steve Davis 48 Points Co Driver Stuart Powell and 39 Points
3rd Driver Carl O'Grady 37 Points Co Emma Todd Driver 30 Points

Class 4

1st Driver Bob Fowden 57 Points Co Driver Paul Wakely 45 Points
2nd Driver Mark Ellis 39 Points Co Driver Simon Anthony 15 Points
3rd Equal Drivers Dafydd Davies Phil Turner 15 Points

Class 5

1st Driver Ceri Jones 60 Points Co Driver Jenny Evans 72 Points

2nd Driver Marc Thomas 54 Points Co Driver Thomas Blair 27 Points

Class 6

1st Driver Mike Pugsley 73 Points Co Driver Adrian Williams 78 Points

2nd Driver Len Giles 70 Points Co Driver Derrick Walters on 72 Points

3rd Driver Graham Watkins 27 Points Co Driver David Percival 12 Points

Class 7

1st Driver Ian Kenvin 45 Points and Co Driver Ian Meakin 30 Points

2nd Driver Nathan Jones 39 Points Co Driver Tim Murphy 27 Points

1st Best Under 25 Driver is Dale Clatworthy

1st Ladies Award Jenny Evans

Round Seven Of The Championship is on 28th July - The SG Printing Harry Flatters Over the Epynt Ranges

Historic:

While at the time of writing this report round five the Nicky Grist Stages will not have taken place but will have by the day of the meeting so results below are current up to round four the Severn Valley Stages

Following the Severn Valley Stages the championship has a new leaders in the form of Rikki Proffitt/Phill Harrison who are first time championship contenders this year. Rikki has now got to grips with the 911 and is also gaining success in the BHRC.

Second place has been filled by longstanding supporters of the championship who could be the dark horses in the form of David Lloyd-Roberts/Dei Jones

Overall positions

1st Rikki Proffitt/Phill Harrison 93 points

2nd David Lloyd-Roberts/Dei Jones 90 points

3RD Gareth James/Steffan Evans 86 points

4th Ken Davies/Alan Jones 65 points

5th Roger Mathews/ Paul Morris 64 points

Next round will be Harry Flatters on 28th July.

Speed:

A total of twenty six competitors have registered for this year's championship.

After ten rounds, things are close at the top of the championship table, with last year's winner, Roger Turner (Austin Seven), trailing Andrew Meek (Subaru Impreza Type R) by just over ten points. A new entrant to this year's championship, Elen Worthington from Tumble, in her Lotus Elise is doing well in third. The provisional results are attached.

One problem Wyn has hit is in calculating bonus points. The championship regulations give bonus points to any competitor breaking the class record. Unfortunately, the class records weren't handed over to me by the previous championship coordinator and, despite attempts by both the competitors and me, we have been unable to assemble a set of records. Without the bonus points, it is impossible to calculate final results and club championship points.

What I propose, subject to approval by the Competitions Committee, is that we treat all events as 'new venues' and calculate the bonus points accordingly. Competitors are happy with this proposal and, in the absence of historic records, this is the only way forward.

Autotest:

No report received as there has been no interest shown, by competitors, in doing this. It is hoped that it will be re-launched in 2014.

Road Rally:

Following the PK which was the 6th round of the Championship, the leading positions are as follows:

Drivers:	Ian 'Dude' Roberts	575	Navigators:	Gwawr Hughes	573
	Mark 'GT' Roberts	475		Dylan Jenkins	472
	Andy Davies	455		Lee Taylor	457

The recent Organisers' meeting was held on 23rd June and was attended by representatives of 9 Clubs. There was a lot of lively discussion, and the delegates all felt that it was worthwhile. It must be a condition of next year's meeting that inclusion in the following year's Championship is dependent on the Club having attended the meeting. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached to this email. The next round of the Championship is the Breidden rally.

Club Championship:

Teify Valley M. C.	250
Welsh Border C. C.	186
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	178
Ammanford M. C.	150
H. R. C. R.	120
Forest Of Dean M. C.	90
North Wales C. C.	84
Port Talbot M. C.	84
Forresters C. C.	83
Ludlow Castle M. C.	75
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	68
Ross & District M. C.	64
Pembrokeshire M. C.	55
Dovey Valley M. C.	53
Carmarthen M. C.	50
W. & S. S. C. C.	49
Bala & District M. C.	45
Rallystageteam M C	40
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	39
Tavern M. C.	31
Three Counties Car Club	30

B. A. R. C. (Wales)	29
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	29
Heads of Valley A. C.	27
Maesteg M. C.	26
Llanelli & District M. C.	24
Swansea M. C.	23
Herefordshire M. C.	20
Rhyl & District M. C.	19
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	18
Kidwelly M C	14
Southern C. C.	13
Brecon M. C.	11
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	10
Llandysul M. C.	9
Barcud M. C.	8
Telford A. C.	8
Amman & Dist. M. C.	7
Bridgend A. C.	4
Epynt M. C.	1
Quinton M. C.	1

King of Epynt:

No report received.

Junior Challenge:

To date 3 rounds of the challenge have taken place, the last being the Hillclimb on Epynt on Saturday 15th June.

1 additional competitor, Charlotte Phelps, signed up for the challenge at signing on, and unfortunately she was the only challenge competitor on the day, but this meant maximum points for her!!!

I did receive a registration from an Andrew James, who attended the hillclimb on the Sunday, which wasn't a round of the challenge.

It might be an idea for next year to include one or other days of the double header rounds into the challenge.

The next round will be Lampeter & District Motor Club's Autotest at Pontrhydfendigaid on Sunday 14th July.

I will over the coming weeks be contacting all the rounds that have kindly agreed to be part of the challenge for 2013 regarding their interest for 2014, so that I can be better prepared come the Championship Meeting in September.

The results are as follows:

Class JC2 up to 1600cc

Sam Bacon	20
Stefan Davies	20
Charlotte Phelps	20
Rhodri Evans	19
Lewis Davies	19
Steffan K Daniels	1
Rhys Lewis	1
Sion Busson	1

Class JC3 up to 2000cc

Ben Llewellyn	20
Cadog Davies	20
Andrew Jones	1

Class 4 over 2001cc

Lee Taylor	20
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Overall

Ben Llewellyn	10
Stefan Davies	10
Charlotte Phelps	10
Sam Bacon	9
Lee Taylor	9
Rhodri Evans	8
Cadog Davies	8
Lewis Davies	7
Andrew Jones	1
Steffan K Daniels	1
Rhys Lewis	1
Meirion Jones	1
Sion Busson	1

Cross Country Events:

Dan Lofthouse made it two wins out of two in the Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship when he won the event at Forrest Estate in South West Scotland.

The organisers had laid on a very challenging course of nearly nine miles in length and the unusually hot and dry conditions tested crews even before the event started with some of them regretting the decision to walk the course!

Top ten results:

1. Dan Lofthouse/Jonny Koonja (Lofthouse Freelander) 2:33:39
2. Paul Garner/Giles Tinkler (GSR V10) +9m 41s;
3. Paul Myers/Simon Kerfoot (Land Rover Tornado) +10m 58s;
4. Mike Moran/Tony Coid (AT 4x4 Challenger) +13m 32s;
5. Toby Jefferson/Megan Jefferson (GSR 206) +16m 45s;
6. Andy Powell/Richard Heath (Simmbughini) +27m 23s;
7. Ian Bartlett/Aaron Burch (Bartletts 3M 206) +43m 07s
8. Steve Smith/John Griffiths (JRG Clio) +50m 18s;
9. Tom Hipkiss/Rich Hipkiss (Milner R5) +51m 08s;
10. Andi Skelley/Laura Shepherd (Land Rover 3M 88) +57m 38s

Next round on July 27th/28th is in Radnor forest again.

9.0 MSA Guests:

Nick Bunting:

Nick introduced himself and described what his background has been, which included playing Rugby and racing motor cycles. He had been appointed to his regional sports board and has been an enthusiastic clubman.

In the sport of Rugby, he was responsible for the development of the "sin bin", amongst other things and was a regional training officer.

He feels that his past experience will be of benefit to the future of the MSA and offered his contact details so that everyone has easy access to him, if they have any issues that they would like to raise.

Nick had a meeting about closed roads, to try to get this moving again.

John Symes has completed the testing of seats and the results should be available for the next Council meeting.

Steve Gregg asked Nick what he knew about the MSA, prior to getting his appointment and what surprised him when he got there.

He has a Brother-In-Law who was a national Rally champion and he had worked with Colin on the issue of closed roads, so was fully aware of the MSA and its role. He plans to listen to people before making any decisions or changes, and that is what the idea of going out to meet the regions is all about.

Dorian asked Nick what he thought about the progress with closed roads and if he thought that it is the "holy grail" for rallying. Nick didn't consider it to be a "holy grail", but it is very important. He is trying to get some significant progress by early 2014.

Dave Howells stated that Wales has been a "special" place for road rallies for many years and, with the guidance of RLOs, there is a good relationship between members of the public and organisers and he wouldn't like to see that adversely affected by the closed road issue. Nick

didn't think that remote clubs would be able to come into an area, without following the correct processes, which won't change. The decision to close a road will, ultimately, be down to the local authority. There was a lot of discussion on this topic.

Ian Davis:

Ian mentioned that on the 1st April the Forestry Commission Wales ceased to be, – he has had a meeting since then, with them and the future is that moving from timber into leisure is the planned progression.

Stage rally tyres has moved forward somewhat, in recent months, which should result in less damage to the roads and therefore has a real “green” effect, without the need for any technical changes, as the emphasis is on stopping the development of “aggressive” type tyres.

The Forestry Commission are happy with this development.

Road rallying consultations on the subject of the standard inlet manifold is currently a “hot” subject and there seems to be a lot of support for this.

Paul asked if there are any moves afoot to change the costs of forestry events to a car based figure as opposed to a per mile basis. Ian answered that if there was sustainable argument to support that, it could be done. Ryland asked if the payment for double-usage of a stage, for a small number of cars, was justifiable as a field of 180 cars running once would probably do the same damage as 90 cars running twice, but the smaller event would incur higher costs.

Gwyn asked why the Cross Country events paid less, for the use of Forestry roads, and Ian answered that this was due to the way in which the damage is caused. Dave Evison asked if the changes that have been made, like putting rocks on the inside of corners, to stop the “cutting” of corners, and the use of mudflaps and less aggressive tyres would help in the setting of the charges. Ian answered by stating that it is too soon to evaluate that, but it will be considered in future negotiations.

Kevin Witton mentioned that the FC people that he's spoken to have been enthusiastic about the reduction in damage being done by these changes.

Steve Gregg mentioned the possibility of various pricing for different events, where less powerful cars are being used. This is possible, but nobody has made an application for this yet.

John Surridge asked if the MSA had a long-term strategy for the future of road rallying – his response was yes - to protect it at all costs.

Jimmy raised the point of the WAMC information being incorrect on the MSA website – this will be checked (this referred to Geoff's email address, which is his “old” address). Geoff had tried to alter this, on several occasions, but it hadn't been saved. He had also written in to the MSA to advise them of this (via email). The old address is still valid, but isn't accessed on a regular basis.

10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:

Kevin Witton:

The forms for next year's allocation have been received and no application made outside of this process will be considered. Two clubs tried to do that this year.

There is an annual meeting being held in Welshpool at 13.00, on 29th November, again.

Keith Ashley:

It is a quiet time at the moment. The Red Kite is looking okay to run in September, on their revised date.

Keith also picked up a couple of late applications, but it's unlikely that they (FC) will accept the applications. The main protagonists are the road rally organisers, who seem to think that they can do this at 6 weeks notice. Gwyn mentioned that some of these are new to organising events, and need some more guidance.

Neil Henderson:

The Ross Traders Classic Tour (20th July) will include a section on Forestry Commission land near the village of Whitecroft. This has become possible after some work to identify areas which have no protected birds nesting or footpaths. Significantly this is the first event to use forest roads during the summer months since The Gulf London Rally.

Steve Gregg asked if there had been any feedback received after the Dukeries re: glowworms – apparently not.

11. Route Liaison Officer Reports: North Wales – John Davies: No report

South Wales – Andrew Thomson:

Andrew apologised for not sending a report earlier. He praised the Bro Caron for their information on their event.

Two events have supplied very little paperwork to Andrew (The Classic Tracks and the Pacemaker).

The 2m noise test seems to be working, the issue of noise complaints is diminishing, with only one complaint being received.

The Police Meeting (30th October 2013) - ALL Police forces will be attending this.

Dave Evison mentioned the need for RLO's to "deal" with local issues and the fact that differing RLO requirements are creating problems for organisers and leads to greater use of some specific roads and less crossing over of routes into other RLO areas.

A considerable amount of discussion on this took place and it was agreed that it is better to have a "standard" set of rules that apply to all events.

Jimmy reminded everyone that we had two MSA Officials at this afternoons meeting and we should put the issue of "Anyone" being able to have a say on proposals, under the consultation process.

John suggested that members of this committee should respond to any consultations in a positive manner to support what we are doing.

Keith asked if there is a method of removing a black spot area. There is, if he is informed of the problem disappearing. This can be done via post-event information. It is down to the organising clubs to let him know of this.

Steve Gregg was concerned that, when we hear complaints about events, it is difficult to judge how effective the changes that we have made are and what impact they have.

Dave Howells mentioned that sometimes the police receive calls about activity in an area where a rally has taken place, but they might not be related to the rally at all.

Andrew clarified that, unless he receives a name, address and phone number given, then it is not treated as a complaint. Steve Gregg completely disagreed with that approach.

Paul asked Andrew if he could keep a more detailed record of what these "complaints" are.

12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:

Phil has provided an interview to Peter Hughes for the next newsletter on the role of the Epynt & Caerwent Liaison Officer.

As will come up at the meeting, the issue of footpaths and section 33 applications will be discussed, Phil has informed the Nicky Grist Stages and the Harry Flatters about the current position on footpaths and the MSA position on this. Following the meeting on 14th July he will update the Mewla.

Phil has had no adverse reports following the Severn Valley, Mini Epynt, Hillclimb or Mid Summer Caerwent rallies.

Next events are:

Epynt - 13 July; Nicky Grist Stages
Caerwent - 29 September; Patriot Stages

Pembrey – Gethin Rees:

Please put forward my apologies for this meeting as Lord March has an event on his doorstep that require our services :)

Attached is a brief report for Pembrey, together with an Interview from the new CEO of BARC for those interested.

Nothing to report regarding the Year Book as such. I still wonder if it is worth carrying on with the book now that we have a new website? As soon as the book is printed there are some details which are out of date!

Whilst we have had the booklet for a number of years and would be good to carry on the tradition, could the £1000 a year or so be better spent?

Would welcome a debate in AOB if time permits and appreciate that with Ian Davies attending, time is precious.

Pembrey has been quite busy over the past few weeks, with an open weekend held on the 25th & 26th May, BARC Wales sprint held 1st weekend of June which was a round of several championships including the MSA British Championship and the Welsh Sprint and Hillclimb Championship and a BARC weekend of classic racing at the end of the month.

The momentum is carried through July and August with plenty of racing action with BARC, CSCC and Hottrax events.

Kidwelly Motor club are holding a Targa Rally at the venue on the 31st August 2013, and are looking for marshals to help run the special tests. Anyone interested should contact Steven Hall on 07875 492453.

BARC have a new CEO this season Mark Jones, who was available at the recent Classic meeting at Pembrey. I have attached a copy of his interview from the BARC newsletter for information.

13. Competition Committee Report:

Everything would be covered under its own heading.

14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:

None.

15. Correspondence:

Geoff: MSA – newsletter. List of applications for Forestry use, Minutes of various meetings. Go Motorsport Roadshow correspondence from Ryland James re: Mini Roadshow in Cardiff..

Some WAMC club annual returns, and date/championship applications (which have been forwarded to Jimmy Jones), various correspondence and meetings with Sport Wales who have agreed to support Jake Rattenbury (GT Racing), Matthew Parry (Single seater Racing) and Dai Roberts (Rallying) for 2013.

16. Year Book Amendments:

None

17. Any other business:

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.

18. Date and venue of next meeting – 27th October 2013, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.