

Annual Meeting

Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Opps.Training and Welsh Association of Motor Clubs At Sennybridge on 22 October 2013 – 18:30 hrs.

Present:

Eddie Mahony - Commandant	Rebecca Richards - Ecurie MC
Phil Jones – WAMC Liaison Officer	Darren Jones - Red Kite Stages
Mike Taylor – Forresters CC	David Thomas - Brecon MC
Alun Probert – Epynt MC	Kevin Chaffey - Ecurie MC
Alan Stoneman – Port Talbot MC	Stephen Jones - Port Talbot Motor Cycle Club
Mark Lively – Herefordshire MC	Baryan Joseph – Port Talbot MC
Chris Ashley - Midland Manor MC	Gordon Anderson - Landmarc
Peter Davies – Military Liaison Officer	Martin Leonard – Brecon MC
Neil Fuller - Forresters CC	Mike Kennet - Epynt Motor Club
Chris Jenkins - Ecurie MC	Baryan Joseph - Port Talbot MC
John Morgan - Red Kite Stages	

1. Welcome

The commandant welcomed those present. Phil thanked Ed and Peter and all staff for their support and assistance over the past 12 months. Ed thanked those present for the charitable donations during the year which were much appreciated. It has been a busy year with no conflict. It has been decided that the outer and inner red flags will remain flying 365 days of the year. There has been questions asked about vehicles using Epynt relating to road tax and MOT. As stated earlier in the year ALL events using the training area must have road tax, MOT and be insured for use on the public road.

Some problems with spectators, a minority, useful to have suggestions as what can be done to reduce nuisance caused by them.

2. Apologies

Keith Ashley, Neil Cross, Steve Gregg and Brian Jones.

3. Annual Safety Briefing

The annual safety briefing was given by the Commandant, he emphasised several points as follows:

- Please pass on information to event officials and spectators
- Do not go outside area of rally, do not wander off
- Epynt Way shown on maps – open to public – check Epynt way web site – rally information also put on web site
<http://www.dtewalesandwest.co.uk>

A discussion took place regarding helicopters accessing the training area; Ed suggested that a quicker response from the ambulance service could be achieved if they were called via the Opps.Room.

4. 4x4 Rallies

Only one will be allowed per year and on forestry tracks only – at present no 4x4 events booked on the ranges.

5. Gravel Rallies (loose surface)

Four per year earmarked as follows: Rally GB, Severn Valley, Nicky Grist Stages and Red Kite.

6. Rally Charges 2014

Tarmac	£56 / car 1 st day
	£32 / car 2 nd Day
Forest Tracks / Gravel	£565 / mile 1 st run
	£355 / mile 2 nd run
Historic / Classic Events	£1,250 per event – TARMAC ONLY
4x4 Events	£75 / vehicle 1 st day
	£40 / vehicle 2 nd day
Filming licence	£789 + VAT per company not per event (Speak to Gordon Anderson to discuss)
Use of FIBUA (German Village)	£630
Bond	£500
Licence fee	£130
Admin fee	£80

Gordon apologised for the administrative problems during the year and hoped to fill an admin post soon. If you do encounter problems then email Gordon.

7. Submission of Route & Risk Assessments

Must attend Range Conference two months prior to your event (09.30 1st Thursday every month). Military training will take priority. Stay within the licence agreement. Observe speed limits at all times (exception when special stage is 'live' with competitors). Remember: There is **NO drinkable water on Epynt**, risk assessments must be submitted (these must be updated each year). In an emergency contact the Opps.Room at Sennybridge Training area phones – tel 2222 to get through to Opps.Room.

It has been good this year routes submitted on time. All routes and risk assessments must be submitted a minimum of **3 months prior to the event start date**. Events are not fully authorised until risk assessments are authorised, they need to be circulated. Need annual refresh and submit as soon as possible. Email hard copy, included as part of business case. Landmarc happy to give advice.

8. Road Closure

The Llywel to Tirabad road can be closed for a maximum of FOUR HOURS – (exact times to be agreed with Sennybridge, AM preferably, depends on what units are on the training area), this will then allow the military to plan their departure or arrival times. Set of standard road closure signs are held by Martin Leonard for events to use.

All Clubs must request this road closure in writing.

During the road closure:

- Both ends must be manned with communications to rally control.
- **All signs and notices** must be removed immediately the road is re-opened to avoid confusion
- To assist the movement of military vehicles, where Dixies corner is being used competitively, with the centre road closed, a 'cut through' down Dixies lane must be maintained on the Churchill side of the closure.
- The public parking on the Churchill side of the road closure must also be monitored and should not block the road and impede the passage of vehicles using the cut through.

9. Control of Media (FIBUA)

Need to make sure that the media are in safe locations and must not be allowed to wander freely. In particular within FIBUA radio control/radio cars need to be informed of media given consent to be in FIBUA.

FIBUA can be used competitively, there will be a major redevelopment of FIBUA in about 2 years time. FIBUA will close for 2 weeks next summer; last week of June and first week of July.

10. 2014 Dates were confirmed

Please let Phil Jones have 2014/15 dates ASAP. If there are any mistakes on 2014 or 2015 dates collected please let Phil have the correct info. ASAP.

11. Provisional 2015 Dates were submitted.

A list of 2015 dates was collected. A list is attached to these meeting notes for those submitted at meeting.

12. AOB

Reminder that form JSP 907 (priority 17) needs to be completed for each event.

Wormtech have now been removed from Caerwent which may allow the site to be opened up a bit more.

Section 33 PROW must be obtained events will not be signed off unless in place 1 month before event.

The Commander will now authorise events two months prior not one month as has been the norm recently.