



The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

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WAMC Police / MSA / Organisers meeting 28th January 2014
Llandoverly RFC

Present : Neil Fuller, Fran Davies, Jimmy Jones, John Surrige, Alun Morgan, Rebecca Richards, Dorian Evans, Simon Fowler, Chris Summerfield, Paul Loveridge, Mike Taylor, Dave Matthews, Andy Caerter, Geoff Field, Andrew Thomson, Nigel Nelson, Huw Jones

And representatives of the following clubs: Ecurie Cymraeg, Brecon MC, Forest of Dean, Forresters, LDMC, Aberystwyth, Dovey Valley, Ammanford, GUMC, Carmarthen, TVMC, Llandysul MC, Lampeter and District MC, RST MC,

- 1. Welcome from WAMC chairman Paul Loveridge**
- 2. Introduction of officials**
- 3. Apologies: PTMC, Bath MC, Neil Henderson, Gethin Rees**
- 4. WAMC Officials reports**

Neil Fuller – WAMC Southern Centre Chair

2013 has been a good year of motorsport in South Wales & the Southern Centre. I have been pleased with the attendance at meetings and the support from member clubs. The economy is now beginning to have an effect, especially on larger events and forestry rallies with more events moving to a one day format.

Road rallying continues to thrive and it is good to see a full calendar of events with full entry lists. More clubs are liaising with each other when organising events which is good to see. Thanks must go to Andrew Thomson and the MSA for their support of the WAMC and most importantly to thank our police forces for the support they have offered throughout 2013.

Alun Morgan – Environmental Inspector

Has had a difficult year in allocating environmental scrutineers to events. Have contacted all environmental qualified in the blue book with regards to equipment details, with only 21 replies, 7 of which have registered equipment. Can I please reiterate that a photo of the proposed noise check area be submitted when asking for an environmental scrutineer be assigned to an event. I have no requests from clubs at present requiring environmental scrutineers.

Chris Summerfield – DSO

Things went well last year on the whole. There will always be the odd infringement, but we can't be all places at the same time. DSO is not only a title, it's also a job description. This year we will be studying other areas as well as Give Way junctions, Primarily control areas. We've been preaching about control; behaviour since the Eagle last year, but talking has not achieved the desired result. This year penalties will be applied. I won't be working alone so as there can be no dispute about any decisions that are reached. I have recruited several assistants who will be accompanying me to various meetings. This is an area where organisers can be of great assistance to us, by adding a small warning in your final

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instructions. John and I will both be attending the first round of this year's championship, the Mike Dorwen.

Huw Jones – Eligibility Scrutineer

Technical standards are improving with competitor vehicles, for e.g changes to standard cars such as Protons.

John Surridge – Road Rally Championship

5. **Reports from police delegates**

Dave Matthews –Gwent

A quiet year with a couple of events being cancelled. Only 1 reported problem that was resolved with MSA.

Andy Carter – South Wales

6 events with the biggest being Neath Valley Stages and Swansea Bay. All events were run without incident.

Nigel Nelson – Dyfed Powys

Complaints are down as guidelines are given out pre event.

Neil Fuller – All forces require a list of major towns that routes will traverse and at what time (brief time schedule). This information aides with any complaints received to distinguish between competitors, spectators, joyriders etc. There must be a dedicated number/person throughout the event who can be contacted by the police in a case of complaint etc.

The types of complaints currently being received are noise/speed related. Most calls are concerns rather than complaints.

6. **Reports from MSA delegates**

Simon Fowler-competitions and clubs

We are to adhere to the legislation for public highways for Wales but this can be used cross border. In regard to 'closed roads' the MSA are working closely with the department of transport. This should move forward in the near future.

The MSA website has a new section 'fixtures & Permits', all events that have been granted a permit will be available on this page to view. An application can also be made electronically in this section (you must be logged on as an official to do this). All applications (Nat B) must be in 4-6wks before.

October 2013 competitor declarations have changed (signing on sheets etc). Please ensure that you are using the up-to-date version for your events.

For submitting your route electronically there is a guide available for this.

Touring assemblies do not need route authorisation unless they are to be competitive.

Neil Henderson – NF reported in absentia

The time scale for forestry applications must be well within the cut-off time. Lots of forests are now out of commission due to an increase of wind farms.

Andrew Thomson- RLO

Reiterated the need for route submissions to be timely, but on the whole most are submitted within the time.

Complaints about 'noise' on road rallys are now greatly reduced.

Dorian Evans- rallies committee

Seat discussion ongoing and the cost of coming into the sport is being looked into

Dave Howells applauded all officials on organising events.

The role of the MSA/WAMC is to ensure the continuation of motorsport especially roadrallying in Wales.

'E' marked tyres are still enforced / a requirement for WAMC championship.

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7. AOB

'E' Marked tyres – although this is not enforced by the MSA, will guidelines be issued regarding police enforcement on this?

Nigel Nelson responded that it is **NOT** illegal to run on non 'E' marked tyres, however, Section 27 Construction and Use Act clearly states that the tyre must be 'fit for purpose' and this applies to completion tyres also. If there is an incident involving a competitor with non 'E' marked tyres, this could be problematic (legally). CoC's are advised to refer to Section 41a Construction and Use Act when organising (permit rules). Andy Carter – if tyres are not 'E' marked in an accident this would not stand in court.

The EU are currently producing a list of tyres which contain prohibited chemicals which will not be 'fit for purpose'

- Alun Morgan raised the issue that brakes with 4point calipers are not fir for road use.
- Responsibility of the CoC's to ask about insurance for events if competitors are using non 'E' marked tyres.
- Overuse of roads-clubs need to work closely together when organising events to ensure the use of roads are kept to a minimum on similar routes (maps)
- The 6 week rule for submission of routes for road rallys still apply. Please remember that the RLO's authorize routes for the motorcycle union so time their time is stretched. The MSA will back RLO's in refusal of routes if they think that the roads will be overused-so get your routes in early !!
- Simon Fowler – 68 event permits were issued last year. The process is now different and from October 2013 the MSA will be authorising permits for events in Wales.
- Dave Howells – local events are welcomed as they bring in money to the economy. Geoff Field – would be interesting to establish 'how much' (financially) the sport contributes to the economy.
- Geoff Field – the police have now given a framework to work to in relation to roadrallying. Obviously it is different for Stage events as the public highway sections are non-competitive.