

# Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

## Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 18th January 2015 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014.**

**Present:** Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Geoff Field (Secretary), Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones (Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), Gethin Rees (Pembrey Liaison Officer/Yearbook Editor), Neil Fuller (Southern Centre Chairman), Jim Jones (Northern Centre Competitions Committee Representative), Dorian Evans (Southern Centre Competitions Committee Representative & Junior Challenge Secretary), Chris Summerfield (WAMC DSO), John Surrige (Road Rally Championship Secretary), Rob Baldwin (Historic Rally Championship Secretary), Andrew Thompson (South Wales MSARLO).

Delegates from the following Clubs: Welsh Border CC, Forresters CC, Ross & Dist CC, HRCR, HERO, Brecon MC, HOVAC, Amman & Dist MC, Gwendraeth Valley MC, Three Counties CC, BARC Midlands, Caernarfon & Anglesey MC, Epynt MC, Marches 4 X 4, North Wales CC, Principality AC, Three Castles MC, Newtown & Dist AC, SWAC, IMS.

**1. Apologies:** Phil Mills (President), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman), Phil Jones (Epynt & Caerwent Liaison Officer), Rebecca Richards (Southern Centre Secretary), Neil Henderson (Forest of Dean FLO), Fran Davies (Tarmacadam Championship Secretary), Sara Williams, Mike Taylor (WAMC Treasurer), Ryland James (RDO Go Motorsport), Carmarthen MC, Steve Gregg, Whitchurch MC, Quinton MC, Baz Green 116 CC, PTMC, Teifi Valley MC, BRCA.

- Wyn Edwards (Sprint & Hillclimb Championship Secretary) has resigned from the role, with immediate effect.

### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Proposed: Chris Summerfield                      Seconded: Rob Baldwin

Dave Thomas (DVT) mentioned that there are references to Dave Thomas, in the previous minutes which is him and shouldn't be confused with David Thomas of Brecon MC.

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

None.

### **4. Membership Applications:**

Three – Three Castles, Longmynd MC, Roger Albert Clarke MC. **If anyone has any objections to any of these clubs joining the WAMC, they need to put that in writing to the WAMC General Secretary within six weeks of these minutes being distributed.**

Three Castles were represented and explained that they run the Three Castles Trial, which runs in Wales and they felt that it would be appropriate to be members of the WAMC.

Proposed: Jim Jones                                      Seconded: Dorian Evans.

There were no objections so membership is subject to the 6 week rule, which was introduced at the last meeting, to give member clubs sufficient time to respond, if necessary.

Geoff will write to the other two clubs and explain the membership application process and provide forms.

### **5. MSA Delegates Reports:**

#### **Rob Jones - Regional Committee & Council meetings:**

The meetings have been reduced to three, from four.

There is a reduction of ages for competitors for some disciplines.

Ongoing discussion following the accident on the Jim Clark event, which includes the Scottish Government looking at event safety in general.

Captive insurance fund is continuing, which showed a record rebate to organisers, last year.

Licence fees are frozen up to national B status.

Expenses are now available for MSA Licenced Officials, who attend training events etc. Introduction to motor sport packs have been reduced in price.

### **Dorian Evans - Rallies Committee:**

21st October 2014

Closed Roads – Ian Davies is assisting the DOT with implementing procedures for applications for Closed Road events, with the view that all is going to go ahead. There is a feeling however that if it isn't sorted before Christmas, then the election will take precedence, and closed roads might not happen after all.

Motor Sports Council – The use of FHR devices has been mandated from 01/01/2015 for all single seater racing cars manufactured after 01/01/2000, and for all other forms of circuit racing after on 01/01/2016.

Rallies Committee and others were asked to discuss the use of FHR devices being mandated from 01/01/2016. It was decided there wasn't enough hard evidence to prove their effectiveness currently and warrant their mandatory use at the moment, although their use should be strongly advised.

Another request for accident investigation data was made to further discuss their use., and if they do indeed help in most accidents or not.

There was a suggestion that the patent on FHR's was expiring in 2015, which may bring competition into the market, which may drive down the price.

It was suggested that scrutineers may be able to check at stage starts how many competitors are already using FHR devices.

The possible use of electric cars was discussed, although there were concerns over the safety of some of the battery technology, particularly in the case of fire or "chemical reaction". It would probably involve production based vehicles and technology.

There was a proposal from the Technical Committee to a relaxation in R46.3.7 to allow RWD cars to be converted to 4WD, as FWD cars are currently allowed to be changed to RWD or 4WD.

Rally Car Weights and measures is still ongoing. There is a question over which sets of weight data should be used.

There is still no "Buying Advice" document for seats including which manufacturers might be able to extend the life of their seats.

Fuel testing is progressing, although the cost of testing the fuel is expensive. A suggestion was made that as a deterrent more samples could be taken, although most samples might not actually be tested.

There is now a method of ultrasonically testing metal thicknesses, specifically for checking metal thickness in role cages, without the need to drill holes.

A class for GT cars such as the GT3 Porsche is likely to be introduced, although there is a €10,000 cost for the relevant FIA paperwork for each car.

Ben Taylor the New Chief Executive of IMS has taken over the running of Wales Rally GB and the British Rally Championship. IMS want to bring the Motor Clubs more involved with the running of WRGB than in the recent past, as it was quite a few years ago. The National event is now running a reserve list of entries.

Plans for the British Rally Championship in 2016 should be revealed in December.

A new MSA Safety and Medical Radio frequency has been applied for but not yet been granted, negotiations are still at an early stage. Existing radio equipment should be compatible with the new frequency when granted. Its use will still be for safety issues, and admin details should be dealt with by other means

Tracking devices from 8 companies have so far been assessed, with another 2 in the coming weeks. It is hoped to narrow these down to 2 or 3 soon, and trials will begin. A request that the devices should include voice communication was also discussed.

Zero car, Safety car, Spectator and Competitor safety draft guidelines were produced, but remain as draft as changes may still be demanded following the Scottish Motor Sports review after the tragedies earlier this year in Scotland, and recently in Ireland. These should possibly remain always as recommendations and best practises but not regulatory.

Issues surrounding "Split" events and performance based seeding from emails received from 2 competitors were discussed.

Keeping the split was felt would help retain entries which might be lost from historic and 1400cc competitors if performance seeding was enforced.

Split events are allowed by "waiver" of the regulation, and it was decided that there should only be one split, with a minimal gap, possibly 5 minutes between the first and second batch of competitors.

Should there be a delay and extension of this gap to more than 20 minutes, then a Course car with flashing lights and tannoy should be used to alert spectators in particular, but also marshalls and radio cars of the approach of more rally cars.

Low Cost Entry Rallying. A working group was set up to further the work they did earlier this year, and to report back to the January meeting.

Go Motorsport! will continue to encourage "live" shows attended or organised by motor clubs locally, and there seems to be benefits from free passenger rides for the public at some events. The Go Motorsport Autosolo at the Autosport show has proven to be very successful and popular.

A discussion took place regarding the growing number of cancelled English Road Rallies, usually due to lack of entries. There seems to be a trend of people entering late, in case the event does not run, and they end up forfeiting an admin fee. This might lead to an event having the plug pulled earlier due to lack of numbers.

There doesn't seem to be such an issue in Wales, although the number of entries is down from where it was in past years.

Ian Davies made a proposal to amend the current Stage Rally Licence Upgrade process. Currently a competitor has to only complete a BARS course in order to compete on a stage

rally, regardless of their road rally experience. It was proposed to change this to allow a competitor to compete on possibly 3 road rallies, and complete a BARS exam, at a lower cost than the current course, or 2 road rallies, and complete an enhanced BARS exam at a higher cost to qualify for their Stage Licence. This may in turn help clubs that organise Road Rallies. Ian Davies also proposed the removal of the need for licensed road rally timekeepers. Currently a road rally needs a licensed Timekeeper or Regional Association approved timekeeper. Only 2 regional associations had provided lists of their timekeepers, and it was questioned whether the need for licensed timekeepers was still relevant. It was agreed that the Regional Committee should discuss this further, and report back to the Rallies Committee.

The current rules for Junior competitors seem to be working although may be reviewed in 2015.

The Endurance Tyre lists will remain unchanged for although there may be a reduction in tyres on the Forest Tyre list.

There have been no developments on the E marking situation, although Ian Davies was due to attend the Annual WAMC Police meeting. Ian Davies and Rob Jones were unable to attend a meeting organised by Dyfed Powys Police, and attempts to re organise it have failed so far.

Paul mentioned that there is an increase in the number of certificate of exemption events, but some of these only run a couple of cars, so the fee was prohibited – the wording has been amended, so that there is now no cost for these.

The RLO should always be informed of any event that is taking place on the public highway, just to ensure that he/she is aware of it.

## **6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:**

Mike wasn't able to attend the meeting, but has advised us that we are currently down on the same point last year, with some sponsorship monies still not being received. The current deficit is around £380.

## **7. Centre Reports:**

### **Southern Centre:**

Neil stated that the last centre meeting was again well-attended and it was clear that many of the championships will be decided at the last round.

Road rallies continue to thrive and work has continued to ensure that the paperwork is done as per the requirements – Simon Fowler is very pleased with the way things are going.

LARA continues to help us and the WAMC asked all clubs to make a donation to help them as their workload has increased enormously – the response has been very disappointing though.

It was suggested that we should look at the future of WAMC meetings.

### **Northern Centre:**

The last few months has seen a number of events held in the North Wales Area, All of which seem to have been well received and supported.

Pct's in particular have attracted very good entries

According to Simon Fowler, there have been 81 events held in Wales over the last 12 months, and out of this number, Simon has had to deal with a total of only 8 complaints.

Clearly, Welsh Event organisers are really doing an excellent job and should be congratulated for all their efforts.

We hope to hold our Northern Clerk of Course Meeting later this month, This meeting has been well received , Particularly by newer organisers and gives them the opportunity to meet and discuss matters with more experienced personnel, Because of its popularity this will be the second such meeting of 2014

From a Northern Centre point of view, the decision of the Welsh Police Forces, last Wednesday, was disappointing. However, despite the close proximity to The Ralli Gogledd and the Trenholm, we respect the Police decision and will instruct competitors to comply fully with their requirements.

Finally, with WRGB just around the corner, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Northern Centre clubs for their support of the event, Once again they are turning out in droves, and, hopefully, making the Rally even better than last year! I don't think anybody has seen so many spectators for a very long time!

## **8. Championship Reports:**

### **Forest National:**

2014 Registrations:- 86 (95) (83) Drivers 45 (51) (43) Co Drivers 41 (44) (40)

The Championship results have been declared final.

The final round NWCC Cambrian Rally, provided another dramatic finale to the season. A compact event based in forests around Bettws y Coed with 8 stages. With a main Service in Conway: 20 Championship drivers entered 17 starters.

Previous rounds:-

The Neath Valley, originally a reserve event, meant a welcome return to the stages in South Wales, despite heavy rain their condition held up, contenders commenting on their quality. The event proved to be a worthy inclusion in the series, even though a disappointingly low number of Drivers entered, 12.

The Woodpecker adjusted their format, based at Ludlow racecourse they introduced a remote service and changed running order to 1400s, 2Wd and 4WD this proved popular with entries up on the 2013 event (see below).

### Championship Results

Overall Champions Driver Alex Allingham/Co Driver Chris Williams

Group N:- Alex Allingham/Chris Williams

2WD:-Driver Matthew Robinson/Sam Collis

U25:-Driver James Hamer/Co Driver Siobhan Pugh

The full results and award winners can be found on the website.

Alex Allingham/Chris Williams as championship winners have taken up the offer of the "Road to Wales" initiative and the free entry to Wales Rally GB Nat.

Entries on events towards the end of the year have seen an upturn, based on last year. Eg Cambrian 130 (108) Woodpecker 158 (122), which is encouraging for 2015.

Thanks for 2014 go to Gwyn Reynolds Jones, Eifion Jones & Christine Morris for their help and support. Peter Hughes Media/Press Releases, Matthew Corby, Pirelli and Steve Harkness of Harkness Tyres. Rally Marketing for contributing towards TV Coverage

The 2015 Calendar & Championship regulations have been approved by the competition committee. The notice of intent lodged with the MSA for 2015 has been approved with an overrider to increase registrations. Pirelli have confirmed their commitment although we are actively seeking more sponsors.

The championship will again consist of 8 rounds with 6 to score, a reserve event is included. The calendar subject to MSA approval is:-

14-Feb	Wyedean Rally
01-Mar	Mid Wales Stages
28-Mar	Rally North Wales
16-May	Plains Rally

30-May	Severn Valley Rally
11-Jul	Nicky Grist Stages
05-Sep	Woodpecker Rally
17-Oct	Cambrian Rally
Reserve Event:	
15-Aug	Neath Valley Stages

### Forest Clubmans:

The 'In Car Service' & 'Evans Motorsport Tyres' Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship concluded with the Cambrian Rally on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. A number of Championship Awards would be decided on the event.

Mathematically there were four Championship Drivers who could win the Overall honours. At the end of the event the Overall Championship Drivers Award was a tie on points between David Jones and Simon Pickering with David Jones taking the honours with the tie breaker of most class wins.

In the Co Drivers Category it was between Glyn Price and Colin Jenkins with Colin Jenkins taking the honours.

The 2014 'In Car Service' & 'Evans Motorsport Tyres' Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship Award winners are:-

#### Overall Champions

David Jones  
(BMW E30)

Colin Jenkins  
(Ford Escort Mk I)

#### Front Wheel Drive Champions

Paul Davies  
(Fiat Stilo Arbarth Trofeo)

David Allman  
(Peugeot 205)

#### Rear Wheel Drive Champions

Simon Pickering  
(Ford Escort Mk I)

Glyn Price  
(BMW E30)

#### Class 3

Jamie Jukes  
(Suzuki Swift)

Chris Williams  
(Ford Escort Mk II)

James Nicholls  
(Peugeot 205)

#### Class 5

Graham Thatcher  
(Hillman Avenger)

#### Class 6

John Baker  
(Ford Escort MK II)

#### Under 25 Award

James Nicholls

Tudur Rees

#### Senior Award

David Jones

and

Glyn Price

We wish to thank In Car Services for their sponsorship over the last 5 years and also Evans Motorsport Tyres Ltd for their sponsorship in 2014.

Currently the Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship does not have a sponsor but a company has been approached and are awaiting a reply

The Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship has a provisional calendar of 7 event with the best 5 scores to count in 2015.

Provisional Calendar 2014 which is subject to ratification at the meeting today.

Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Red Kite Stages	Amman & District M C
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mid Wales Stages	Newtown & District A C
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M C
Jun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Dragon Stages	Port Talbot M C
Jul 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sweet Lamb Stages	Epynt M C / Forresters CC
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	Neath Valley Stages	Three Counties C C
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C C
	Reserve Event	
Sep 5 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcestershire M C

#### **Tarmacadam:**

Firstly I would like to apologise for my absence, but I am at The Glyn Memorial Stages as this is the final round of the championship. The overall co-driver will be decided at this event. Leading the co-drivers is Sherryn Roberts with 172 points, Ian Meakin with 159 points, and Kath Curzon with 158 points. The overall Driver for 2014 is Rob Tout. The Under 25 Driver has been won by Aaron Jones who is in his first year of competing at senior level, and Sherryn Roberts has won the Ladies award. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Harkness for sponsoring the championship for the last 6 years, and to wish him well for the future. To the Clubs who have hosted a round of the championship, and all the championship contenders.

#### **Historic:**

The Cambrian Rally was the 9th and final round of this year's championship and played an important part as it was the championship decider. The crew of Peter Jones and Graham Joseph in the rumbling TR7 V8 was level on points with the Escort Mk1 crew of Simon Pickering and Colin Jenkins. Third place in the championship was being fought out between Jason Gardner and Graham Cox in an Mk1 Escort and Steve Ward and Michael Crawford in the Ex Ford Works Escort Twin Cam Escort so all were chasing the points with Simon Pickering and Colin Jenkins winning the championship overall in the first year of contesting the Welsh Historic Championship.

#### **Final Championship Positions**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Simon Pickering and Colin Jenkins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Jones and Graham Joseph
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Ward and Mike Crawford
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class B3 Ken Davies and Alan Jones
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class C2 Eric Davis and Russell Joseph
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class C3 Jason Gardner and Graham Cox
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class C4 Steve Ward and Mike Crawford
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class D1 Graham Thatcher and Robert James
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class D2 Peter Jones and Graham Joseph



1<sup>st</sup> class D3 = Neil Williams and Dale Bowen  
= Martyn Walby

Even the championship tie decider could not split this class

### **Speed:**

No report received and Wyn has advised Geoff that he has resigned from the role, of Championship Secretary, with immediate effect.

Geoff and Paul have asked Wyn to arrange for all documentation and results to be forwarded to Jimmy Jones or Geoff, so that the trophies can be obtained for the Awards Dinner and so that we can hand the documentation over to whoever takes on the role. He was also thanked for his efforts during his brief time as Championship Secretary.

David Thomas, from Brecon MC, has offered to take on the role of Championship Secretary.

### **Autotest:**

Not taking place in 2014.

### **Road Rally:**

The 2014 Championship has attracted 102 Registrations, 51 Drivers and 51 Navigators

Twelve rounds of the Championship have now run and the current leading Drivers are Mark 'GT' Roberts on 786 points followed by Ian 'Dude' Roberts on 782 points. The leading Navigators are Dylan Jenkins on 783 points and Gwawr Hughes on 782. These points are adjusted for the best 8 scores to date. This is the closest that the Championship has been for some years and it will be decided at the final round, The Powys Lanes.

Some competitors have expressed concern that we have not policed the engine capacity rule this year and it would appear that some registered contenders have scored good points in the Championship in cars that many other competitors feel are not eligible.

We have also had the problem of Navigators competing with Drivers in cars that are Championship eligible. In an attempt to overcome this, the wording on signing on sheets has been changed so that competitors sign to the effect that the vehicle in which they are competing does comply with Championship Regs.

### **Club Championship:**

Swansea M. C.	343
Forresters C. C.	328
Port Talbot M. C.	305
Forest Of Dean M. C.	294
Teify Valley M. C.	238
H. R. C. R.	205
Welsh Border C. C.	195
Ammanford M. C.	175
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	156
Dovey Valley M. C.	129
Ludlow Castle M. C.	128
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	119
Maesteg M. C.	119
Chester M. C.	114

Weston-Super-Mare M. C.	41
Clwyd Vale M. C.	39
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	39
Harlech & District M. C.	35
Ross & District M. C.	35
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	32
Ecurie Cymraeg M. C.	31
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	31
Matlock M. C.	29
Bridgend A. C.	27
Cannock & Dist. M. C.	27
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	25
Whitchurch M. C.	25
Caernarfon & Anglesey M. C.	18

Carmarthen M. C.	113
Amman & Dist. M. C.	112
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	104
Brecon M. C.	95
W. & S. S. C. C.	89
Llandysul M. C.	82
Heads of Valley A. C.	78
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	73
Kidwelly M C	66
Herefordshire M. C.	62
Three Counties Car Club	61
North Wales C. C.	57
Southern C. C.	46

Taunton M. C.	13
I R D C	11
Bristol M. C.	8
Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	8
Bala & District M. C.	7
Epynt M. C.	7
Pembrokeshire M. C.	5
Warrington M C	4
Quinton M. C.	2
South Wales A. C.	2
Stockport 061 M. C.	2
South Hams M. C.	1
Tavern M. C.	1

### King of Epynt:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsor Dan Holley of Quantum Tuning for his support to the championship and for his continued support for 2015. The clubs who have organised the events, and lastly the competitors who registered for the championship without these there would be no championship.

Listed below are the final results

OVERALL DRIVER ROBERT TOUT

FIRST IN CLASS WINNERS

CLASS 1 DRIVER DAVID MORGAN

CLASS 2 DRIVER STUART BLISS

CLASS 3 & 4 DRIVER GRAHAM HOLLIS

CLASS 5 DRIVER IAN CADDY

CLASS 6 & 8 DRIVER BOB FOWDEN

CLASS 7 DRIVER GARETH SHANKLIN

CLASS 9 DRIVER TIM WILSON

SECOND IN CLASS WINNERS

CLASS 2 DRIVER DARREN UNDERWOOD

CLASS 3 & 4 DRIVER IAN GODNEY

CLASS 5 DRIVER TOBY ADAM

THIRD IN CLASS WINNERS

CLASS 2 DRIVER RICHARD BLISS

OVERALL CO-DRIVER JAMIE VAUGHAN

CLASS 1 CO-DRIVER RICHARD SUTER

CLASS 2 CO-DRIVER SUE UNDERWOOD

CLASS 3 & 4 CO-DRIVER ALAN JONES

CLASS 5 CO-DRIVER ALAN THOMAS

CLASS 6 & 8 CO-DRIVER SIMON ANTHONY

CLASS 9 CO-DRIVER ELGAN DAVIES

CLASS 2 CO-DRIVER EMYR HALL

CLASS 2 CO-DRIVER NIGEL HEWETT

**Congratulations to Robert Tout and Jamie Vaughan on becoming this year's King's of Epynt.**

### Junior Challenge:

The latest event in the WAMC Junior Challenge was Lancashire and Cheshire Car Club's and MG Northwest's Ty Croes Sprint on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September, which was a double header weekend. Unfortunately no registered contenders made the trip North.

The next Challenge event will be Ross and District Motor Sports Clubs' Autotest on the 8th November at Ross Livestock Centre.

Unfortunately this will be the final round of the 2014 WAMC Junior Challenge, as Ammanford Motor Club's Mel Harries Rally has been cancelled for 2014, due to a lack of sufficient members on the organising team. It was not possible to find a suitable substitute event.

Therefore the Challenge will now be based upon 6 rounds with the best 5 scores to count, since the Autotest at Mendips raceway was also cancelled earlier this year.

The number of registrations stands at 11 for this year, which is down from last year, although 2 of the contenders have competed against each other more regularly so far this year than last.

The results remain unchanged since the Llandow Sprint in July and are as follows:

**Overall:**

Charlotte Phelps	30
Rheinallt George	28
Dafydd Evans	10
Osian Davies	9
Daniel Jones	8
Claire Tooth	8
Fiona Moss	7
Gareth Parry	6
Lewis Morgan	1
Daniel Petrie	1
Harry Whiting	1

**Class JC2 1001 - 1600cc**

Charlotte Phelps	60
Daniel Jones	20
Fiona Moss	19
Claire Tooth	19
Gareth Parry	18
Harry Whiting	1

**Class JC3 1601 - 2000cc**

Rheinallt George	60
Dafydd Evans	20
Osian Davies	19
Lewis Morgan	1
Daniel Petrie	1

**Team Championship**

Team George	28
Team Phelps	20
Team Phelps (2)	10
Team Whiting	1

**Cross Country Events:**

Round six concluded the championship the weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October at Walters Arena. Although round five at Epynt was denied to us, we had a very enthusiastic reception at Bovington tank training/testing area.

Round six at Walters was down to the wire with the two top runners. With dropped scores taken into account Mike Moran and Martin Cox were level on points going into the event so whoever

finished ahead at Walters would take the title. Mike Moran won the final round of the Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship and in doing so took the championship title. Despite a very low turnout, the racing was close and gave a convincing win to a very worthy and popular winner.

Venues have been booked for next year, but it's not clear who/how the championship will run next year, as entries are running at a low level at the moment.

#### **9. MSA Guest – Rob Jones, Chief Executive:**

Rob stated that he started marshalling with Bridgend MC in 1982 and he didn't dream that one day he would become the Chief Executive of the MSA and that he is happy to return to the WAMC, his last meeting being about two years ago.

He gave an outline of his professional and motorsport background, including being a "Karting Dad". He now shares a VW Golf with his Son and competes in circuit racing.

He has a rally licence, Karting Licence and Race Licence and this helps him to understand the problems facing motor sport.

He became MSA General Secretary in 2006 and then became Chief Executive in 2014, having acted as Chief Executive, following Nick Bunting's departure.

He is also President of the FIA Ethics Committee.

Simon Blunt is now the MSA General Secretary and he is also a motor sport competitor.

Rob feels that he knows the sport fairly well and he is putting in hand a number of significant plans to correct a number of issues that need to be addressed.

The role of the MSA has seen some changes in recent years, requiring such things as liaising with Government Departments etc. Rob will be making a presentation to the board where he will suggest that specialist bodies will be introduced to manage things.

There have been some appalling incidents that have needed addressing this year and the safety structure of the entire sport needs to be reviewed.

The FIA considers the MSA to be the most dynamic of all governing bodies and Ron intends to raise the profile of the MSA to reflect its position, so that more people are aware of it and its role. WRGB saw a huge turnaround, last year and this has been developed even further this year, with a full entry and tickets are sold out. Much of that success is due to the efforts of Ben Taylor, who has replaced Andrew Coe as the Head of IMS.

Closed roads is nearing completion now, with across the board political support for this to happen. The British GP was one of the best ever.

Many new events have been promoted by the MSA in 2014, including the new electric cars.

The new MSA website was launched just this week, which has met with universal acclaim – even the Fixture List now works well.

There is a generic Risk Management tool on the website too, to help organisers.

The BRC is "rested" for 2015, in order to grasp the shortfalls of the existing one and to attempt to build it up to its previous status.

Rob Baldwin asked why the MSA played into the hands of the RAC Championship by giving them the BHRC, which has no rounds in Scotland or Northern Ireland, just in Wales and England. Rob refused to answer that as it is subject to an ongoing tendering process.

Neil Fuller was disappointed to read that the BHRC will have a Welsh and English "Challenge", within their BHRC series, which "stamps" on what the Regional Associations are trying to do with their own championship. Rob wasn't aware that this was happening and would look into it.

Dave Evison mentioned that there are impositions being placed on events, which impact on other championships too. Rob would also look into that.

Dorian asked if there is a danger of this RAC Championship taking over everything by steamrolling other championships – eventually leading to a one championship covers all scenario.

Kevin asked if the recommendations, following the investigation into what happened on the Jim Clark event, will be specific to Scotland or if it will be nationwide. It is too soon to say, but the recommendations will not be ignored.

Jimmy Jones asked about the safety and medical system radios, which seem to generate a lot of money, but the cost of these radios are met by the marshals themselves. There is a shortage of marshals, not for WRGB, but for all other events. He suggested that the MSA should foot the bill for the cost of the licences and radio sets.

Rob responded that the whole issue of marshals gives him the opportunity to do something better than currently exists and it is being looked at.

John Morgan asked if the new frequency meant that new sets were required – existing sets should be easily modified to take the new ones.

Dave Thomas asked about the Circuit of Wales and the lack of information on what is happening with this. Rob stated that the MSA are not involved with any aspect of this and can't comment.

Kenny Owen asked about the recent meeting with Powys CC and if it was a positive outcome. Rob responded by saying yes it was as, if nothing else, they had now managed to actually get a meeting with them and they were able to explain what the MSA did and how Powys CC were out of step with how every other County Council worked. Powys CC have been invited to spend some time at Motor Sport House, to see what the MSA do and how events are monitored and what processes are in place.

## **10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:**

### **Kevin Witton:**

Allocations have been agreed for 2015 – there are some issues, due to windfarms and birds nesting. 12 events next year and one new event.

The Clerks meeting is arranged for the 28<sup>th</sup> November in Welshpool.

### **Keith Ashley:**

No report received. Paul asked Rob Jones to take back to Motor Sport House the fact that we don't see or hear anything from Keith.

### **Neil Henderson:**

Quiet at present in Forest of Dean, now that we have managed to get all the relevant FC personnel together for a Wyedean Meeting.

## **11. Route Liaison Officer Reports:**

### ***North Wales – John Davies:***

John Davies is happy with the way in which events are being conducted in his area. The communication between clubs is good. He has seen an increase in the number of Historic Tour events in North Wales. He has some concern over the amount of rubber which is left at some junctions and questions the over use of the handbrake by competitors. This is to be monitored with organisers being asked to include this in their driver's briefings. Police representatives were happy with this suggestion.

### ***South Wales – Andrew Thomson:***

Andrew had an issue with Barcud's event, which has now been sorted and they are again running an event at the end of November.

Lack of information from the Woodpecker caused a lot of problems. Simon Fowler and Dave Lucas have told the organisers that they will **not** have the event authorised if they don't fully comply with the individual requirements.

There are issues with late application and poor paperwork with the Bro Dyfi (Dyfi Valley MC).

The Autumn Road Rally returned and was very well organised, with no problems.

1000 lanes had 7 complaints, which are being dealt with now, which seemed to be in the same area. It was a compact event, compared to previous routes. There are issues each year, with this event which is odd, as it seems to be well organised.

There is a new way in which Dyfed Powys Police deals with road rallies is being accepted by all organisers.

The Cilwendeg rally was very well run this year, with no problems being experienced. Dave Evison asked how much emphasis is being placed on competitor behaviour on events. Andrew responded that there is some activity and advice given at the start of the event, if the COC requests it. Neil stated that Mark Davies is fully aware of what happens on road rallies and they are very supportive, but they are very annoyed when clubs ignore the advice that Police give to organisers.

## **12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports**

### ***Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:***

The annual meeting for clubs organising events at Caerwent and Epynt will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00pm at Sennybridge**. Invites to no more than two representatives from each club will go out this week.

The new contract with Landmark commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> November (money saving contract). We do not know yet what the impact will be on us, but there will be less money available for maintenance, charges may go up and budgets will be closely monitored.

I have been speaking to Peter over the last few weeks about the future, the Commander, Howard Gash is very reluctant to close any roads on Epynt and he is looking closely at the maintenance of the loose tracks on Epynt. We should know more when we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, but I think the amount of loose available to us will be reduced and areas will be used in rotation, depending on their maintenance schedule. We will have to wait and see.

Next Events: Epynt 1<sup>st</sup> November, Rally of the Tests. Caerwent – 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Rally of the Tests.

Paul mentioned that there had been big increase in damage on route 60.

Dates for the next two years will be required at the annual meeting.

### ***Pembrey – Gethin Rees***

Pembrey has seen a busy schedule over the summer months with rounds of the BTRDA Rally X visiting, together with BARC running a successful Truck/Race meeting at Pembrey on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October which also included the final rounds of the WRDA Welsh Sports & Saloon Car Championship. Carmarthen MC held their Peter Lloyd Stages rally with a full entry list, on the 12 October which was a round of the WAMC tarmac championship and a round of the Junior 1000 championship.

Kidwelly MC have also run a number of MotoKana events during the past few months, which still attracts full entries.

Llanelli MC will be running their Rali Elli starting at Pembrey with daylight tests followed by a road event in the night.

The year is rounded off once again with Carmarthen MC running the Jaffa Stages on the 28<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Yearbook:**

Please note that it is the time of year once again to begin thinking about 2015 dates and year book details. Can I ask all championship co-ordinators and member clubs to ensure that changes are sent to me by the 30<sup>th</sup> November please!

## **13. Competition Committee Report:**

There was a very useful annual meeting held with the Police Forces of Wales and West Mercia, in Llandrindod Wells, last week, which was attended by Ian Davis and Simon Fowler, of the MSA. Minutes from that meeting are attached with these minutes.

Dave Thomas (DVT) asked who had been invited to the meeting. He went on to ask what the law is that requires emarked tyres to be used – it is the construction & use element that is the issue. Neil and Geoff will write a letter to other Associations, outlining what the Police requirements are for road rallies in Wales, including Ian Davis in the process.

Paul outlined the story behind the PTMC letter (see correspondence) and stated that the first year that the Rally North Wales didn't run as a result of the weather and the second year, it was down to a lack of entries, so we considered that the first reason was force majeure, so it wasn't penalised for that – it had 150+ entries that year.

The road rally engine issue should be resolved by competitors putting their money down. It would appear that John Surridge has a new rule for 2015, which should resolve this issue.

The various championship rounds were announced, so that we could ratify them.

They were voted en-bloc:

Proposed: Chris Summerfield

Seconded: Rob Baldwin

We are looking to run an Autosolo Championship (6 rounds) on the Wales/England border in 2015 and would welcome someone to volunteer to run this.

#### **14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:**

Rally Mynydd Ddu on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **15. Correspondence:**

Geoff: MSA newsletter; minutes of various meetings; letter re: Regional Representative. Emails re: Inter-Association Stage Rally event, various correspondence from LARA and meetings with Sport Wales, including a letter requesting support from a young girl (Shelby Wilshire), competing in the Ginetta Junior Series in 2015. Letters from PTMC re: WAMC Pirelli MSA Stage Rally Championship, email re: road rally engines, from 4 competitors, email from Den Golding, WAMC membership applications from Three Castles, Roger Albert Clarke MC and Longmynd MC.

Email from Jimmy Jones:

There are a large number of Clubs, Event Officials, Stage Commanders etc. who do not know that the Rescue Unit and Recovery Unit are manned by volunteers and should be treated in the same way as marshals. There is a slight difference in that these personnel have undergone specialist training to man these units. They have undergone the additional training in their own time and at their own expense in most cases. Please don't say to them "*You get paid for doing the job*" as this is not correct.

Please give them the same respect as Marshals and Radio Marshals. If there are event memorabilia etc. please include them in the distribution of such items.

The charge for the relevant unit is used to cover the running costs.

- a) Vehicle Insurance and maintenance
- b) Replacement and updating of equipment
- c) Annual service and certificate of worthiness of equipment for insurance purpose
- d) Replacing equipment which has an expiry date.

#### **16. Year Book Amendments:**

None.

#### **17. Any other business:**

17.1 Neil asked Rob to take back to the MSA that there is only one licenced Rescue unit in Wales, at the moment, which is worrying.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 17:15.

#### **18. Date and venue of next meeting – 18th January 2015, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.**