

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



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SOUTHERN CENTRE General Meeting – Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Held at the White Hall Hotel, Llandoverly

Present : Paul Loveridge – WAMC Chairman, Neil Fuller- Southern Centre Chairperson, Jimmy Jones/Heather Rees-Jones – Forest Clubman/Club, Rebecca Richards – Southern Centre Secretary, Dorian Evans – Junior Championship, Chris Summerfield – DSO, Fran Davies Tarmac/KoE Championship Secretary, Ryland James – Go Motorsport, John SurrIDGE – Road Rally Secretary, Rob Baldwin – Historic

And representatives of the following clubs: Ecurie Cymraeg, HOVAC, Forresters C.C, Lampeter & District MC, GVMC, Amman & District MC, HRRCR, Ross & District MC, Ammanford MC, Brecon MC, Principality Automobile Club, Camarthern MC, GVMC, Trident Hill climb, Epynt MC, HERO, Barc, IRDC, Marches 4x4, Llandysul MC, HRRCR

1. **Apologies:** PTMC, TVMC, Phil Jones, Bath MC, Mike Taylor, Andrew Thomson, Ryland James
2. **Minutes of last meeting.**
Proposed Kenny Owen Seconded Paul Loveridge
3. **Matters Arising**
None.
4. **Road Rally Championship (John SurrIDGE)**

This year's Championship has been one of the closest in recent years with the VW Golf mounted crews of Ian 'Dude Roberts/Gwawr Hughes and Mark 'GT' Roberts/Dylan Jenkins fighting it out to the last round, with victory going to Dude & Gwawr after an uncharacteristic non finish from GT and Dylan.

Congratulations to all award winners and many thanks to the hard working event organisers who this year produced events of the highest quality. I would also like to thank all contenders in this year's championship for making it such a successful year. Thanks also to Basic Roamer, who have agreed to remain as Championship sponsors for 2015.

The 2015 calendar will be announced shortly, and I hope that next year's Championship will be just as competitive.

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Drivers			Navigators	
1st Overall	Ian 'Dude' Roberts		1st Overall	Gwawr Hughes
1st Expert	Andy Davies		1st Expert	Lowri Davies
2nd Expert	Reian Jones		2nd Expert	Lee Taylor
3rd Expert	Wyn Owens		3rd Expert	Jenny Evans
1st Semi	Matt Bowyer		1st Semi	Dave Thomas
2nd Semi	Jamie Jones		2nd Semi	Dafydd Sion Lloyd
3rd Semi	Polly		3rd Semi	Jonathan Kennedy
1st Novice	Gethin Jones		1st Novice	Chris Davies
2nd Novice	Leighton Milner		2nd Novice	Meredith Roberts
1st Over 1800	Mark 'GT' Roberts		1st Over 1800	Dylan Jenkins
1st 1401-1800	Nigel Davies		1st 1401-1800	Ian Beamond
1st 1001-1400	Robert Mason		1st 1001-1400	Rhys Aled Roberts
Team Award	Team VW Motorsport			
	Ian 'Dude' Roberts			Gwawr Hughes
	Mark 'GT' Roberts			Dylan Jenkins
Ladies Award				Gwawr Hughes

5. Tarmacadam Championship (Fran Davies)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Harkness for sponsoring the championship for the past six years. Steve has built up an excellent friendship with the Competitors and officials in this time. Thanks must also go to the clubs who have organised the events, and to the Competitors for competing.

Class 8 has produced the Overall Driver & Co-Driver, but in different cars Rob in a Mitsubishi and Sherryn in a Subaru. Sherryn has also won the Ladies Award. 17 year old Aaron Jones has won the Kevin Evans Award for the highest placed Driver under the age of 25. The overall results are as follows:-

OVERALL DRIVER ROB TOUT

OVERALL CO-DRIVER SHERRYN ROBERTS

UNDER 25 DRIVER AARON JONES

LADIES AWARD SHERRYN ROBERTS

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Class results

CLASS 1 DRIVER

1st DAVID MORGAN
2nd AARON JONES
3rd KEEGAN REES

CLASS 2 DRIVER

1st STUART BLISS
2nd RICHARD BLISS
3rd IAN HOFFMAN

CLASS 3 DRIVER

1st STEPHEN DAVIS
2nd RICHARD MERRIMAN
3rd CARL O'GRADY

CLASS 4 DRIVER

1st LEIGHTON SMITH
2nd SEAN CROWLEY

CLASS 5 DRIVER

1st IAN KENVIN
2nd NATHAN JONES
3rd ROGER HICKS

CLASS 6 DRIVER

1st BOB FOWDEN

CLASS 7 DRIVER

1st JASON HODGE
2nd ARWEL DAVIES
3rd LLOYD BETTINSON

CLASS 8 DRIVER

1st WYNNE WATKINS

CLASS 1 CO-DRIVER

1st RICHARD SUTER
2nd RYAN JONES
3rd DANIEL REID

CLASS 2 CO-DRIVER

1st JAMIE VAUGHAN

CLASS 3 CO-DRIVER

1st KATH CURZON
2nd EMMA TODD
3rd ALAN WILLIAMS

CLASS 4 CO-DRIVER

1st MARK POWELL
2nd EMMA JONES

CLASS 5 CO-DRIVER

1st IAN MEAKIN
2nd TIM MURPHY
3rd TERRY MARTIN

CLASS 6 CO-DRIVER

1st SIMON ANTHONY

CLASS 7 CO-DRIVER

1st ABIGAIL SUMMERFIELD
2nd ELEN JONES

The 2015 Championship will have a new sponsor J D Tyres, and we are very grateful to John for his support. The first round of the Championship will be Rali Cwm Gwendraeth on the 8th of February, 2015 at Pembrey. I would like to thank everyone who has guided me in my first year, and now look forward to next year.

6. Forest Championship Clubman (Jimmy Jones)

We are pleased to announce that the championship has secured a new sponsor for 2015. The championship will be known as: -

The www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship

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The www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship has a calendar of 7 events with the best 5 scores to count in 2015.

Calendar 2015

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

Reserve Event

Sep 5 th	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcestershire M C
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We are waiting for the Championship Permit to be issued by the MSA and the regulations will then be distributed to all 2014 registered championship contenders and will also be available from the WAMC web site.

Jelf Motorsport Insurance is keen to support Motorsport in Wales with fantastic offers of Insurance Cover for Events and Competition Cars. Further details are available from Jaz Bareham e mail jbareham@insurance-partnership.com Jaz is competitor so she is fully aware of the insurance cover requirements by clubs and competitors. Jelf Motorsport Insurance is also offering free 12 months insurance to 1 person. Entry is free, all that is required is a photograph of your car on an event displaying the Jelf Logo, for championship contenders the championship decal is acceptable, contact Jaz for more details or visit their web site. The photograph submitted may be used on the Jelf Insurance web site as part of the competition promotion.

We also have an information pack which can be circulated electronically to any club running Stage Events or Road Rally events. Please send an e mail to jimmyjones@homeemail.com and a pack will be sent to you.

7. Forest Championship National (Dave Evison) Chairman gave report.

Awaiting last round of the Cambrian

8. Historic Rally Championship (Rob Baldwin)

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.

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Final Historic Championship Positions

1st Overall Simon Pickering and Colin Jenkins

2nd Overall Peter Jones and Graham Joseph

3rd Overall Steve Ward and Mike Crawford

1st Class B3 Ken Davies and Alan Jones

1st Class C2 Eric Davis and Russell Joseph

1st Class C3 Jason Gardner and Graham Cox

1st Class C4 Steve Ward and Mike Crawford

1st Class D1 Graham Thatcher and Robert James

1st Class D2 Peter Jones and Graham Joseph

1st class D3 = Neil Williams and Dale Bowen

= Martyn Walby

Even the championship tie decider could not split this class

Brian Dennis Motorsport has kindly agreed to continue his support of the championship for 2015

Events for the 2015 championship

WYEDEAN RALLY Forest 14th February.

RALLY NORTH WALES Forest 28th March.

WELSH HISTORIC STAGES Tarmac 3rd May.

LAWRENCE LANDFILL STAGES Tarmac 17th May.

NICKY GRIST STAGES Forest 11th July.

HARRY FLATTERS. Tarmac 26th July.

WOODPECKER STAGES Forest 5th September.

CAMBRIAN RALLY Forest 17th October.

Reserve event Sweet Lamb Rally Forest 18th July.

9. King of Epynt (Fran Davies)

The final results for THE KING OF EPYNT CHALLENGE QUANTUM TUNING 2014 are as follows

:-

OVERALL DRIVER ROB TOUT

OVERALL CO-DRIVER JAMIE VAUGHAN

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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

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

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 Rob Tout and Jamie Vaughan on becoming this year's King's of Epynt. The first round of next year's championship is the Tour of Epynt organised by Port Talbot Motor Club on the 8th of March 2015.

10. Club Championship (Jimmy Jones)

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
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
Kidwelly M C	76

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
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

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Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	73	Quinton M. C.	2
Herefordshire M. C.	62	South Wales A. C.	2
Three Counties Car Club	61	Stockport 061 M. C.	2
North Wales C. C.	57	South Hams M. C.	1
Southern C. C.	46	Tavern M. C.	1

11. Sprint & Hillclimb Championship (Dave Thomas)

There is an issue with the Championship Results for 2014; hopefully it will be resolved shortly.

Arising from the above the points system for 2015 is being revised and there will be a reduction in the number of rally classes and the number of rounds to count may be reduced.

The calendar for 2015 is still not finalised due to venues being lost and late date changes; hopefully I will be in a position to have a definitive list of events in the next few days.

If anyone learns of possible new venues or events in Wales for 2016, particularly sprints could they please let me know so they may be considered for inclusion in the championship.

Trident Engineering will remain as sponsors for 2015 and I would like to thank them on behalf of WAMC for their continued support.

12. Junior Challenge (Dorian Evans)

It has been pointed out that a Junior Challenge Competitor, Charlotte Phelps and her father, did in fact compete at the double header round at Ty Croes in September, and the points tables have been amended to show this now. Apologies for the mistake!!

Saturday 8th November saw Ross and District Motor Sports Clubs' Autotest take place at Ross Livestock Centre. Unfortunately there were no Junior Challenge contenders taking part.

Due to the cancellation of Ammanford Motor Club's Mel Harries Rally the Ross Autotest was the final round of this year's WAMC Junior Challenge, and the results were declared final at 8pm Saturday 15th November.

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 are as follows:

Overall:

Charlotte Phelps	50
Rheinallt George	28
Dafydd Evans	10
Osian Davies	9
Daniel Jones	8
Claire Tooth	8
Fiona Moss	7
Gareth Parry	6

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Lewis Morgan	1
Daniel Petrie	1
Harry Whiting	1

Class JC2 1001 - 1600cc

Charlotte Phelps	100
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 Phelps (2)	30
Team George	28
Team Phelps	20
Team Whiting	1

13. Pembrey Liaison Officer (Gethin Rees) Chairman gave report

Kidwelly MC have another weekend of MotoKana fun coming up on the 13th & 14th December. With the year signing off with Carmarthern MC running the Jaffa Stages on the 28th December.

Phil Davies, the circuit manager is looking forward to the 2015 season, especially with the news that BARC have been appointed by the MSA to co-promote the British Rally X Championship with Lydden Hill Motor Club for the next 3 years. Together with the BTRDA clubman Rallycross championship, pembrey will now have 4 weekends in 2015 that will have Rallycross action. Phil is hoping that with up to 4 weekends to choose from, local rally competitors may like to take the opportunity in trying these events.

The first round of the WAMC Tarmacadam championship, Rali Cwm Gwendraeth will also be running at the venue on the 8th February.

Year Book – 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 in by 30th December.

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14. Epynt & Caerwent Liaison officer (Phil Jones) Chairman gave report

The annual meeting for clubs organising events at Caerwent and Epynt will be on Thursday 4th December, 6.00pm at Sennybridge. Invites to no more than two representatives have been sent out. The new contract with Landmark commenced on the 1st 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 4th 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 Area - Red Kite 1st Feb 2015, Caerwent – Tour of Caerwent 22 March 2015.

15. Forestry Liaison Officer (Neil Henderson)

No Report

16. MSARLO (Andrew Thomson) chairman gave report

Since my last report we have had the annual police meeting with representatives from Dyfed Powys, Gwent, South Wales, North Wales, and West Mercia. This was a very good meeting and it looks as though we are all singing from the same hymn sheet. Reports from this meeting should have been sent to all clubs by now so you are all aware of the discussions from the meeting.

Over the past year the majority of events were on top form, however there were a number that need to improve and sort out their events. Night Owl, Barcud Road Rally, Woodpecker Forestry Rally, and the Rali Elli.

One of the best known Road Rallies, the Cilwendeg, had a 100% turnaround this year and was back to its usual self. Paperwork, communications and PR were faultless and the route was one of the toughest yet according to competitors. Well done to them and keep up the good work.

There are only two road rallies that I have not attended out of all the ones that ran in my area this year, and the one thing that stood out for me was the Course Cars!! These cars and crew are there to do a job not to have a play. They need to be checking that the Marshals are in the right place and safe, wearing reflective tabards, and have the Control board clearly visible and a safe distance away from them. The crew should also be checking that the Marshals know what they are doing if not then it is their job to explain their duties.

Both the MSA and I have noticed a big drop in calls and complaints from events over the last 12 months, however there is one club which continues to have calls after the event has run. Sadly this year there are now 5 complaints after this event and I am still trying to contact the complainants to try and sort them out. The Club have been notified of some of these complaints and what they are required to do about them.

There will not be any big changes from me for next year so please keep up the good work.

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17. Cross Country (Jerry Herbert)

Round six concluded the championship the weekend 25th/26th 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.

18. Go Motorsport (Ryland James)

No Report

19. Correspondance

No Correspondance

20. Club Official Changes

None

21. MSA Reports

Rallies Committee

Taster Events – Ian Davis commented that 12 car events are already listed as taster events; if we open it up to larger events then it really wouldn't be a taster event; clubs could run a 12 car taster at the back of a road rally.

Rob Jones and Ian Davis would look at reducing the closing dates on National B single venue rallies only. This followed a long discussion on entries being accepted up to and (sometimes) on the day of the event.

Ian Davis confirmed that the new tyre regulation was for unsealed surfaces only and excluded single venues. The additional clarification regulation was approved by Council in June – this was to confirm that such tyre regulation was for stage rallies on Forestry Commission land only.

Special thoughts were offered with regard to the recent tragedies on the Jim Clark Rally, where Police Scotland investigations are ongoing and continues. Co-operation is being given by the MSA. Scotland again – separate investigation to event safety in general and not just rallying. MSA's representative is Tom Purves. Significant contributions continue from both Allan Dean Lewis and Ian Davis into both investigations.

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Insurance funds – establishing an Insurance Captive Cell.

FIA Formula 4 – 15 year olds allowed to compete; approved by Council via an email vote. Such ages are allowed under certain circumstances, one of the conditions being a power to weight ratio. The Competition Licences will be held by the championship co-ordinator.

Negotiations with Forestry Commission and the Master agreement. MSA looking at continuing with one Master agreement and not three (Scotland, Wales and England).

FHR's – Rob Jones explained about the presentation made by Andy Mellor at the last Council meeting and that from the feedback a lot of Championships already have this requirement in their championship regulations. The decision on if and when it becomes mandatory he cannot answer, it would be up to the Council.

BRC – the organising clubs of the championship only knew about the championship not running next year when they read the press release from the MSA. Rob Jones agreed that none of the organisers had been advised prior to the press release and apologies have been given – he said that hopefully this is a lesson learned. Rob also advised that the organisers had had a meeting only yesterday with Ben Taylor and things were moving forward.

DBS checking (Disclosure and Barring) Service) formerly CRB - still stalling until new announcements are made. There also may be a strong recommendation for all clubs to have a Child Protection Officer.

2015 Clerk & Stewards Seminars and the proposed dates for these events. Allan thanked the regions for help to avoid date clashes for the seminars. This year's core trainers are being used again for 2015. Kart seminars – seven dates out of the seminar scheduled to be decided, trying to get nationwide cover.

Motor Sports House has been awarded a Sustainability Award – first ASN award by the FIA. (information supplied by Dorian Evans, as Geoff Field was unable to attend)

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 is not 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

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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

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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 marshals 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.

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KO – closed roads, expensive process – who is funding this?

PL – funding not known. Approx. 12 proposed road closures planned per year for the whole of the UK. However, these proposed closures are not exclusively for 4 wheel sport.

NF – not a 'stand alone' bill

22. Nomination for Mal Gibbs Trophy

Mal Gibbs Trophy – one nomination received. This will be revealed at the Awards evening in January.

23. AOB

NF – Renewal for licence fees, please ensure that correct licence is applied for.

MSA Seminars – CoC start in January, 21st Feb Cardiff, 22nd feb Telford, 22nd March Runcorn. Attendees can claim mileage and will receive an allowance for lunch. Must attend a seminar to retain CoC licence.

The Police authorities wish to say 'thank you' to organizing clubs for the information they receive in regards to events on the public highway.

The previous WAMC main meeting was well attended. The Southern Centre meeting will be the AGM. There will be nominations for the officers within the Southern Centre and WAMC Officers.

Tax liability of competitors on road events (with the abolition of tax disc). This can no longer be checked at scrutineering.

DH commented that Wales is losing rounds of the F1000 championship to England. Would be good to see a Welsh round only to attract more into the events with less travel. Maybe 6 events in Wales that could be tagged onto the existing championship. The proposal will be submitted at the next main meeting.

GF – there have been 3 proposals for new clubs.

Elite Cymru (Matt Parry/Seb Morris in Abu Dhabi are GP3 testing. Matt may get a GP3 drive next year (funded by Sports Cymru Wales)

Next Southern Centre meeting **Tuesday 3rd March at 20.00hrs.**