

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 19th April 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 18th January 2015.

Present: Paul Loveridge, Geoff Field, Dave Evison, Gwyn Reynolds-Jones, Jimmy Jones, John Surrige, Neil Fuller, Phil Jones, Rob Baldwin, Chris Summerfield, Jerry Herbert.

Delegates from the following Clubs: Welsh Border CC, Epynt MC, Whitchurch AC, Quinton MC, Port Talbot MC, Brecon MC, Marches 4X4, Amman & Dist MC, Forresters CC, Ross & Dist, HRCR, HERO, Kidwelly MC, SWAC.

1. Apologies: Fran Davies, Mike Taylor, Bex Richards, Kevin Witton, Phil Mills, Jim Jones, Gethin Rees, Keith Ashley, Alun Morgan, Chris Tomley, Neil Henderson, Dorian Evans.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed: Chris Summerfield Seconded: Neil Fuller.

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

None.

4. Membership Applications:

There are three applications that have been announced (Longmynd MC, Three Castles and Roger Albert Clarke MC, in the November minutes), with only one of those being objected to – Roger Albert Clarke MC. Longmynd and Three Castles were accepted as members of the WAMC but the no-show from Roger Albert Clarke MC, or a representative, means that they will have to re-apply, if they want to go ahead with the application for membership.

There has been a further application from Midland AC, who were previously a member club and they have been approached to host part of the re-vamped Sprint & Hillclimb Championship, with a view to offering competitors additional venues, in 2015.

5. MSA Delegates Reports:

Regional Committee (Geoff Field)

No meeting since August 2014.

MSA Rallies Committee:

Rallies Committee 21st October 2014 (provided by Dorian Evans, as Geoff was unavailable):

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-seat 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 and granted, which will work with current radio equipment. 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! continues 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.

Geoff, along with other WAMC Committee members, has spent a lot of time trying to deal with a situation which should never have occurred – a query on championship results that came to light months after the event had taken place. The WAMC Stewards were involved in resolving this (for the first time that Geoff could remember). It is the competitor's responsibility to check and query any results issues, within the time stated within the championship regulations and this needs to be emphasised to avoid any repeat of this situation.

A letter was sent to Rob Jones, Chief Executive of the MSA, following the last main meeting and a reply was eventually received, though it failed, in our opinion, to address any of the issues raised. It was decided that there was no point in following this up as we are not confident that any answers will be obtained.

Neil Fuller has been appointed to the MSA Clerks and Stewards Committee.

6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:

Mike was not able to attend the meeting, but had told Geoff that the balance for the year is likely to be down by around £3500, but that isn't finalised yet.

There was some discussion about how to tackle the issue of getting money in and cutting back on unnecessary expenditure.

The contract paperwork needs to be reviewed and regular invoicing done to ensure that all sponsorship monies are in by the end of June, at the latest.

A sub-committee will be formed to look at how to deal with this, including Mike, Paul, Phil, Neil, Geoff and Dave Evison.

7. Centre Reports:

Southern Centre:

Well attended meeting and it was good to see that most championships went down to the last round.

There was one nomination for the Mal Gibbs Award.

A police meeting has been arranged for February, in Llandoverly and details will be sent out shortly.

There is a new RLO how it must be done document, which will be emailed shortly.

Northern Centre:

It was pretty quiet at the last meeting, with no problems being reported from events.

WRGB will be based in north Wales again in 2015.

Driving standards were discussed at the recent Clerk's meeting, with a few changes being trialled.

8. Nominations for AGM:

Chairman: Paul Loveridge

Treasurer: Mike Taylor

Secretary: Geoff Field

Northern Centre:

Chairman: Gwyn Reynolds-Jones

Vice Chairman: Arthur Jones

Secretary: Ros Goodall

Southern Centre:

Chairman: Neill Fuller

Secretary: Rebecca Richards

Vice-Chairman: John Surridge

9. Championship Reports:

Forest National:

Regulations/Registration forms are now live on the website, with all previous contenders notified.

Interest is high. A press release issued through Peter Hughes Media in December covering the calendar and Pirellis continued support generated good interest.

Pirelli are confirmed as title sponsors for a 4th year. An agreement has also been reached with RAVENOL who will be Technical Partners. They have put forward a prize fund aimed at encouraging regular participation amongst contenders.

We have been invited to participate in the Road to Wales programme for a third year, with a "paid for" entry to the value of £900 for the championship winning driver. Note as last year this is not transferable. Two further releases are planned regarding RAVENOL and the Road To Wales

Round 1, the Wyedean, has a full entry, Regulations for Rounds 2 Mid Wales and Round 3 Rally North Wales will be published in the very near future.

2015 Calendar:

14th Feb Wyedean Forest Rally

1st Mar Mid Wales Stages

28th Mar Rally North Wales

16th May Plains Rally

30th May Severn Valley Rally

11th Jul Nicky Grist Stages

5th Sept Woodpecker Stages Rally

17th Oct. Cambrian Rally

Forest Clubmans:

We welcome Jelf Motorsport Insurance as the sponsor for 2015.

Printed Regulations are now available and have been posted to all 2014 Championship Contenders. The regulations and registration form is also on the WAMC web site.

There is considerable amount of interest to date having received e mails and telephone calls from new contenders to the championship.

The www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship will consist of 7 rounds with the best 5 scores to count. The championship rounds are:-

1 st February	Red Kite Stages	Amman & Dist. M. C.
1 st March	Mid Wales Stages	Newtown & Dist. A. C.
16 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & District M.C.
20 th June	Red Dragon Stages	Port Talbot M. C.
18 th July	Sweet Lamb Stages	H.R.C.R & Forest of Dean M. C.
15 th August	Neath Valley Stages	Three Counties C. C.
17 th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C. C.
Reserve Event		
5 th September	Woodpecker Stages	Sixty & Worcestershire M. C.

Tarmacadam:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Harkness for sponsoring the championship for the last 6 years. Steve has built up an excellent friendship with the Competitors and officials in this time. 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. 18 year old Aaron 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

CLASS 1 DRIVER

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

CLASS 1 CO-DRIVER

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

CLASS 2 DRIVER

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

CLASS 2 CO-DRIVER

1st JAMIE VAUGHAN

CLASS 3 DRIVER

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

CLASS 3 CO-DRIVER

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

CLASS 4 DRIVER

1st LEIGHTON SMITH
2nd SEAN CROWLEY

CLASS 4 CO-DRIVER

1st MARK POWELL
2nd EMMA JONES

CLASS 5 DRIVER

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

CLASS 5 CO-DRIVER

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

CLASS 6 DRIVER
1st BOB FOWDEN

CLASS 6 CO-DRIVER
1st SIMON ANTHONY

CLASS 7 DRIVER
1st JASON HODGE
2nd ARWEL DAVIES
3rd LLOYD BETTINSON

CLASS 7 CO-DRIVER
1st ABIGAIL SUMMERFIELD
2nd ELEN JONES

CLASS 8 DRIVER
1st WYNNE WATKINS

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 this year's championship.

Historic:

Regulations are now finally available delayed as usual by the MSA not providing a registration number until the 31st December some two months after the application. I promoted the championship at the HRGR open day at the Motor Heritage Centre Gaydon on the 10th January which was well attended throughout the day. I had several crews register for the championship with a number of potential contenders taking away regulations

Championship rounds for 2015:

WYEDEAN RALLY	Forest 14th February.
RALLY NORTH WALES	Forest 28th March.
HISTORIC MINI EPYNT	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.

Speed:

David Thomas has taken on the role of Championship Secretary and has compiled a calendar of events, for 2015. The regulations have been submitted to the MSA and he is waiting for the permit number to be issued.

Autosolo:

We are hoping to run an Autosolo Championship in 2015, rather than an Autotest Championship.

Road Rally:

The 2015 WAMC Road Rally Championship is again supported by Basic Roamer and we are very grateful for their assistance.

The 2015 Championship will consist of 11 rounds with the best 8 scores to count. The first round is the Mike Darowen to be held on 7/8th Feb organised by Dovey Valley MC.

As of today (12th Jan) we have 10 Drivers and 7 Navigators registered.

7/8 Feb	Rali Mike Darowen	Dovey Valley
21/22 Feb	Rali Bro Caron	Lampeter
21/22 Mar	Rali Llyn	Harlech

4/5 April	Night Owl	Aberystwyth
6/7 Jun	Eagle	Newtown
27/28 June	PK Memorial	Bala
5/6 Sept	Meirion	Harlech
19/20 Sept	Rali Mon	C & A
10/11 Oct	1000 Lanes	HOVAC
7/8 Nov	Powys Lanes	Epynt
28/29 Nov	Breidden	Welsh Border

Club Championship:

Swansea M. C.	504
Forresters C. C.	328
Port Talbot M. C.	305
Forest Of Dean M. C.	294
Teify Valley M. C.	267
H. R. C. R.	205
Welsh Border C. C.	195
B. A. R. C. (Wales)	178
Ammanford M. C.	175
Carmarthen M. C.	156
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	156
Dovey Valley M. C.	129
Ludlow Castle M. C.	128
Maesteg M. C.	119
Chester M. C.	114
Amman & Dist. M. C.	112
Brecon M. C.	107
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	104
W. & S. S. C. C.	89
Llandysul M. C.	82
Heads of Valley A. C.	78
Kidwelly M C	76
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	73

Southern C. C.	46
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
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
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
Ecurie Cymraeg M. C.	49	Tavern M. C.	1

King of Epynt:

The King of Epynt Challenge is again supported by Quantum Tuning and thank you for this. The four rounds in the Challenge are –

8th March Melvyn Evans Motorsport Tour of Epynt Rally

31st May Welsh Marches Mini Epynt Rally

28th July Harry Flatters Rally

30th August Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally

We now look forward to the opening round on the 8th of March organised by Port Talbot Motor Club.

Junior Championship:

The qualifying rounds of the 2015 WAMC Junior Challenge were finalised late last year after some juggling around, and the permit issued also.

The SR's of the championship can be found on the Website, along with the Calendar of events.

Regs: <http://www.wjc.wamc.org.uk/images/pdfs/wjcregs2015.pdf>

Calendar: <http://www.wjc.wamc.org.uk/images/pdfs/wjcevents2015.pdf>

The details have been sent to all last year's competitors and also the organising clubs of the qualifying rounds.

There have been no registrations received yet.

The list of rounds is as follows:

1. Autosolo	March 15th	Ross on Wye	(Mitcheldean)
2. Sprint	May 2nd & 3rd	Ty-Croes	(Anglesey)
3. Hill Climb	May 10 th	Llys-y-Fran	(Haverfordwest)
4. Road Rally	June 6th & 7th	EagleRally	(Newtown)
5. Hill Climb	June 13th & 14th	Epynt	(Brecon)
6. Autosolo	July 12th	Chepstow	(Chepstow Racecourse)
7. Sprint	July 18th	Llandow	(Cardiff)
8. Targa Rally	Sep 5th	Targa Rally	(Pembrey)

I hope to have a look at adding a few different events for 2016, possibly Production Car Trials (PCT).

Cross Country Events:

Nothing to report.

First event at Myherin, 11/12th April.

The calendar is shown on the website.

10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:

Kevin Witton:

Since the last WAMC Main meeting there has only been Wales Rally GB using any forestry in North Wales. The event was received very well and the Forestry Road held up well considering the number of runs and

the amount of competitors. This led to good general comments from both international and national competitors.

Natural Resources Wales have now returned the 2015 forestry allocations for North Wales which have been sent to all clubs that applied. Although all the dates and the forests have been agreed, it appears that there is still some negotiation with regard to dates and events going on, can I remind events that this should not be happening unless you have express permission to do this.

Once again it is apparent that clubs do not wish or do not understand the process laid down in the blue book for forestry allocation. I have received a request to use NRW estate a full 6 months after the closing date. Please can I advise clubs that in future I will not entertain any such late requests.

The annual North Wales FLO/Events meeting was held at Welshpool on Friday 28 November. The majority of clubs with events were represented at the meeting with good discussions taking place on the general state of forest events in North Wales. The events/clubs were handed the FLO Requirements for North Wales as part of the meeting. These requirements can also be found on the WAMC website.

A concerning issue moving forward is the amount of information Natural Resources Wales are requesting. With the deaths on the Snowman rally in 2013 and Jim Clark in 2014 and subsequent Scottish government report, NRW have started to ask for more detailed risk assessments and also marshalling plans. Along with these additional requirements there seems to be plans to send NRW representative in course cars during the event to ensure that the plans have been put in place. Please can I ask that events that have been asked to send additional information into NRW do so in the correct time frames as this may have bearing on forestry use in future.

Keith Ashley:

Louise Greaves has now left NRW and no replacement has yet been put in place.

Two events are trying to run in the same area in Resolven, with the windfarm development being far from finished.

Llandoverly – windfarms in Brechfa, there could be some availability in Brechfa West.

Esgair Daffyd has been approved as a centralised logging route, so it will not be approved for rally use any more.

The district reorganisation is still going ahead on the 1st April – only difference, in the Wye Valley responsibility will move to Coed-Y-Cymoedd.

All clubs have been advised of the 2015 costs, which is an extension of the existing agreement. The future agreement is likely to be a Pan-UK agreement, rather than a fragmented one. There is a meeting scheduled to take place in the next couple of weeks to finalise this.

Neil Henderson:

The 40th Wyedean Stages, now titled The Weir Engineering Wyedean Forest rally, appears well placed to run on 14th February with a full field. 165 entries received within days of entries opening and a growing list of reserves.

A dinner to mark the occasion will take place at Forest Hills Golf Club on Thursday 12th February, and at this event The Wyedean at 40 book will be launched. A limited number of tickets still available.

10. Route Liaison Officer Reports:

North Wales – John Davies:

No report received. John has compiled his RLO requirements, but Gwyn pointed out that neither has a date on it and there is no reference to tyres, other than that they must comply with WAMC rules – this is NOT a WAMC rule, it is a Police requirement. Geoff to contact both RLOs to ask them to correct this.

South Wales – Andrew Thomson:

Nothing to report, at the moment. The RLO requirements have been updated and sent to Geoff for distribution.

12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports

Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:

Annual Meeting Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Opps.Training and Welsh Association of Motor Clubs at Sennybridge on 04 December 2014 – 18:30 hrs.

Present: Eddie Mahony - Commandant
Phil Jones – WAMC Liaison Officer
Mike Taylor – Forresters CC
Alun Probert – Epynt MC
Alan Stoneman – Port Talbot MC
Colin Ellis - Herefordshire MC
Graham Powell - Herefordshire MC

Rebecca Richards - Ecurie MC
Darren Jones - Red Kite Stages
David Thomas - Brecon MC
Kenny Owen - Principality Classic Trail
Stephen Jones - Port Talbot Motor Cycle Club
Karen Jones - Port Talbot Motor Cycle Club
Neil Cross - Quinton MC
Baryan Joseph – Port Talbot MC
Margaret Tweedy - Landmarc
Martin Leonard – Brecon MC
Mike Kennet - Epynt Motor Club
Geoff Field - SWAC

Mark Lively – Herefordshire MC
Chris Ashley - Midland Manor MC
Peter Davies – Military Liaison Officer
Neil Fuller - Forresters CC
Steve Durbin - Ecurie MC
Graham Tong - Epynt 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 successful and busy year.

2. Apologies

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.
- Please attend the Booking Conference two prior to your event.
- If you are aware of any helicopters coming to your event then they must contact the Opps. Room well in advance to receive the protocol for the ranges and acknowledge receipt.
- Useful to call in the Opps. Room before going to set up event to get the latest update on the ranges.
- If there are any problems then the best way to contact Sennybridge is via one of the range phones by dialling 2222.
- 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>

4. Rally Charges 2015

Tarmac	£59 per car 1st day
(Min. charge 50 cars per day)	£35 per car 2nd Day
Forest Tracks / Gravel	£580 per mile 1st run (Min. charge 2 miles)
£370 per mile 2nd run (Min. charge 2 miles)	
Historic / Classic Events	£1,500 per event per day – TARMAC ONLY
Motorbike Events	£16.00 per bike per day (Min. charge 50 bikes)
Hill Climb	£28.00 per car (Min. charge 50 cars)
Filming licence	£800 + VAT per company not per event (Speak to Margaret Tweedy to discuss)
Use of FIBUA (German Village)	£650

Bond	£500
Licence fee	£130 + VAT
Admin fee	£80 + VAT

5. 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).

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. Peter will circulate JSP907's to events.

6. Road Closure

The situation with road closures is to be taken on a case by case basis depending on military requirements, it is work in progress and it is not to be taken that road closures are the norm. It is recommended that two routes are submitted three months before your event, an IDEAL route and an acceptable route, to form part of the business case.

7. 2015 Dates were confirmed

A list of 2015 dates were confirmed and attached to these meeting notes.

8. Provisional 2016 Dates were submitted.

2016 dates were collected. An up to date list is attached to these meeting notes.

9. AOB

Various rumours circulating about the use of gravel roads on the ranges. Peter said that there is no decision about the use / availability of gravel roads at this point in time. There will be a decision before the end of the year. The maintenance and repairs contract has changed and the issue is being looked at regionally. If a "maintenance premium" is levied on top of the 2015 charges, this would be very unwelcome, and any charges quoted should be fully inclusive and could lead to events, that use the gravel tracks, re-assessing their use.

Pembrey – Gethin Rees

Not much to report at the moment. The first round of the WAMC Tarmacadam Championship takes place in February – Rali Cwm Gwendraeth.

The racing season is looking good for 2015. The MSA had issued a red card to some organisers as a result of low entries, but that has been addressed with 20 registrations already, for 2015.

Yearbook:

The 2015 version isn't yet ready as there have been a few date changes, again. Gethin will be seeing the printer tomorrow, having obtained the final images just yesterday.

13. Competition Committee Report:

The WAMC is scheduled to host the Inter-Association Road Rally in 2015 – we need to identify a suitable event for this as soon as possible. It is preferred if it could be close to the Welsh/English border, to make it easier for people to travel to and from the event.

Training is to be added as an agenda item for future minutes. Neil & Gethin are happy to come along to club meetings to help with any training sessions.

The Reiger suspension issue was also discussed – it is easy to identify these units, so Scrutineers shouldn't have any problem with this.

Paul mentioned the need for training Historic Eligibility Scrutineers, which has been identified by the MSA.

Paul also mentioned the discussion about tracking systems – we have been in receipt of a considerable amount of correspondence regarding the Rallitrak system.

Course car training is likely to be rolled out in the near future.

14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:

None.

15. Correspondence:

Geoff: MSA – Minutes of various meetings, Technical Bulletin, MSA news, MSA Annual Accounts, MSA Yearbooks & Club Registration Certificate, Letter to and from Rob Jones, various emails re: Sprint & Hillclimb Championship results (2014), WAMC Awards Dinner emails and phone calls, Rallitrak emails, Scottish Motor Sport Report, copies of correspondence re: Tarmacadam Championship, various correspondence from LARA, requests for WAMC Observer on Tour of Epynt and Rali Cwm Gwendraeth. Nominations received for the WAMC Officers and Centre Officers.

16. Year Book Amendments:

None.

17. Any other business:

17.1 Steve Gregg mentioned that the Inter-Association Stage Rally will be the Nicky Grist Stages, in 2015. It should be noted that Inter-Association events are held for all disciplines and Championship Secretaries should try to encourage a team to represent us.

17.2 Eifion asked if the breaks between different events is known by COC's – Ian Davis should be on the case with this.

17.3 The cost of the tickets for the WAMC Dinner was queried – Jimmy gave a breakdown of where the money went. The whole dinner arrangement will be reviewed after this year's event has taken place.

17.4 Neil Fuller stated that the poor attendance of member clubs, at the main meeting, was discussed at the southern Centre meeting and that a proposal came from the Southern Centre that the main meetings aren't necessary and that the Centres can deal with the passing on of information. This had been discussed with Gwyn Reynolds-Jones, who supported the idea.

Steve Gregg stated that he could remember, when he was on the WAMC Committee, a time when the opposite suggestion was made and that the Centre meetings were, in fact, the meetings that were "superfluous" and the Main meetings provided a means of maintaining links between the Northern and Southern clubs.

It was agreed that the Officers of the WAMC should meet to discuss the problem and to find a suitable solution to this issue.

The meeting closed at 15.50 hrs.

18. Date and venue of next meeting – 19th April 2015, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.