

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



Secretary: Rebecca Richards, 136, Coed Celynen Drive, Abercarn NP11 5AT
Email: rebecca.richards@newport.ac.uk **Tel: 07748452650**

SOUTHERN CENTRE

WAMC Police / Organisers meeting

Venue: The Rugby Club, Llandoverly

Time: 19.30

Date: Tuesday 29th January 2013.

Apologies : Chris Tomley (Newton and District MC)

Officials: Paul Loveridge, Neil Fuller, John SurrIDGE, Geoff Field, Simon Fowler, David Powell, Andrew Thomson.

Police Officials: Jason Hughes, Nigel Nelson, Andy Carter, Paul Daniels.

The meeting was well attended by delegates from the following clubs: Forresters, SWAC, Ammanford, TVMC, Brecon MC, HOVAC, Aberystwyth, Port Talbot, GVMC, Epynt, Llandysul, Ecurie Cymraeg, Tregaron.

Chairman's Report

2012 was a good year for Motorsport in South Wales with events being well organised and attended by competitors. Southern Centre meetings have been well attended and have allowed clubs to discuss motorsport issues. The poor economy is beginning to have an effect on some of the larger events especially with the increase of Forrestry charges. Road rallying continues to thrive with a full calendar and events well supported. To some members it may appear that we as officers of the WAMC are not supporting you, but i can assure you that we are working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that motorsport in all disciplines continue to thrive throughout Wales.

The chairman concluded by thanking all those members attending for making the effort in such poor weather conditions.

Road Rally Report – John SurrIDGE

14 drivers and 8 Navigators have registered for the Championship to date. The 2013 Championship will consist of 10 rounds. The first round is the Lampeter Motor Club Bro Caron taking place on 16/17 feb. There are 2 new rounds for 2013, Eagle, organised by Newtown MC and the Powys Lanes organised by Epynt MC. There is a new sponsor for 2013, the Basic Roamer Co who plan to be present at as many rounds as possible.

South Wales Police – Andy Carter & Paul Daniels

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



2012 has been quiet with some cancellations. They are available for liaison and support in running an event.

Paul Loveridge gave report from Dave Matthews –

Concerns have been raised on one event, PR has been problematic, residents feel that they need more information from organisers. Also WRGB needs more consideration for spectators.

Report from Dyfed Powys – Jason Hughes & Nigel Nelson

The force has been busy with 90% of rally information being received. They would prefer to have more information electronically. They are still receiving complaints regarding spectators, PR and noise. The police can reassure residents but have asked that there be more PR with local shops, caravan parks etc. They also require more resident signatures from PR. It was asked that no spectator area be put on A roads, no competitive sections be put through villages and any competitor using excessive speed will be booked in accordance to the Road Traffic Act. The police would like to be contacted on the day of the event to ensure that they can keep their officers up to speed in order to deal with any complaints, incidents etc. The police require a 'live' contact number for an organiser of the event. The call handlers can refer the complaint on to the organisers ensuring that the MSA know that the query has been dealt with.

A short description of the route and times is to be submitted to the relevant police force.

Competitions & Clubs – Simon Fowler & David Powell.

MSA Competitions and Clubs dept issue about 5000 permits a year. Four people work in the department, we process permits and payments, check regulations, allocate MSA stewards to events, look after the International calendar inscriptions, Club registration and fixture lists. The Competition Authorisation Office, authorise about 200 events on the public highway in England and Wales.

We are generally pleased with the events in Wales, the Clubs are doing a good job with the PR work for events that use the public highway, and this has now been proven to reduce the complaints that we receive. We should however not be complacent in these environmentally sensitive times.

Dave Powell gave a demonstration of the electronic mapping software we are using called Quo, by Mapyx Ltd. There are many digital mapping systems available however Quo has a very useful feature that pulls the line you draw on the map to the road this gives a nice neat route. You can also import and export different file formats such as GPX and KML. The maps are available as tiles which are currently 92p each or you can buy whole areas at different rates. We are presently trialling the system and are accepting electronic route applications.

<http://www.mapyx.com>

The chairman gave brief reports from Neil Henderson, Kevin Witton and Keith Ashley.

Route Liaison Officer - Andrew Thomson
Noise is the main issue of complaint

MSA Rallies Committee – Paul Loveridge

February 12th is the next meeting for the Rallies Committee. Discussion will be about the new website and monthly newsletter.

The Welsh Association of Motor Clubs



AOB

Social media sites are proving to be problematic. People need to be careful as posts on these sites can be damning. There is currently an issue in South Wales where an objector is using Youtube for evidence for objection.

Dorian Evans asked if the process of consultation for proposals submitted to the MSA is good enough? Paul Loveridge also asked is the system transparent enough? Geoff Field has asked Ian Davies about the process, but as yet no feedback has been given.

Q&A

Dave Howells asked if there is one objection whilst PRing why is that section to be removed from rally route? Simon Fowler responded with if it is a genuine reason then it has to be removed, however, they look at each case individually, if possible will make that a 'quiet & care' section. Dave Powell added that the MSA discourage reroutes as it is the last resort. Records of all objections are held at the MSA.

RLO's are to check if areas are still PR sensitive, and to establish what the concerns are.

Dorian Evans raised the 2 metre noise test – there has been inconsistent results in the trials. WAMC has appointed Alun Morgan to oversee this. Alun responded that the different types of surfaces are problematic and give varying results.

The 2 metre noise test results will be reported back to the Rallies Committee and will review.