

# Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

## Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 13th July 2014 at 13.30 hrs. The venue will be the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells.

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters Arising from those minutes not covered by this agenda
4. Membership Applications
5. MSA Delegates Reports
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9. Report from MSA Guest – Rob Jones Chief Executive of the MSA
10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports
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11. Route Liaison Officer Reports
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12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports
  - Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones
  - Pembrey – Gethin Rees
13. Competition Committee Report
14. Dates & Fixture List changes
15. Correspondence
16. Yearbook Amendments – Club Official details
17. Any other business
18. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Geoff Field  
WAMC Secretary



Closed Roads: This is under way again and the consultation process is expected to take 6-8 weeks (clubs should have received the relevant documentation by now) and clubs are asked to write to their MPs expressing their support for this.

Motorsport Trust: the AGM was held on the morning of the Regional meeting and the current officials were retained.

Go Motorsport: 308 Club Surveys were completed and the results will be published soon. "Live" Regional events will be encouraged for 2014.

Training Seminars: These are being rolled out now (for Club Officials, this year).

LARA: The Deregulation Bill – Clubs will need to canvass their MPs to stop this happening, as it will have a serious impact on events.

There are a number of Inter-Association Competitions that take place each year and a Rota has been compiled, which Geoff will pass on to all Championship Secretaries, so that they can see if a Team can be put together to represent the WAMC in the various disciplines.

### **Geoff Field - Rallies Committee:**

Out for consultation – average speeds on gravel rallies to be changed to 70m.p.h. for an event of any status.

Stage rallies may use Target or Scheduled Timing.

Removal of the requirement for just one route note supplier per event.

Lifing of Seats and Seatbelts: Ian Davis confirmed that a "Buying Advice" document was currently being prepared by John Symes and The Chairman requested that a list of manufacturers that are prepared to revalidate seats be completed and made available.

Rally Car weights are being looked at, as many modern cars are much heavier than "older" models, so hold little attraction for competitors.

Tracking of Cars on Stage Rallies: Over 30 companies have expressed an interest in tendering for this.

Guidelines are being prepared for Zero Cars/Safety Cars/Spectator and Competitor Safety Cars. A new Grading Scheme for Rally and Cross Country Marshalls is being looked at, with a view to making it easier for them to progress to a higher grade, if they have a desire to.

There was a discussion on Junior Drivers being allowed to compete on longer events, but it was agreed that the current arrangement is working well.

A meeting of the Stage Rally Tyre Working Group was scheduled for the 11th February 2014.

There was a further Rallies Committee meeting, last Tuesday, where the main topic of discussion was how to attract more competitors into rallying, as the number of licence holders for this discipline has fallen by about 12%, this year. There was also some discussion on the possibility of making HANS (or similar) devices compulsory. It was agreed that some further details was required on this subject before that could be done.

At the end of the meeting, there was some discussion on the "E" marked tyres issue and Rob Jones joined the meeting for that.

### **Council (Paul Loveridge):**

Paul mentioned the need for all events to carry out a financial impact report for their event, showing the financial benefits to an area as a result of the event being held there. Dorian asked if the WAMC should write to all clubs, encouraging them to do this.

A discussion took place regarding HANS devices. This is ongoing and will be put on the agendas of various committees.

Please remember my suggestion that the way to curtail speed on events us to look at ways of controlling tyre grip and usage. I will put a proposal to the technical advisory panel who have a meeting towards the end of the month?

### **Championship steering group: No report**

## **Road rally working group: No report**

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

Mike presented a copy of the current financial status for all to see.

We haven't received any money from the Tarmacadam Sponsor yet, but Mike admitted that this was down to Mike not doing his "bit". Some clubs have not renewed their membership of the WAMC, but others have joined. We have two more applications for today.

Lloyds bank had moved £30k into the current account, without telling Mike, so the overall figure is correct, but looks odd.

The underlying figure for the year is that £4228.15 profit for 2013.

### **7. Centre Reports:**

#### **Southern Centre:**

South – 16 clubs attended the Southern Centre AGM and the incumbent officers were re-elected.

#### **Northern Centre:**

North – the incumbent officers were re-elected. PCT and autosolos were well supported and a new venue was used on an event. There is a concern about the cost of night nav permits, which Cheryl Lynch was going to look at, but no response yet.

WRGB was a big success, but it was sad to see the cancellation of Rally North Wales.

Gwyn thanked the RLO, FLO and training officer, along with his fellow officers for their support.

### **8. Championship Reports:**

#### **Forest National:**

First two rounds Wyedean and Mid Wales have taken place. Paul Davy, from Worcester, leads the overall driver's championship and Jamie Edwards, from Wrexham, leads the co-drivers.

In the group N category, the leading driver is Roland Llewellyn, from Haverfordwest, and the leading co-driver is Roger Alan, from Worcester.

In the under 25 category Jamie Hamer, from Ludlow, leads the drivers, Siobhan Pugh, from Newtown, leads the co-drivers. Leading the two wheel drive category is Rob Dennis, from Swindon, and co-driver Brynmor Pierce, from Mold.

The Wyedean had 31 Contenders. 13 contenders only made the journey to Newtown for the Mid Wales.

A letter has been sent to the organisers of the Wyedean regarding their failure to forward information to myself and Rob Baldwin, to date no response has been received.

Round 3: The organisers of Rally North Wales made the decision to cancel the event, scheduled for 4/5th April, after receiving only 80 entries by the closing date - the clerk of the course stated that 106 entries would have meant the event running! The decision was all the more difficult due to costs incurred after cancellation in 2013.

The reserve event, Neath Valley stages on 9th August, is now included with the best score from 6 of 8 events being maintained.

For 2014 the championship will enjoy TV coverage. The first program was broadcast on the 2nd April, featuring rounds 1 & 2 (good feedback so far). The remaining rounds are scheduled to be broadcast on Motors TV (Now also on Channel 240 Freeview ) on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30.

Additional funding has been sought with Rally Marketing agreeing to sponsor the results/tables pages.

Registrations stand at 39 Drivers 38 Co Drivers

Next round of the championship is the Plains on 17th May, with Severn Valley stages on the last weekend in May.

#### **Forest Clubmans:**

The second round of the In Car Services & Evans Motorsport Tyres Welsh Clubman's Rally Championship was the Viking Motorsport & Links Electrical Mid Wales Stages which took place on Sunday 2nd March 2014. The event had its normal town centre start & finish in Newtown with the competitive sections in the Hafren, Sweet Lamb and Myherin Forest complex. This event only attracted 50% of registered championship contenders.

Registrations currently are 13 Drivers and 7 Co Drivers

Current Championship Positions

Overall Leaders David Jones Glyn Price

Front Wheel Drive Category Paul Davies Tudur Rees

Rear Wheel Drive Category David Jones Glyn Price

Class 1 Gareth Evans Eryl Evans

Class 2 Damian Thomas Tudur Rees

Class 3 Simon Pickering Colin Jenkins

Class 4 David Jones Glyn Price

Class 5 Graham Thatcher

Class 6 John Baker Emyr Jones

Under 25 Driver Gareth Evans

Under 25 Co Driver Tudur Rees

Senior Driver David Jones

Senior Co Driver Glyn Price

Remaining Championship Rounds:

17th May Plains Rally Knutsford & Dist. M C

15th June Coracle Stages Carmarthen M C & Epynt M C

9th August Neath Valley Stages Three Counties C C

21st September Red Dragon Stages Port Talbot M C

19th October Cambrian Rally North Wales C C

### **Tarmacadam:**

Three rounds of the Championship have now run, and we have 39 Drivers and 31 Navigators registered. Tour of Caerwent was celebrating its 20th Anniversary, and competitors were given mugs to mark this occasion. The first entry list was on display and running at Car 8 was our sponsor Steve Harkness. Leading the Drivers is Richard Merriman, second Ian Kenvin, & Rob Tout in third place. Kath Curzon is leading the Navigators, with Ian Meakin & Richard Suter in 2nd & 3rd places. The Ladies Award is being led by Kath, & the Under 25 Driver by Aaron Jones. Today (Sunday 13th April) the Bob Shaw Memorial Stages is being held at Talbenny. Could you please give my apologies for absence as I will be at Talbenny.

I have three matters which I don't know whether should be brought up.

Firstly on The Tour of Epynt Steve Harkness did not have a good spot for his stand at either the scrutineering area or in the service area. I don't know whether clubs could mark out an area for trade stands.

Secondly, a competitor brought up the toilet facilities on The Tour. I don't think they had enough for the amount of people that were in the service area.

Lastly I did lose 6 registrations for The King of Epynt as they weren't prepared to join a club in WAMC as they were registered for BTRDA.

I had e-mailed Colin Price to ask how he & Phil Cook were as they are registered in the Tarmacadam Championship. I have now had a reply from Colin. He is now at home, while Phil is still at the Heath. They are both progressing nicely, but have a long way to go. They would like to convey their thanks & admiration to the rescue & medical crews who attended to them they were incredible.

### **Historic:**

Following the Mid Wales Historic Stages second round of the championship we now have 36

registered contenders, of which 10 are new first time to the championship. Leading crew is Peter

Jones and Graham Joseph in a Triumph TR8 while second is one of the first time crews of Simon

Pickering and Colin Jenkins in Escort MK1 RS2000 and third is yet another new crew to the Championship, Steve Ward and Mike Crawford in ex works Escort twin cam

Due to the cancellation of Rally North Wales the reserve event the Red Dragon Rally will now be round 8 of the championship.

Overall top 5

Peter Jones/Graham Joseph 56points

Simon Pickering/ Colin Jenkins 55

Steve Ward/Mike Crawford 48

David Stokes/Guy Weaver 31

Graham Waite/ Gill Cotton 31

Martyn Walby/Kirsty Walby 31

David Lloyd-Robert/Dei Jones 31

The next round will be the Lawrence Landfill Stages on the 25th May.

Paul mentioned that the best way to control the speed of cars is by restricting the type and compound of the tyres that they can use.

### **Speed:**

No report received.

### **Autotest:**

No Championship being held, this year. We are looking at the possibility of organising an autosolo championship for next year.

### **Road Rally:**

The 2014 WAMC Road Rally Championship supported by Basic Roamer Company is up and running, with 4 rounds having been completed, the most recent being Rali Llyn organised by Harlech & District MC and running in the Championship for the first time.

Registrations are at the highest level for a number of years and currently stand at 51 Drivers and 51 Navigators.

The first 4 rounds have seen 4 different drivers score maximum points so it looks like being an interesting year. The next round is the Night Owl organised by Aberystwyth MC.

There has been a change to the published calendar with Knighton MC's Pacemaker rally taking the place of the Bro Teifi which is not running this year. The Pacemaker is on 12/13th July

There was a communication problem with Rali Llyn both before and after the event. They claim that Championship signing on forms were not received, despite the fact that I sent them to three different people. It was therefore quite difficult to compile results as the event paperwork was not helpful. The entry list was different to the starters list which was different to the Results!

Two Championship contenders on the Bro Caron Rally were handed Non-Compliance forms by the scrutineers for an infringement of the Championship Regulations. In both cases, this was the fitment of a Handbrake attachment. One competitor passed scrutineering without the attachment, but when the car was seen at Petrol, it had been fitted. As this matter has only just come to my attention, both competitors had already been allocated points. These points will be removed before the next set of results is published.

### **Club Championship:**

Welsh Border C. C.	120
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	117
Forresters C. C.	112

Newtown & Dist. A. C.	20
Carmarthen M. C.	18
Clwyd Vale M. C.	18

Port Talbot M. C.	95
Forest Of Dean M. C.	83
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	71
H. R. C. R.	68
Dovey Valley M. C.	60
Teify Valley M. C.	60
Ammanford M. C.	43
W. & S. S. C. C.	42
Llandysul M. C.	38
Brecon M. C.	36
Maesteg M. C.	35
Chester M. C.	32
Three Counties Car Club	32
Harlech & District M. C.	30
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	25
Herefordshire M. C.	25
Ludlow Castle M. C.	24
Amman & Dist. M. C.	23

Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	16
Caernarfon & Anglesey M. C.	13
I R D C	11
North Wales C. C.	10
Kidwelly M C	9
Weston-Super-Mare M. C.	9
Epynt M. C.	7
Southern C. C.	7
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	6
Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	5
Swansea M. C.	5
Ross & District M. C.	3
Stockport 061 M. C.	2
Warrington M C	2
Heads of Valley A. C.	1
South Hams M. C.	1
Tavern M. C.	1
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	1

### **King of Epynt:**

The King of Epynt Challenge has now got a new sponsor Quantum Tuning & thanks to Dan Holley. After the first round being the Tour of Epynt we have 26 Drivers & 18 Navigators registered for the championship. Bob Fowden is leading the Drivers with Rob Tout & Darren Underwood in 2nd & 3rd position. The Navigators are been led by Sue Underwood, Alan Jones & Ceri Simpson in 2nd & 3rd position. The next round of the championship is Mini Epynt on the 1st June. Registrations for this championship will close on this event.

### **Junior Challenge:**

The Regulations for the 2014 WAMC Junior Challenge are available to download from the WAMC website.

<http://www.wjc.wamc.org.uk/>

The details of the challenge have been emailed to all the previous entrants, with a few additional potential contenders also.

There have been some tentative enquiries regarding the challenge, although no entries have been received to date.

There are some detail changes to the regulations this year, most notably opportunities to score points on both days of Double header rounds (Epynt Hillclimb and Ty Croes Sprints)

A team award has been introduced for 2014, for teams car-sharing on championship events. At least one team member must be entered for the challenge.

The entry fee for the challenge, which was not charged in 2013 has again been dropped for 2014, and also the minimum number of events contenders need to enter to be eligible for awards in the dinner has been dropped for 2014.

The calendar for 2014 is as follows:

- 1 May 11th Llys-y-Fran Hillclimb Swansea Motor Club
- 2 May 31st June 1st Eagle Rally Newtown & District MC
- 3 June 14th & 15th Epynt Hillclimb Brecon MC.
- 4 July 19th Llandow Sprint British Automobile Racing Club
- 5 August 9th Castle Coombe Autosolo Bristol Motor Club
- 6 September 6th & 7th Ty-Croes Sprint Lancashire & Cheshire Car Club
- 7 Sept 21st Credenhill Autotest Ross & District Motor Sports Club
- 8 Dec 6th & 7th Mel Harries Rally Ammanford MC

### **Cross Country Events:**

2014 Britpart MSA Cross Country Championship

The first of six two day events is taking place at Myherin, 12th – 13th April.

Entries are low at the moment, but as the best of five rounds count, the hope is that numbers will increase for subsequent rounds.

A new class has been introduced for 2014. Isuzu UK have unveiled a rally-ready version of its award-winning D-Max pick-up in the build up to the brand's participation in the 2014 Britpart MSA British Cross Country Championship (BCCC).

The Isuzu D-Max BCCC will compete in Class 1B, which mandates a maximum engine capacity of 2,500 cc and restricts motorsport enhancements. This will ensure that the rally Isuzu will retain many characteristics of the road-going D-Max.

The Isuzu racer will be driven by former British Rally Championship contender, Jason Sharpe, and co-piloted by his nephew, Russell Sharpe. In addition to the BCCC, the Sharpe family and the D-Max will compete in other one-off events, including several T2 class FIA Rally Raids across Europe.

Isuzu has a proud recent history in the toughest rally of them all, the Dakar, so the company is hopeful that the D-Max will be competitive from the start of the season.

On the LARA front, letters to local MPs are being requested from, in particular, road rally club members which might be affected by the De-Regulation Bill. Possible consequences are that UCRs (Unclassified County Roads might be downgraded to a RoW, say Restricted Byway which would mean Sect 33 permissions being required and the consequent hassle.

Section 33 permissions in Powys have been ratcheted up a notch by recent events, not a particular issue for LARA at the moment, more something that may be best tackled by WAMC members well versed in dealing with the personalities involved.

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

#### **Kevin Witton:**

I have very little to report from an FLO point of view. The British Cross Country Championship has had to move from Penllyn on the 10 May due to the bad weather washing away a few of the roads they use. I am currently looking for an alternative.

At the main meeting please can you stress the importance of getting the correct information to me in the correct time frames.

#### **Keith Ashley: No report**

#### **Neil Henderson:**

The Forestry Commission have advised that following the extensive clear felling operation The Forest of Dean is now clear of Phytophthora Ramorum.

The Herefordshire Trial (VSCC) and The Kyrle Trial (Ross & District MC) have taken place successfully.

There are no other issues.

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

#### **North Wales – John Davies: No report**



## **South Wales – Andrew Thomson: No report**

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

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

Fairly quiet at the moment.

Tour of Epynt ran reasonably well, but more thought needs to be put into locations of arrival control and start locations to allow movement of MOD personnel, Piccadilly in particular. Peter will be looking more closely at this as the routes are submitted during the year.

Issues around section 33 footpath permission with Powys CC under discussion which all of you will be aware of.

The Virgo Galaxy Rally scheduled for May W/E of 10th/11th in conjunction with the Sydney to London Marathon has been cancelled due to Sydney to London transport problems, although these seem to have been resolved, but as I understand it PTMC will not run the event.

I have not been told this officially and will be speaking to PTMC to ensure Sennybridge are aware and to confirm if the S – L Marathon still intend to use Epynt?

The British Off-Road Championship will be using Epynt on 13/14 September, confirming their provisional date.

Next event Epynt: Severn Valley Stages 31 May & Mini Epynt 1 June.

Next event Caerwent: Mid-Summer Caerwent 22 June.

#### ***Pembrey – Gethin Rees:***

##### **2014 Race Calendar:**

April 19-20	Classic Motorcycle Road Racing
May 3-4	Hottrax Motorcycle Road Racing
May 17-18	British Truck Racing Championship
May 31 - June 1	British Sprint Championship
June 7-8	Clubmans Rallycross
June 28-29	Vintage Car Race Meeting
July 27	British Rallycross Championship
August 2-3	BARC Race Day (Cars)
August 17	Clubmans Rallycross
August 24-25	Welsh Vintage Extravaganza
September 6	Kidwelly M.C. Targa Rally
September 13-14	NG Motorcycle Road Racing
October 4-5	British Truck Racing Championship
October 12	Welsh Championship Tarmac Rally
October 26	UK Open Drift Championship
November 8-9	Llanelli Motor Club Road Rally
December 13-14	Kidwelly M.C. Christmas Motorkhana
December 28	C.M.C. Christmas Tarmac Rally Stages

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

Nothing that wasn't discussed under other headings, at this meeting.

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

Dorian mentioned that LDMC are looking at organising a Rally Time trial, later this year.

### **15. Correspondence:**

Geoff: MSA – Magazine, Minutes of various meetings, Elite Cymru & SCW letters and meetings (support in 2014, has been confirmed, for Cameron Davies, Ben Hingeley, Seb Morris and an extended year for Matthew Parry). Lots of correspondence on the “E” marked tyres issue.

**16. Year Book Amendments:**

None.

**17. Any other business:**

17.1 Dorian stated that Ian Davis mentioned, when attending our meeting last year, that he would be discussing different levels of costs of forestry use for lower levels of events – has anything been announced yet? Not that we know of.

17.2 The October meeting has moved to the first Sunday in November (2<sup>nd</sup>).

17.3 Geoff gave everyone an update on the situation regarding “E” marked tyres, which hasn’t been finalised yet.

**18. Date and venue of next meeting – 13th July 2014, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.**