

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 2nd November 2014 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 13th July 2014.

Present: Dorian Evans (Junior Challenge), Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones (Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman and Acting Chairman for this meeting), Phil Jones (Epynt & Caerwent Liaison Officer), Rob Baldwin (Historic Championship), Fran Davies (Tarmacadam & King of Epynt), Geoff Field (General Secretary), Mike Taylor (Treasurer), Andrew Thompson (South Wales RLO), Dave Evison (MSA Forest Stage Championship), Jim Jones

Delegates from the following Clubs:

Welsh Boder CC, HRCR, Ross & Dist MC, Marches 4 X 4, Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC, Sirhowy Valley MC, Quinton MC, Whitchurch MC, Lampeter & Dist MC, Port Talbot MC, Welsh Xtreme, Caernarvon & Anglesey MC, North Wales CC, Gwendraeth Valley MC, Amman & Dist MC, Principality MC, Brecon MC, Forresters CC, Brouthton & Bretton MC, South Wales AC, European Classic Touring Club.

1. Apologies: Paul Loveridge, Neil Fuller, Bex Richards, John Surrige, Sara Williams, Kevin Witton, Wyn Edwards, Neil Henderson, John Davies, Nigel Nelson, Midland Manor MC, Chris Tomley, Phil Mills, Chris Summerfield, Alan Corns 60 & Worcs & Burnham-On-Sea, Lancs & Cheshire CC, Bath MC.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed: Jim Jones Seconded: Rob Baldwin

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

None.

4. Membership Applications:

There were three new applications for membership: European Classic Touring Club, Sirhowy Valley CC, Welsh Extreme Off Road.

Sirhowy Valley CC:

Bob Long stated his reasons for wanting to start this new club and Mike Taylor read out a letter of objection from Forresters CC. Andrew Thompson asked Bob if their club would change their objectives if new members wanted to start running competitive events. – Bob stated that it wouldn't.

Ken Owen mentioned that Bob could join another Association, if he wanted to.

Mike Taylor read out a letter from Forresters CC, objecting to the acceptance of this club, as there were plenty of others in the area.

Dave Thomas proposed them, there was no seconder.

A vote took place which showed: so it was agreed that we should vote on it – 2 for and 1 against.

Welsh Extreme Off-Road Club:

Jason Morgan represented this club and stated his case for joining the WAMC. Steve Gregg asked where the club was based – near Llanelli.

Proposed: Jerry Herbert Vote: for 11, against none.

European Classic Touring Club:

Geoff Field represented this club and explained that this was a nationally based club, but it had to be a member of an Association. As a number of the officials were based in Wales, it was logical to apply to join the WAMC.

Proposed : Rob Baldwin Seconded: Steve Gregg – vote: for 10 against none.

5. MSA Delegates Reports:

Geoff Field:

Rallies Committee:

Report from Rallies Committee Meeting on Tuesday 8th April 2014

Payment of Fines and Fees by credit card is to be trialled for 6 months, with surcharge costs being met by the MSA.

The requested advice on buying seats hadn't been received, so the Chairman asked that this be done (a report on the testing of the seats had been received).

Motorola no longer make radio sets that are suitable for rally use – other manufacturers "might" follow this decision, so it needs to be checked. The "new" frequency exploration is ongoing.

Rallies Committee members were asked to read the draft Rally Safety Guidelines document that Sue Sanders had written and to let her have any comments on it. There was some debate about the use of Course Cars on events and it was agreed that information on that could be included in the document too. There was extensive discussion on a means of introducing low cost rallying, including a very good presentation by Sue Sanders, Nathan Crewe and Matt Endean. Working groups to be formed to progress this.

GoMotorsport – ideas for promoting motor sport to be sent to Jess Fack.

Schedule Timing is to be made available as an option to Target Timing to give events more flexibility and to keep competitors in an event for longer.

HANS (and similar) devices were discussed and it was agreed that more information is needed on their effectiveness before we should consider making them mandatory.

It was agreed that the BARS test/courses should be developed to include more information on signage.

There was some discussion on the Deregulation Bill – LARA and the MSA are on the case with this.

Ian Davis is dealing with some Section 33 issues with Mark Stafford-Tolley, of Powys CC.

There was some discussion on the use of non e-marked tyres for road rallies in Wales – Dyfed Powys Police are insisting on the use of e-marked tyres ONLY. This issue is ongoing.

Regional Committee meeting:

Report from Regional Committee on Wednesday 21st May 2014

Nominations are invited for Specialist Committee membership.

Motor Sport Council meetings will take place three times per year, instead of four.

Taster events – the question of Night Navigation events, under this heading, is ongoing.

302 MSA Clubs responded to the recent Survey of the 740 registered, and there was a lot of discussion on the findings from this.

Changes in MSA/IMS staff include Alan Page taking over Training and Ben Taylor taking over as the Head of IMS, following Andrew Coe's departure. A new General Secretary will be announced soon.

Closed Roads – a meeting to finalise the draft document for this was taking place the day of the Regional meeting.

Risk retention has seen a reduction in premiums and a 30% rebate to organising clubs.

Championship tenders are still being processed.

The MSA have increased their donation to LARA in recognition of the increased workload and expenses that they have. The ACU have reduced their commitment to Associate Members only, rather than staying as full members.

The Inter-Association Sprint will take place at Castle Combe on 26th July.

There was a very good turnout for the recent Club Seminars and the new format met with widespread approval. This is going to be further developed for future years.

WAMC needs to identify a suitable event for the Inter-Association Trial this year.

Historic (Paul Loveridge):

No report received – Paul is no longer on this committee, so this item will be removed from the list on the agenda.

Council (Paul Loveridge):

The main topic of discussion was the proposal to make the use of Frontal Head Restraint mandatory, in the light of recent accidents. There was no update on the Championship tendering process.

Championship steering group:

No report received.

Road rally working group:

No report received.

6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:

We are currently £2000 or so up, with about £2000 owed to us. We should end the year about even, at this point.

7. Centre Reports:**Southern Centre:**

Meeting held on 3rd June 2014 at the White Hall Hotel Llandovery

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting today as I am on MSA Steward duties at Brawdy.

Once again the Southern Centre meeting was well attended but slightly down on numbers due partially to this being a summer evening.

We heard reports from the WAMC Championships where the secretary was in attendance or had sent in a report to the meeting which was read out by the chairman. We also heard a report from the British Cross Country Championship

Geoff Field gave a report from the recent Regional Committee meeting held at Colnbrook and highlighted some areas to the meeting. I also attended this meeting to discuss the MSA unlicensed officials seminars with regional representatives. A discussion at the Southern Centre indicated that the invites from the MSA did not get to the right people in clubs. Hence the poor attendance from Welsh Clubs.

The meeting also had reports from the Epynt and Caerwent Liaison Officer, Pembrey Liaison Officer, Forest of Dean FLO and the MSA RLO

Full details will follow within the minutes of the meeting to be published by Bex Richards

Date of next meeting 2nd September 2014.

Northern Centre:

The last meeting was held on 11th June – venues have been difficult to find, but it is hoped that a new home has been found now.

E marked tyres was discussed at length.

WRGB route was discussed, Clocaenog will be now available.

The Gold Leaf Rally has had to be cancelled. There have been a few complaints from marshals about the behaviour of competitors and Officials – if this continues, there will be some serious problems in getting marshals.

A recent event was told that they had to provide their own transport to get an injured competitor to hospital. Jimmy mentioned that you have to undergo special training to have a blue light being used, when on a public highway.

Geoff to write to the MSA advising them of this situation.

8. Championship Reports:**Forest National:**

After four rounds total registrations stand at 84

Leading Overall, Luke Francis & John Roberts

Leading Group N Driver, Alex Allingham & Chris Williams

Leading Two Wheel Drive, Matthew Robinson Co Driver Sam Collis

Leading Under 25 Driver, Rory Jones Co Driver Will Rogers

Please visit the Championship Website for full details of points allocated .

Round 3, The Plains, had an entry of 130 and leading championship contender was Euan Thorburn. The event started in Welshpool and featured stages in Hafren, Dyfi, Gartheiniog, Pantperthog and the Woodyard.

Round 4, The Severn Valley Stages, had an entry of 116. Leading championship contender was Luke Francis. The event was based at the showground, in Builth Wells, and featured mileage of 44 based on stages in Halfway, Crychan and Cefn.

Both previous rounds met the requirements of the championship secretary and were well received by registered contenders.

I have received a letter from both Graham Raeburn, of the Plains, and Kevin Witton, of Rally North Wales, advising they have stepped down as Clerks for their respective events. Les Sharp steps in for Graham Raeburn and enquiries for RNW should be directed to Guy Weaver, chairman of W&SSCC.

TV coverage by Special Stage Extra goes out on the Motors TV channel on the 1st Wednesday each month, featuring action from the previous month's event. The programme is then available for viewing on you tube.

The championship is again part of the Wales Rally GB initiative "The Road to Wales" where a dedicated page on WRGB website updates details after each event with the latest qualifying crews. An entry on the 3-day Nat B event to the value of £980 is offered to the outright championship winner.

The MSA has confirmed that the WAMC was successful in its tender to run the MSA Welsh Rally Championship.

Entries received to date, for The Nicky Grist, are considerably up on last year's event and currently stand at one of the best supported round to-date. I have also been advised that the entries for Round 6, the Neath Valley, are up on this time last year. Regulations for the remaining rounds will be live in the near future.

12th July, Nicky Grist Stages; 9th August, Neath Valley; 30th August, Woodpecker Stages Rally; 18th October, Cambrian Rally.

Forest Clubmans:

The Plains Rally organised by Knutsford & District M C host the third round of the In Car Services & Evans Motorsport Tyres Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship.

The event was based in Welshpool and started from the Main Town Car Park with a long run out of 36 miles to the first stage of the day being Hafren Forest followed by stages in Cwmcelli, Gartheiniog, Pantperthog, Dyfi, and the Woodyard. Service was in Dolgellau this year.

Some of the competitors complained of dust problems on stages due to the catch other competitors. Unfortunately the Coracle Stages which was due to be run on Sunday 15th June was cancelled due to insufficient entries. The organising clubs made this decision on Thursday evening 5th June. All Championship Contenders were informed by email that evening. The Woodpecker Stages which was listed as a Reserve Event will now replace the Coracle Stages

Current Championship Positions

Overall Leaders	Simon Pickering	Colin Jenkins
Front Wheel Drive Category	Paul Davies	James Morgan
Rear Wheel Drive Category	Simon Pickering	Colin Jenkins
Class 1	Sion Ellis	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	James Nicholls	
Under 25 Co Driver		James Morgan
Senior Driver	David Jones	
Senior Co Driver		Glyn Price

Remaining Championship Rounds

9th August

30th August

21st September

18th October

Neath Valley Stages

Woodpecker Stages

Red Dragon Stages

Cambrian Rally

Three Counties C C

Sixty & Worcs. M C

Port Talbot M C

North Wales C C

Tarmacadam:

Six rounds of the Championship have now ran, and registrations have closed. We have 40 Drivers and 32 Navigators registered. Leading the Drivers is Rob Tout with 127 points, second Carl O'Grady 103 points, & third Ian Kenvin with 98 points. Emma Todd is leading the Navigators with 111 points, second Kath Curzon with 106 points, and third Ian Meakin with 87 points. The Ladies Award is being led by Emma, & the Under 25 Driver by Aaron Jones. The next round will be the Harry Flatters on the 27th of July. The Gareth Jaffa Appeal Fund has kindly made a gift of £1,000 each to Colin Price & Phil Cook who were involved in the accident on The Tour of Epynt.

Historic:

Following round four the Severn Valley Historic Stages Peter Jones and Graham Joseph have pulled out a clear lead in the TR7 V8 with the next four places overall bring very close. We now have 38 registered contenders which is down on last year but this seems to be a general trend coupled with the defection by some contenders to what is a modern championship with historic classes but has been media driven to appear as a historic championship

Overall positions

Peter Jones Graham Joseph 112 points

David Stokes Guy Weaver 62 points

Nick Danks Martin Corbett 60 points

Graham Thatcher Robert James 57 points

Simon Pickering Colin Jenkins 57 points

Next event Nick Grist Stages 12th July

Speed:

The Trident Engineering (Llanelli) Welsh Sprint & Hillclimb Championship is progressing well, with 30 registered competitors enjoying a range of events.

Nine rounds have been completed and the championship leader is Wynne Morgan from Tumble in his Modified Production Clio Cup. Wynne has competed on 8 of the 9 rounds and only has 1 scoring round left (the best 9 results count towards championship honours).

In second place is Wyn Lewis from Crymych in the new Road Rally car class (RC5). This is Wyn's first year of sprinting and hillclimbing!

Close behind Wyn is last year's runner up, Elen Worthington, also from Tumble, in her Lotus Elise. Elen has shown a great turn of speed on sprints this season and is looking for a strong finish to the season including on her first hillclimb in Charmouth in September.

With 11 rounds (9 possible) left, though, everything is still open!

The next rounds are Llandow Sprint on the 19th July and Lllys y Fran Hillclimb on the 20th.

Provisional results are shown overleaf – there are a couple of minor class anomalies to be ironed out.

Autotest:

No report received as there has been no interest shown, by competitors, in doing this. Jimmy has compiled a set of Autosolo regs for 2015, which we have agreed to test.

Road Rally:

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

Seven rounds of the Championship have now run and the current leaders are Ian 'Dude' Roberts on 678 points, Steve King on 620 points followed by 'Polly' with 590 points. Leading Navigators are Gwawr Hughes on 677, Dylan Jenkins on 572 points, followed by Nick Bloxham on 561 points

There was some controversy on the recent Night Owl rally, where several competitors were excluded for Give Way offences. This should serve as a warning to all competitors that failure to comply with the Give Way rule will result in exclusion.

Could organisers of Championship rounds please make contact with me prior to Regs being published so that I can make sure that the Championship sponsors details appear, and also could they make sure that the Championship signing on forms are sent to me as soon as possible after the event so that I can allocate points.

The Road Rally Organisers meeting will now take place here at the Metropole on Sunday August 10th at 10.00 a.m. and organisers are reminded that it is a condition of inclusion in the 2015 Championship that clubs are represented at the meeting.

Club Championship:

Forresters C. C.	192
Port Talbot M. C.	169
Welsh Border C. C.	168
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	144
Teify Valley M. C.	124
H. R. C. R.	107
Dovey Valley M. C.	105
Forest Of Dean M. C.	98
Aberystwyth & Dist M. C.	95
Ammanford M. C.	90
Maesteg M. C.	83
W. & S. S. C. C.	69
Ludlow Castle M. C.	63
Amman & Dist. M. C.	60
Llandysul M. C.	54
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	53
Three Counties Car Club	53
Brecon M. C.	38
Chester M. C.	38
Heads of Valley A. C.	37
Harlech & District M. C.	35
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	35
North Wales C. C.	35
Herefordshire M. C.	33

Carmarthen M. C.	29
Clwyd Vale M. C.	24
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	24
Southern C. C.	22
Ystrad Mynach M. C.	22
Caernarfon & Anglesey M. C.	18
Swansea M. C.	18
Weston-Super-Mare M. C.	17
Kidwelly M C	14
I R D C	11
Cannock & Dist. M. C.	10
Ross & District M. C.	10
Whitchurch M. C.	8
Bala & District M. C.	7
Epynt M. C.	7
Broughton & Bretton M. C.	6
Pembrokeshire M. C.	5
Potteries & Newcastle M. C.	5
Quinton M. C.	2
Stockport 061 M. C.	2
Warrington M C	2
South Hams M. C.	1
Tavern M. C.	1

King of Epynt:

Registrations for this championship have now closed. We have 29 Drivers, & 20 Navigators registered. The Drivers' championship is headed by Rob Tout, and the two brothers Stuart & Richard Bliss lie in second & third positions. The Navigators championship is headed by Jamie Vaughan, & Richard Suter & Nigel Hewitt lie joint second. The next round will be held on Epynt, this being The Harry Flatters on the 27th of July.

Junior Challenge:

Saturday and Sunday the 14th and 15th of June saw the first double header round of the 2014 WAMC Junior Challenge, the Epynt hillclimb.

Saturday saw two challenge competitors, Charlotte Phelps and Rheinallt George, taking part.

Charlotte took maximum overall points, maximum class points and also maximum team points with her brother Adam, having the best aggregate time against Reinallt and his father Hefin, although Rheinallt took maximum points in his own class.

Sunday saw only Charlotte competing and she then took maximum points again in her class, overall and team award.

Due to a shortage of entries Bristol Motor Club took the decision to cancel their Autosolo at Mendips raceway on Sunday the 6th of July. The original event was due to take place at Castle Combe, but due to noise issues had to be moved.

Due to the fact that the championship is now well underway for this year, it has been decided NOT to allocate a reserve event for this year in place of this cancelled one.

The next event in the WAMC Junior Challenge will be BARC's Llandow Sprint on the 19th of July.

The number of registrations currently stands at 10 for this year, which is down from last year.

The results are as follows:

Overall:

Charlotte Phelps	20
Rheinallt George	19
Dafydd Evans	10
Osian Davies	9
Daniel Jones	8
Fiona Moss	7
Gareth Parry	6
Lewis Morgan	1
Daniel Petrie	1
Harry Whiting	1

Class JC2 1001 - 1600cc

Charlotte Phelps	40
Daniel Jones	20
Fiona Moss	19
Gareth Parry	18
Harry Whiting	1

Class JC3 1601 - 2000cc

Rheinallt George	40
Dafydd Evans	20
Osian Davies	19
Lewis Morgan	1
Daniel Petrie	1

Team Championship

Team Phelps	20
Team George	19
Team Whiting	1

Cross Country Events:

Three rounds have taken place already, with five of the six rounds times counting toward the final result. Next round is in Radnor, 26th/27th July, over a tight and demanding course, based at the Fishpools entrance area.

Entries are still low, bouncing along the very minimum required to keep the championship viable. Land and the cost of running an MSA championship at Nat A level is unfortunately forcing competitors to turn to cheaper club events under Nat B conditions. Development of newer, more sophisticated vehicles is making course selection/speed reduction even more difficult!

9.0 MSA Guest:

Rob Jones:

As a result of a number of WAMC Officers not being available for this meeting, Rob Jones agreed to attend the November 2nd meeting instead.

10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:

Kevin Witton:

No report received.

Keith Ashley:

No report received.

Neil Henderson:

Ross & District Motorsport Club will be running the Ross Traders Historic Tour on Saturday 19th July and for the second year the event will include two tests within the Oakenhill Enclosure. The Forestry Commission have accommodated this event at the very end of the nesting season and is at present the last event due to take place in The Forest of Dean this year.

11. Route Liaison Officer Reports:

North Wales – John Davies:

I have nothing new to report on this quarter as events are running very smoothly in the North Wales area with very minimal problems being reported.

The latest on the e-marked tyres scene is that the MSA are awaiting a response from ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) before anything can be done either way.

I will let everyone know if and when I receive any information and will act on any instructions given by the MSA if the need arises.

You have all probably seen in the Media recently the reports of the proposed stages to be used on this year's WRGB with North Wales playing a major part on the event, but it look like the Great Orme will not feature this time, much to the disappointment of Llandudno businesses – according to some newspaper reports!

Some events organised by non-MSA affiliated clubs are creeping in, one of which nearly caused a major clash with an established event recently.

If any club/organiser finds that one of these events may be or has been a threat to their own events, please let me know, and I can try and do something about it.

Can I please remind clubs to send me their event details as soon as they are available, this helps ensure that any problems are sorted before the route is sent to the CAO.

Any other problem that organisers may have, please let me know about them and I will do my best to assist.

South Wales – Andrew Thomson:

We have been quite busy over the past few months with various Events and again on the whole things have been very good. It looks as though all Road Rallies are now using the “e” marked tyres option in the Dyfed Powys, Gwent and South Wales Police area. It is pleasing to see that this is not having any effect on the number of entries received for the events. I think that the Meetings which the Southern Association holds in January every year for Organisers are valuable and a good way to discuss and ask questions about things that are on people’s minds or which have cropped up over the previous year. Well done to Neil Fuller for organising these.

Organisers should remember that the Crews are now running “e” marked tyres and have not got the big strong walls that Gravel tyres have so PLEASE think about the use of “whites” and how rough they are? If you have no choice other than to run a rough white then think about lowering the average speed or even running it as a Neutral section just to get crews through it?

Sadly an event which I was full of praise for last year has gone totally the other way this year!! The Aberystwyth & District Night Owl Rally under the Clerk of Course Andrew Edwards fell well short of the mark this year!! Andrew did not keep me updated with any re-routes, let me know of any issues with PR work, and ignored instructions from myself!! There were a number of other issues regarding the Clerk, but these are being dealt with in house and I hope to have some feedback soon.

A couple of Events have been very close to the three month minimum deadline; please get your routes in Early!! Dovey Valley Motor Club were again on the limit this year despite promises from the Secretary that things would change for this year! I have picked the Club up for the same infringements for the last three years, Time Controls within 2 miles of each other (one Neutral section this year is 0.5 miles long!!), No Controls or types of Section on the proposed routes that are sent to me, PR issues with areas that the Club wish to use!

The events that run “Special Tests” should be aware that they must consist of manouverability and stop astride, and not be run as mini stages!!

12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports

Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:

Disappointment for Forresters Car Club and SWAC due to not being able to run the Mid Summer Caerwent on 22 June. I think they took a brave and sensible decision to cancel the event, trying to run a rally with so many troops on the training area about to deploy could have caused major conflicts and disruption to both sides. The next event at Caerwent will be the Patriot Stages on 28 September.

A number of events on Epynt recently with no adverse comment from Sennybridge. Section 33 footpath permission is still rumbling on, I will be grateful if clubs using the ranges will let me know if they get problems in applying to Powys CC due to the late consent issued by Sennybridge. If this does cause a problem then I will try and get permission issued earlier. Some not so good news.....the current Commander has had his tenure extended by five years, he is looking more closely at road closure and diversions and I understand his view is that army units should not be diverted, this could have huge implications for the temporary closure of the centre road to create longer and more interesting stage routes. We will have to wait and see. The next event on Epynt is the Harry Flatters on 26 July.

Pembrey – Gethin Rees:

No report received.

13. Competition Committee Report:

Autosolos – Jimmy Jones stated that the WAMC are looking at running an Autosolo Championship next year, if enough suitable events can be found. He has already compiled a set of regulations for it, which need to be ratified by the Competitions Committee.

Lack of marshals on events. The WAMC is looking to create its own list of marshals and to introduce an enamel badge to be issued and this would be supplemented by a “year” bar for each year that they marshal on a minimum of 6 events. In addition to that, Dave Thomas explained the system of the Marshals Championship that he runs and it was agreed that this could run alongside the badges.

Six week’s notification of clubs intending to join the WAMC. Steve Gregg suggested that we should consider stating that the WAMC would NOT normally consider a new club, unless they can demonstrate that they would not adversely affect another member club, within their locality, and that they should think about it, before making the application as it is unlikely to be approved.

Dave Evison proposed the change, seconded by Phil Jones – all agreed.

14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:

None.

15. Correspondence:

Geoff: MSA – MSA newsletter. Application forms for Forestry use in 2015, Minutes of various meetings, emails re: Inter-Association Road Rally (passed on to John SurrIDGE) and Inter-Association Trial (being organised by WSSCC on our behalf) events.

Various correspondence and meetings with Sport Wales. Letters from Forrester’s Car Club re: FHR’s and an objection to the membership application from Sirhowy Valley MC. Email from Alan Stoneman re: change of Date for Red Dragon Rally. Considerable discussion on the Sydney to London event. Various correspondence from LARA.

16. Year Book Amendments:

None

17. Any other business:

Nigel Nelson:

Dear Geoff, unfortunately due to operational necessity I will not be able to attend the WAMC meeting tomorrow. I can however update you that the e-mark tyre report I compiled in February has been submitted to Dyfed-Powys Police solicitors and it has been agreed that the proposal is lawful and proportionate. DPP will now invite the MSA to attend a meeting at force HQ to take this matter forward.

Can you on behalf of Dyfed-Powys Police thank the WAMC, Andrew Thompson, “relevant” organisers and competitors for their continued support in this matter. Regards, Nigel.

This subject generated a lot of discussion, initiated by Dave Thomas, much of which had been said before. Ultimately, it was agreed that the forthcoming meeting between the Police and MSA should resolve it one way or the other and that would put an end to the matter. It was agreed that the MSA should have responded to this issue when it first appeared, around three years ago, as it was a serious matter, with potentially disastrous implications for the future of motor sport.

Jimmy Jones reminded everyone that they should have submitted dates if they want to be included in the 2015 championships – the closing date is the end of July 2014.

The meeting finished at 16.15.

18. Date and venue of next meeting – 2nd November 2014, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.