



Minutes of a Meeting of the ACTC Council

The Major's Retreat, Tormarton

Sunday 27th April, 14:00 hrs

The numbering system of these minutes follows that of the Agenda.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman expressed his condolences and those of the attendees to the family of Steve Knight and to his many friends and colleagues at the North Devon Motor Club. The Chairman also expressed his wishes and those of the attendees for a speedy recovery to Bill Bennett and Robin Moore

1. Apologies for Absence

See Appendix 1, which also includes meeting attendees.
There were 10 clubs represented.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (8th September 2013)

The minutes as circulated were accepted.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Tailgate material in Class 1

The meeting re-iterated that Class 1 cars may have plastic in the tailgate and that side windows in production car classes may not be replaced with plastic.

3.2 Production Class definition

A definition of a 'Production Car' as required by the 8th Sept 2013 Meeting is now included in the ACTC Rules, Appendix 1.2.4. (Version effective Jan 2014).

3.3 Technical Rules as Appendices

The January 2014 version of the ACTC Rules now has Technical Rules for Cars as Appendix 1 and those for Motorcycles as Appendix 2.

3.4 New Website

James Shallcross has been working on a new ACTC website and it is expected to be ready in early May.

4 and 5 Election of Officers

There were no proposals for alternatives for any of the ACTC officers and the current incumbents were approved *nem com*.

Proposed: Ross and DMC Ltd

Seconded: Holsworthy MC

6 Financial Report

There was no financial report

7 Restart/Website

A report from Pat Toulmin was circulated with the agenda and confirmed that the June edition of Restart would be published on schedule. Website: see para 3.4 abo

8 Public Relations

The Chairman explained that he felt that the emphasis in this area should change and that the ACTC should look towards a more market focussed approach. Ian Davis was thanked for his work in the PR role.

Keith Sanders is to take up the new marketing role

Proposed: Stroud & DMC

Seconded: Bristol MC

passed n.c

9 Rights of Way

A comprehensive report on Rights of Way issues(including the Deregulation Bill) by Andrew Brown was circulated with the Agenda. AKB will be keeping in close touch with all areas of this topic, including via LARA, and will keep members informed.

10 Scrutineering Report

10.1 Scrutineering Cards

The ACTC Series scrutineer has been unable to attend all trials in the past few months and reported that the input of information on the Scrutineering Cards used suffered as a result. Particular mention was made of missing or incomplete MoT dates. It was agreed that the effectiveness of these cards should be emphasised by the clubs to their event officials.

Action: All Clubs

10.2 Class 1 Spare Wheels

Spare wheels in Class 1 cars carried loose behind the front seats are considered to be a hazard and were flagged up by an MSA scrutineer at a recent event. Class 1 competitors are to be made aware of this and are to strap or otherwise restrain spare wheels to the satisfaction of the scrutineer when carried the passenger compartment.

10.3 Fire Extinguisher Mountings

Some fire extinguishers have been seen during scrutineering mounted in inappropriate places such as parcel shelves.

John Blakeley is to generate some guidance on suitable mounting practice for consideration and potential adoption at the next meeting in September 2014.

Action: John Blakeley by 26th July

11. Awards Presentation Evening

The date for this has changed to Saturday 21st June because of date clashes at the preferred venue which will be at the same as 2014. Price of dinner tickets and accommodation will be at 2013 levels.

The change of date to be reflected in the 2014 Schedule and a reminder of the date change will be e-mailed to the on-line members.

Action: Chris Phillips – immediately.

12 Championship Quality Report

After some discussion the meeting concluded that the revamped website would be useful in obtaining feedback from the competitors about events which would be useful to organisers. Dave Haizelden and James Shallcross to devise and implement this and report at the September meeting.

Action: Dave Haizelden & James Shallcross

13 MSA Trial Committee

A report of the meeting of the MSA Trials committee of 19th April 2014 was circulated with the Agenda.

The MSA will introduce an addition to rule G.10.2 which requires a list of all 'Judges of Fact' to be available at the start of each section, 15 minutes prior to the first car..

This will be achieved by using the section marshals' signing-on sheet, suitable protected and available at the start of the section/test.

Note this only applies to cars and all clubs are to make this requirement known to their event organising teams.

Action: All Clubs

14 Discussion items from Stephen Bailey, Motorcycle co-ordinator

14.1 On the Hardy Trial SB noted that there were two Jagos which had more externally mounted spare wheels than were allowed in the Rules and that they also carried externally mounted jerry cans.

The ACTC series scrutineer, John Blakeley, officiated at the hardy Trial and was able to advise that in both cases the extra spare wheels had been seen and noted on the scrutineering cards and the offending wheels had been removed.

The jerry cans contained nothing and were not considered to be a contravention of the rules.

The VSCC made the point that some pre-war cars were designed to carry petrol cans and that some needed to carry spare petrol. The rule situation of this aspect is to be investigated by the Chairman.

Action: Giles Greenslade by Sept 2014

14.2 SB's second point about cars which were once sporting trials compliant and which now appear in Classic Trials was discussed. It was noted that these cars comply in all respects with the current ACTC Rules covering cars.

15 Suggested Steering Committee

The Chairman had circulated a discussion document prior to the meeting about the possibility of an ACTC competing member-populated Steering Committee providing feedback to the main committee.

After some discussion it was proposed this should be set up.

Proposed: Stroud & DMC

Seconded: Torbay MC

Voting: For – 6, Against –1, Abstain 3

Action: Giles Greenslade by Sep 1014

16 Award of Wheelspin and Crackington points to event major organisers.

Stroud & DMC proposed that organisers of ACTC car championship event should be awarded points in the two car championships to encourage experienced and leading triallists to get involved in this way. Event personnel to be awarded points to be: Clerk of the Course, Secretary of the Meeting, Deputy CoC and Chief Marshal.

Proposed: Stroud & DMC

Seconded:

Voting: For – 3, Against – 2, Abstain - 5

Two proposals to award i) Five championship points for the four positions and ii) 10 points per position were both defeated.

A third proposal to award 8 points per position was voted upon as follows:

Proposed: Stroud & DMC

Seconded: Torbay MC

Voting: For- 4, Against – 3, Abstain – 3

17 Technical Rules

Stroud & DMC have noted that there are a significant quantity of areas where there are apparent conflict and confusion between sections of the MSA 'Blue Book' (BB) and between the BB and the ACTC Technical rules.

It was agreed that the Deputy Chairman, as Chairman of the ACTC Technical Committee, would invite items for discussion, clarification and ruling from the Clubs with a view to providing a progress report at the next ACTC meeting in September.

For the purposes of this discussion representatives from individual clubs would be invited to attend meetings and be included in on-line discussions.

The information circulation list to include Dudley Sterry and Simon Woodall.

Action: Brian Partridge by Sept 2014

18 ACTC Rule 3.6

The motorcycle co-ordinator pointed out that the subject rule did not take account of those ACTC clubs who were not ACU affiliated, instead being members of the ACMA. He is to take up this matter with Andrew Brown.

Action: Stephen Bailey

19 ACTC Members on Trials

A Torbay MC paper was circulated with the Agenda on the growing proportion of one-day trials competitors who are not members of the ACTC.

It was agreed that this would be referred to the new Marketing Officer.

Action: Keith Saunders, to report at Sept 2014 meeting

20 MGCC Topics

20.1 Novice Competitors

MGCC had circulated a paper with the Agenda on the possibility of assisting novice competitors by identifying their cars and possibly setting up a 'buddy' system.

This is to be looked into by the Marketing Officer.

Action: Keith Saunders, to report at Sept 2014 meeting

20.2 Section Numbering

In the MGCC's view the section marking numbers used on the Cotswold Clouds appear to offer a superior and more easily used product than the normal numbers. These are unique to Stroud & DMC and they are to investigate the possibility of bulk production.

Action: Carl Talbot asap

21 ACTC Schedules

21.1 2014

The only identified change to Issue 2 is the move of the Awards Dinner move to Saturday 21st June. Schedule to be raised to Issue 3 and circulated with these minutes.

Action: Chris Phillips, immediately

21.2 2015

MAC are concerned that the forced move of the Exeter Trial 2015, leaving only one week between it and the Clee Hills Trial will have a severe effect on entry numbers. They are to consider other free dates and revert to the Championship Sec with any change that they wish to make.

Action: Graham Austin

22 Championship Reports

22.1 General

Car competitors are currently 5 down on 2013, Navigators are 7 up, Restart subscribers are 3 down and Motorcycle competitors up 2.

No car passenger list for the Northern Trial has been received by the Championship Sec and consequently the Navigator's scores for this event still have to be entered in the tables.

22.2 Motorcycles

The Ossa Adventurer has been added to the list of ineligible bikes.

23 AOB

23.1 Regional Championships

There had been a suggestion that Regional Championships would increase entry levels. The general consensus was that this was not a workable idea and would not be pursued.

23.2 Removal of Trim

MAC wanted to establish what level of trim removal was acceptable. This will be covered under the arrangements detailed in para 17, above.

23.3 FWD cars

The MCC referred to the unfortunate incident on the Exeter Trial in which a spectator was injured by a stone thrown out sideways from the front wheel of an FWD car.

This topic and possible solutions was referred to the clubs for further discussion in September

23.4 All Terrain Tyres (KL78 Kumo)

There is some concern that a tyre labelled 'All Terrain' is included on the ACTC approved list. The Tyre List co-ordinator advised that they will remain on the list.

24 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7th 2014 at the Major's Retreat, Tormarton at 14:00 hrs.

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Appendix 1
Attendees

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| Lee Peck – Dellow Register | Richard Andrews – Ross & DMC Ltd |
| Neil Forrest – Ross & DMC Ltd | Carl Talbot – Stroud & DMC |
| Dudley Sterry – MCC | Keith Sanders – Torbay MC |
| David Haizelden – Torbay MC & Championship Monitor | Andrew Martin – Holsworthy MC |
| Barry Clarke - VSCC | Adrian Tucker-Peake - MGCC |
| Graham Austin - MAC | Pete Hart Bristol MC & Class 7 Coordinator |
| Stephen Bailey – Motorcycle Coordinator | John Blakely - Scrutineer |
| Giles Greenslade - Chairman | Brian Partridge – Vice Chairman |
| Chris Phillips – Championship Secretary | |

Apologies for Absence

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| Stuart Harrold – Hon Sec | Derek Reynolds – Fellside AC |
| Mike Hayward – Falcon MC | Bill Bennett – MGCC |
| Barbara Selkirk – Treasurer & VWOCGB | Pat Toulmin – Restart Editor & Webmaster |
| Jonathan Toulmin – MAC | Jim Wood – Holsworthy MC |
| Andrew Brown – Rights of Way Officer | Barrie Kirton MCC |
| Tim Whellock – Windwhistle MC | Brian Osborn MGCC |
| Simon Woodall – President | John Bell – Ilkley & DMC |
| Hans Viertel - CVMC | Tris White -CVMC |
| Rodney Murch - NDMC | John Barthtram - NDMC |
| Greg Warren – Torbay MC | |

Appendix 2: ACTC 2014 Event Schedule, Issue 3, dated 1st May 2014 (attached)

Appendix 3: ACTC 2015 Event Schedule, Draft 1 (attached)