



# Minutes of the AGM of the ACTC Council held at the Portcullis Inn, Tormarton, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2000

## PRESENT:

David Alderson	Chairman
Simon Woodall	VWOC + CI.7 Co-ord
Richard Dawe	Motorcycle Co-ord.
Andrew Brown	Rights of way + PR
Pat Toulmin	Restart Editor
Adrian Tucker-Peake	Secretary
John Barthram	North Devon Motor Club
Steve Knight	"
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Automobile Club
Pete Hart	Bristol Motor Club
Mark Tooth	"
Neil Forrest	Ross & District Motor Club
Adrian Marfell	"
Roger Ugalde	Crash Box Club + Silverton + Torbay
Mike Furse	Motor Cycling Club
Martin Willis	Fell Side Automobile Club
Chris Veevers	"
Dick Hutchings	Minehead Motor Club
Keith Hole	"
G. Wescott	Exmoor Motor Club
Brian Osborne	MG Car Club
Gerald Burrige	"
Hans Viertel	Camel Vale Motor Club
Peter Allen	"
Mike Pearson	Falcon Motor Club
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall Motor Club
Nigel Moss	Stroud & District Motor Club
Terry Coventry	"

The meeting followed the draft agenda circulated on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2000

00/20 INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS

On behalf of council and delegates, Robin Moore thanked Gerald Burridge for his 5 years' first class service as General Secretary. David Alderson presented Gerald with an engraved glass tankard. Adrian Tucker-Peake took up his secretarial duties.

00/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from: Alan Foster, Giles Greenslade, Terry Mattin, Brian Mitchell, Andy & Sue Webb, John West.

00/22 MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 21 May 2000

00/22/1 Jonathan Toulmin asked that copies of attachments, reports etc. be circulated with the minutes. These have previously simply been available on request. The secretary will study the feasibility and oblige if practicable.

**ACTION:** Adrian Tucker-Peake

Minutes acceptance: - proposed: Bristol MC  
- seconded: L&NMC  
Vote carried

00/23      MATTERS ARISING

00/23/1 S Woodall reported that most clubs are comfortable with their own formats of S.R's: however, a 'reference' standard set is now available and has been used by Roger Ugalde.

00/23/2 MAC & RDMC both suggested that the logistics of setting out 'on section' fire extinguishers could be too burdensome: on long sections, 3 or 4 units might be strictly necessary. They could of course be set out specifically to comply with landowners' wishes, although Forestry Commission do not stipulate this. Minehead argued that a legal weakness might exist in adopting a recommendation: all felt that on-board extinguishers should be the preferred approach. See MSA summary 00/26.

## 00/24 ACTC CLUB MEMBERSHIP

00/24/1 Applications are expected from Morgan 3 Wheeler and Windwhistle Motor Clubs. Morgan now have MSA membership. No written request or monies have yet been received. There have been no withdrawals.

## 00/25 FINANCIAL REPORT

00/25/1 B.Selkirk reviewed the financial data for the period ending 30.8.00 (Attachment 00/25/1A)

Accounts summary approval: - proposed: WWOC  
- seconded: Fell Side  
Vote carried



00/25/2 The 2001 budget was reviewed. Additional secretarial expenses have been provided because the post's Apple Mac is now defunct and an alternative PC route will be required. J Toulmin requested that the final bank account figure be changed to include the 1.1.2001 estimate of £300, i.e. £523 total, and 'RAC' changed to 'MSA'.

**ACTION: B.Selkirk**

Upgrading Restart to include colour photos will cost typically £160 annually – this sum is budgeted for. The value and merit was discussed at length, with a final view that colour adds appeal so should be continued and reviewed end-2000.

- proposed: R.Ugalde (Crash Box)

- seconded: M. Furse (MCC)

Vote carried

M.Willis (Fell Side) suggested that clubs should promote magazine-only subscriptions.

## 00/26 THE MSA TRIALS COMMITTEE

David Alderson reviewed material from his typed report of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

- Fire extinguishers: Classic trials regulations will recommend fitment of a hand held unit to Q.3.1.1, while individual clubs will have the option to mandate carrying an extinguisher if they choose in their S.R's.
- The issue of potential mis-inflation of air bags in modern cars due to off-road jolting was discussed, and the MSA is researching the facts.

## 00/27 TECHNICAL MATTERS

00/27/1 Minutes of the Technical Panel/Officers Meeting held on 22 July were circulated with the Agenda.

00/27/2 R.Moore (L&NC) referred to T00/09 and commented that whereas VSCC does allow 15" radials to be used, they were probably not permitted in mud plugging competitions therefore minimal difference should exist between ACTC and VSCC rules in practice.

00/27/3 J.Toulmin (MAC) referred to T00/12 and his two concerns for the future of ACTC, i.e: the continuation of events, and increasing competitor numbers. Adequate, quality marshalling has continued to be a problem for many clubs, though in SDMC's case many competitors marshaled the Ebworth. This practice should particularly be encouraged, though championship points were not considered to be the answer.

## 00/28 RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

Andrew Brown issued a summary report (Attachment 00/28/A) highlighting in particular the co-operative response from trials secretaries in forwarding route cards. It was stressed that even casual hill usage by members can be valuable in maintaining the status and local awareness of vehicular access, plus monitoring any unofficial attempts at downgrading. All such users should photograph the 'drive throughs' for reference purposes.

## 00/29 PUBLIC RELATIONS

00/29/1 Andrew also issued an attached summary report covering 3 topics:

- 1) ACTC publications - P.Toulmin added that she can supply electronic versions where requested

2) NEC Show - R Moore urged that the bike championship be promoted with a classic bike - Ken Green to be approached.

**ACTION - A.Brown**

- 3) Magazine - P.Toulmin made two pleas to help maintain the quality of Restart:
- a) Dennis Greenslade asks trials organizers to send him entry lists, to help him target contributors
  - b) P.Toulmin reminded all of the continuing need for good quality action photos, from existing professionals, competitors and spectators alike.

AT-P suggested that the editor's name/E Mail might be printed on entry lists commonly distributed during events.

P.T. reported no progress on the ACTC web site due to MAC centenary priorities, although she plans to publish a few pages on a new server, permitting 'hit counts' and comment returns.

00/29/2 B Osborne (MGCC) suggested that Centenary Birthday Wishes might be published in Restart next year, for MCC & MAC.

**ACTION: P.Toulmin**

Roger Pole extended his thanks on behalf of all for the enjoyable magazine.

00/30 PROGRESSION TO LIMITED COMPANY

B. Selkirk reported that no comments had been received from any clubs, and the formal arrangement will become binding on 1 January 2001. There is a need for the phrasing requiring an Extraordinary General Meeting to be verified.

**ACTION: B.Selkirk**

Agreement to proceed with arrangements;

Proposed: - Holsworthy

Seconded: - MGCC

Vote carried

00/31 ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

00/31/1 Camel Vale requested that the Technical Panel review the Cl.8 formula: some extreme car developments (e.g. very large diameter wheels & forced induction) are making route choices for classes 1 through 8 increasingly difficult for organizers. Climbing capability has been restricted successfully by some clubs imposing tyre pressure limits, though this is disliked by some competitors. Alternatively, wheel size could be restricted to 15", though suitable tyres are becoming scarce. R.Moore proposed consideration of a handicap system, endorsed by M.Furse. The Technical Panel will discuss this issue further, if concrete proposals are submitted.

**ACTION: Club comments to S.Woodall**

00/31/2 M.Furse (MCC) requested that ACTC consider the exemption certificate arrangement that is operated successfully by MCC. G.Burridge reminded everyone that this topic has been debated extensively before and discounted because of the different nature of the ACTC/MCC competitions. However, S.W. stated that ACTC is studying other ways of handling such cases, particularly to encourage historic trials specials.

00/32 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

00/32/1 G.Greenslade forwarded his printed report, Attachment 00/32/1A



00/32/2 G.Warren (Torbay) had written to advise that his club is becoming strongly hillclimb oriented, with inadequate support for trials organizers. He hoped that the Crash Box Club might be able to run the Exe Valley/Torbay in future. However, the date is still provisionally held.

00/32/3 G.Burridge asked that other key dates, e.g. Council meetings and the MCC/MAC Anniversary be included in the Trials Calendar.

**ACTION: G.Greenslade**

00/32/4 Championship quality: Andy Webb forwarded his summary report. He had targeted vehicle tyres, wheels and hubs as a particular scrutineering topic on the Taw & Torridge. He made an additional recommendation into the standardised SR's, ie. To include a space for MSA & DoE authorization numbers such that if they are not available clubs can enter 'TBA'.

**ACTION: S.Woodall**

R.Pole added his praise for the quality of vehicles presented at the T&T event, an improvement over the last 3 years.

00/32/5 Motorcycle Championship: R.Dawe reported verbally on the inaugural meeting, for which minutes are attached (00/32/5A). It was proposed "to sustain the championship via a fee payable by clubs running a motorcycle class in their events, i.e. to increase the annual fee to £38 + £15".

Proposed: - North Devon

Seconded: - Launceston

Vote carried

#### 00/33 OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

00/33/1. R.Ugalde confirmed that Crash Box would be able to run the Exe Valley trial. R.Pole stated his confidence in the preparation, organization and championship status of the event. It was proposed that "Crash Box club run the 2001 Exe Valley trial as a championship event"

Proposed: - Holsworthy

Seconded: - Launceston

Vote carried

00/33/2 Competitors 'hanging back'. The remedial measures used by 3 clubs were reviewed, i.e.:

MAC: - penalties for competitors 10+ behind their own position

Holsw: - as above, recorded by section start marshals

Launc: - section opening / closing times set to catch the 'laggers'

Such methods should be considered by clubs to maintain consistency.

**ACTION: Clubs**

#### 00/34 DATE, TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Provisionally 13<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Portcullis Inn.

Signed 

Dated 2nd December 2000

Association of Classic Trials Clubs

Founded 1 July 1978

00/25/1A

Submitted to Committee meeting on 1.10.2000 by Barbara Selkirk based on Bank Accounts @ 30.8.00

	BUDGET	FORECAST - 31.12.00	ACTUAL - 31.12.00
	Total	Total	Total
Bank accounts @ 31.12.99	£ 1,300.00	£ 1,292.35	£ 1,292.35
Income			
Clubs - 21 @ £37	777.00	814.00	814.00
Advertising income 2000	150.00	240.50	240.50
From Fighting Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	36.24	36.24
Championship contenders	3,000.00 200 @ £15	3,583.00	3,583.00
Total Income	3,927.00	4,673.74	4,673.74
Expenditure			
Feb Restart	275.00	257.50	257.50
Feb Restart postage	65.00	54.25	54.25
June Restart	275.00	257.50	257.50
June restart postage	65.00	79.20	79.20
Secretary's expenses	50.00	47.10	47.10
October Restart	275.00	275.00	
October Restart postage	65.00	65.00	
Championship stickers	50.00	50.00	
Postage of regulations & c	150.00	150.00	27.20
Trophies engraving	450.00	450.00	
Trophies insurance	100.00	100.00	
Meeting room hire	200.00	200.00	100.00
Xmas Restart	300.00	300.00	
Xmas Restart postage	70.00	70.00	
Championship regs printer	250.00	220.99	220.99
ACTC promotional materia	200.00	215.00	215.00
Web Site	180.00	180.00	
Championship cards	0.00	0.00	
RAC annual Fee	50.00	44.00	44.00
Meeting room hire	200.00	200.00	
Bridles & Byways	20.00	20.00	
Secretary Expenses	75.00	75.00	
Limited company set up	150.00	40.00	
NEC/Show costs	200.00	300.00	155.00
Transfer to Fighting Fund	500.00	500.00	
Total Expenditur	4,215.00	4,150.54	1,457.74
Profit/Loss @ 31.12.00	-288.00	523.20	3,216.00
Bank Balances @ 31.12.00	£ 1,012.00	£ 1,815.55	£ 4,508.35
Represented by - 2 Bank Accounts @ 31.8.00			55.65
			4,452.70
		TOTALS	£ 4,508.35
Represented by 2 Funds -		Current @ 31.12.00	315.00
Represented by 2 Funds -		Contingency @ 31.12.00	1,500.00





2001 - Budget Income & Expenditure

ACTC

Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 1.1.2001

1,500.00

Bank accounts estimate @ 1.1.2001

300.00

Income

Clubs - 21 @ £38	836.00	
Advertising income	230.00	
Championship contenders @ £15.00	3,300.00	4,366.00

Expenditure

Feb Restart	300.00	
Feb Restart postage	75.00	
June Restart	300.00	
June restart postage	75.00	
General Secretary's expenses	50.00	
October Restart	300.00	
October Restart postage	75.00	
Championship stickers	50.00	
Postage for Championship Monitor	75.00	
Postage of regulations & cards	150.00	
Trophies engraving	450.00	
Trophies insurance	100.00	
Meeting room hire	May 150.00	
Xmas Restart	325.00	
Xmas Restart postage	75.00	
Championship regs	200.00	
ACTC promotional material	150.00	
Web Site	180.00	
Championship cards	0.00	
MSA annual Fee	50.00	
Meeting room hire	Sept 150.00	
Byways & Bridleways	20.00	
Lara Subscription	18.00	
Secretary Expenses	75.00	
Limited company set up	150.00	
NEC/Show costs	100.00	
Transfer to Fighting Fund	500.00	
		4,143.00

Profit/Loss for year

223.00

Bank accounts @ 31.12.01

523.00

Reserves/Rights of Way Contingency Fund @ 31.12.01

2,000.00

## Championship Report 29<sup>th</sup> September 2000

If this is being read out, then I apologise for my absence.

The number of registered contenders has increased slightly over the summer, and we now have the highest number of registered car competitors for at least four years. There are now 171 full Championship members in cars.

The motorcycle registrations have remained static. The number of registered contenders is 27, which is two less than this time last year. This will however hopefully be boosted next year depending on the success/acceptance of Richard Dawes new proposals

There are 33 registered in the navigators championship a small increase on this time last year.

Unfortunately this year we are dropping to the best of 8 scores counting within the Championship due to the recent losses of the Chase Clouds, the Torbay and the Exe Valley. This reduced the number of Championship rounds to 12 which is below the number needed for 9 to count.

Next year we should revert to the full 9 again with the additions of the Exe Valley, the Northern Trial and possibly the Torbay?

The Championship calendar is complete and attached. If any club still feels that there event is not on the correct date, please let me know immediately as this will be sent out with the entry forms for next years registrations with the next issue of restart at the end of October.

We are in a very healthy position with our stocks of membership cards. We still have 1179 cards left which at the current level of membership will see us through for another 5 years!!

We also have a stock of 121 Regulations and 97 Getting started leaflets. These will not go out as standard with the registration forms unless requested. The regulations remain the same for the next Championship year - with the possible exception of the Motorbikes. Any minor changes will be notified within restart.

The Championship itself is as competitive as ever. After the Taw & Torridge, Tony Young has moved into the lead in the Wheelspin ahead of Adrian Dommett.

The Crackington as always looks misleading but after scores have been dropped Nigel Allen looks to be in a very strong position with challenges coming from David Haizelden and Bill Bennett.

The Navigators League is a fight between Judy Phillips, John Radford, Aaron Haizelden and Liz Bennett. At the moment it could go any which way.

Could I remind all clubs to ensure that signing-on sheets are sent to me after the event so that I am not guessing at who navigated for who.

Could I also ask that an entry list is sent to both Andy Webb and Dennis Greenslade, so that they can carry out their jobs more easily. As soon as a provisional list is available please send it, otherwise your event may not get monitored and you certainly may miss out on any coverage in Restart! This is cheap promotional stuff for your event so don't forget to do it.