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Minutes of the ACTC Council Meeting held at the Portcullis Inn, Tormarton on 11th May 2003

PRESENT:

Simon Woodall	Chairman elect / VWOC
Andrew Brown	RoW & Public Relations
David Haizelden	Championship Quality Monitor
Chris Phillips	Championship Secretary
Simon Robson	Cl. 7 Co-ordinator / Falcon
Barbara Selkirk	Treasurer / VWOC
Adrian Tucker-Peake	Secretary
Pat Toulmin	Restart Editor
Alan Foster	Vice President
John West	Vive President / MCC
Pete Hart	Bristol Motor Club
Mark Tooth	"
Hans Viertel	Camel Vale Motor Club
Martin Willis	Fell Side Motor Club
Jin Wood	Holsworthy Motor Club
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Automobile Club
Gerald Burridge	MG Car Club
Neil Forrest	Ross & District Motor Club
Terry Coventry	Stroud & District Motor Club
Paul Allaway	Torbay Motor Club

President: Roger Pole

Chairman: Simon Woodall

Secretary: Adrian Tucker-Peake

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The meeting followed the draft agenda circulated on 29th March 03.

03/1 APOLOGIES

Received from: J.Barthram, B.Bennett, K.Green, T.Goggin, A.Marfell, T.Mattin, B.Osborn, M.Pearson, R.Pole & T.Whellock

03/2 MINUTES OF AGM (29th September 02)

The minutes, including the amendment circulated 26/11/02, were approved and signed.

Pat Toulmin elaborated on the minuted wording regarding the web news page, explaining that it is updated frequently, irrespective of the rate of news input.

03/3 MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising not covered by agenda items below:

03/3/1 (Ref. 02/33/2) Dave Haizelden reported that he has since dropped usage of the events points scoring system, preferring instead the value of comment and suggestions. Amongst this feedback, he has been reminding clubs about monitoring their stated tyre pressure restrictions, to good effect.

03/4 ACTC CLUB MEMBERSHIP

03/4/1 No applications or resignations had been received.

03/4/2 Seven clubs have been in payment arrears, in most cases simply missing the 2003 fee rise.

03/5 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

03/5/1 Following his leadership duties since '95, Roger Pole wished to stand down. Robin Moore was nominated to take up this role. There were no other nominations.

Proposed: Holsworthy M.C

Seconded: V.W.O.C.

Vote carried

Robin gratefully accepted the position, feeling honoured as an ACTC member from the outset, to take leadership in his favourite pastime. He offered a debt of gratitude to Roger Pole.

03/5/2 M.G.C.C. nominated Roger Pole for the honorary position of Vice President.

Seconded: L & N.C.M.C

Vote carried

03/6 OFFICER ELECTIONS

03/6/1 Simon Woodall agreed to continue his chairmanship for the near term.

03/6/2 Andy Webb had advised Council that family duties left him unable to continue his V.C. role, so he also wished to stand down. V.W.O.C. nominated Giles Greenslade to take up this role, as of the AGM. There were no other nominations.

Seconded: Ross & D.M.S.

Vote carried

03/6/3 All other officers put themselves up for re-election, so an en-mass proposal was made.

Proposed: M.A.C.

Seconded: M.C.C.

Vote carried

03/7 FINANCIAL REPORT

03/7/1 Barbara Selkirk reviewed her income and expenditure report for the period ending 31/12/02 (Attachment 03/7/1A). She pointed out that no monies from the budget available had yet been spent on trophy repair, much of which was needed urgently.

There are also outstanding fee payments to be sought from 7 clubs.

Action: B. Selkirk to recover outstanding payments

03/7/2 (Ref. 02/31/1) No volunteer for auditor has yet come forward, so possible member candidates will be approached.

Action: B. Selkirk to seek auditor

03/8 MSA TRIALS COMMITTEE

Simon Woodall was unable to attend the meeting: Alan Foster and summarised his report. (Attachment 03/8A)

03/9 TECHNICAL MATTERS

03/9/1 (Ref. 02/9/1) Tyre List: Simon Robson advised that the updated list is complete and available on the web page.

03/9/2 (Ref. 02/9/2) Marlin spec: Pete Hart reported that a spec. sheet covering all Marlin variants will be completed by end-June and circulated for discussion before the AGM. The proposal will include the administrative method for certifying each car.

ACTION: P.Hart to progress Spec. sheet & method

03/9/3 (Ref. 02/27/3) M.6.6: No club feedback had been received disagreeing with the definitive wording. Jonathan Toulmin queried in the meeting whether the wording permits use of height adjustment spacers; Simon Woodall confirmed that it does.

Alan Foster forwarded Richard Dawe's request that the number of leaves might be 'free' instead of 'at least', in order to accommodate lightened vehicles. However, the Technical Panel had decided upon the latter wording to both ease scrutineering and to confirm the 'production car' baseline

03/9/4 Rules: Andrew Brown reported on his preparation of revised rules for the 2004 championship, aiming to clarify anomalies in the Blue Book, including those modifications allowable to Cl. 7 cars. These will need approval at the AGM (Attachment 03/9/4A)

AB also stipulated that clubs must include reference in the SR's to the fact that ACTC rules apply, talking precedence over Blue Book wording: this applies to both champ. and non-champ. events.

Action: Clubs to update their SR's

03/9/5 M/cycle tyres: Martin Willis reported that 2 m/cycle competitors had arrived for the Northern Trial with tyres considered by the scrutineer to contravene ACTC ruling, yet which had been acceptable for use in the Exeter Trial. It appeared that some conforming tyres were not MOT/road legal, whilst some MOT/road legal tyres did not conform to the specification. Would it be possible to generate a motorcycle tyre list, similar to the car tyre list?

From discussion it was evident that MCC had studied the feasibility of such a list for many years without success, owing to the variety in tread, rim sizes etc. available on the market.

Action: S.W, S.R. & AF to study and issue a written response (see Appendix)

03/9/6 Cl. 2 & 5: Simon Woodall outlined the TP's exercise to accommodate those Cl. 2 cars which have an extensive range of period modifications: one route might be to place all such vehicles, particularly those classified by VSCC as 'specials', in Cl. 5. Initial studies to correlate with the thorough categorisation used by VSCC had proved too limiting for the world of classic trials. Proposals for discussion are as follows:

- Class 2 remains exactly as it is currently
- The current Class 5 becomes the wording for Class 5 (a)
- Part (b) for Class 5 is added thus: Vehicles built from pre-1941 components (except vehicles in Class 2) and satisfying the tyre regulations stated in M.6.7.5

Gerald Burrige asked whether any of the TP had experience of Cl. 2 or VSCC. SW replied that the panel was taking advice from VSCC, but also noted that some Cl. 2 competitors were 'voting with their entries' by turning away from the VSCC restrictions.

Robin Moore endorsed the idea that classic specials should not be outclassed in Cl. 7, instead encouraged through more appropriate classification.

Dave Haizelden asked whether Cl. 2 needed any more attention, because it is often very poorly supported. SW replied that the proposed rule adjustments would be actively promoted to help develop the entries from a broader range of period vehicles.

RM suggested that instead of splitting such vehicles between 2 classes, the TP might consider grouping all in Cl. 2, and then applying a handicap system.

Action: Clubs to feedback comments and proposals

03/10 RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT

03/10/1 Andrew Brown summarised extracts from his report (Attachment 03/10/1A).

Some counties now have their Local Access Fora in place, so clubs should endeavour to monitor actions and if possible gain influence (see 03/10/2)

The BBTC is due to hold its next meeting May 18th which AB will attend.

Classic Trials are low on the MSA's priority in LARA, consequently it remains vital for ACTC to maintain its input to BBTC as the only competitive motorsport body on the council.

Alan Foster noted that MSA's Ian Davies has a supportive attitude, enabling the Trials Committee to raise MSA's awareness in this area

03/10/2 Robin Moore reported on his successful membership of Cornwall's Local Access Forum: from 120 applications, 30 people were interviewed for 19 posts. RM was now in this forum for 3 years, willing to be chairman or VC, and will attend the first full meeting 11n June.

03/11 TRIALS CALENDAR

03/11/1 2003: No outstanding issues..

03/11/2 2004: various changes to Chris Phillip's draft document were discussed, ie:

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|---------------|----|-----------|-----------------------|
| - Exeter | to | 9 January | |
| - Windwhistle | - | 13 March | |
| - President's | - | 21 March | (cannot be clubman's) |
| - Northern | - | 27 March | (back to Saturday) |

Latest issue attached (03/11/2A)

03/12 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALITY

03/12/1 Dave Haizelden summarised his reports which had been circulated with the agenda: he was pleased to report a sustained high quality achieved by all organising teams.

03/12/2 After some discussion about size of restart boxes, in particular a short box used to demand precision on the dry Northern Trial, Hans Viertel and Chris Phillips recommended that guidelines should be generated for the layout of such boxes.

Action: Council to propose guidelines for discussion at AGM

03/12/3 DH reported that at one event's scrutineering, 2 competitors failed the diff. roller test, one to the extent of driving over the chock: in such cases the scrutineers should be sufficiently confident to disqualify the entrant. It is generally known that torque biasing 'Quaife' type LSD's will pass this roller test and clubs are reminded that other detection methods are described in the guidelines booklet. Therefore they may choose to implement a second / third test either at random, on successful entrants or throughout everyone on one event in the championship.

Such tests, however, are not easy to do and it was suggested that regional scrutineering 'monitors' be appointed to provide experienced mediation.

Action: Council to consider feasibility of regional scrutineers

03/13 PUBLIC RELATIONS

03/13/1 Andrew Brown reported that a request for stand space at November's Classic Car Show had been submitted to the NEC, and Council were pleased to learn that Bill Bennett had agreed to run the ACTC operation for a second year.

03/13/2 ACTC have also been invited to exhibit at the Historic Motorsport Show at Stoneleigh next February: discussion followed on the value of attending, substituting for the NEC etc. Once again, it would need an organiser and a significant amount of money, though it offers the facility for outdoor demonstrations. There was no enthusiasm for taking up this offer.

03/13/3 Martin Willis remarked that Fell Side exhibit at local shows for PR and recruitment – he and clubs were reminded that handout material is downloadable from the web site and can be copied as needed.

03/14 RESTART & WEBSITE

03/14/1 Pat Toulmin pointed out that the magazine is not simply a championship record: she seeks reports, photos and competitor listings from all events on the calendar.

03/14/2 The Web Site has been updated to reflect date changes, and PT has sent some suitable photographs for use by the ~~UK Motorsport site~~ web site. ATP

Jonathan Toulmin suggested that the ACTC site might be developed to be of increased value to the championships, including the Guideline information, and expanded with links to member club sites. It might also be worth progressing the electronic distribution of event regs.

03/15 NON CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

03/15/1 (Ref. 02/32/1) Roger Pole sent advice that, following enquiries with MCC and Marsh, organisers are quite entitled to accept photocopies of NES letters of acceptance, avoiding the clash with demand for originals.

03/15/2 (Ref. 02/32/3) Adrian Tucker-Peake reminded clubs of the Risk Assessment form he had prepared after the AGM following a request from SDMC: MSA expect a growing demand, so this page is available on paper or electronically.

03/15/3 (Ref. 02/32/4) Alan Foster is progressing the identification of Classic Trials as a further exemption from the Blue Book wording prohibiting special tests. (see Appendix)

03/15/4 Hans Viertel asked Council whether a 'balk' rule applies to one-day trials as to MCC events: an unpleasant incident had arisen on a Camel Vale trial. There is no procedure defined here where there is less pressure to minimise delay, and it was recommended that the balked competitor be told to repeat his attempt, not to claim a 'clean', and that this point be clarified to organisers and competitors.

Action: officers to summarise recommendation in Restart

03/16 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

03/16/1 Cars: Chris Phillips reported 170 drivers taking part and about 30 passengers, with about 40 non-competing members who take Restart.

CP made a plea to organisers to send him a copy of the signing on sheet, avoiding the problem of points allocation to various 'TBA's.

With 6 of the 14 events run, the Wheelspin table was being lead by two Cl. 8 cars, and the Crackington Cup by a Cl. 4.

CP highlighted the withering Team Championship, featuring just 4 teams: perhaps the structure needed changing to widen its appeal? Dave Haizelden observed that only about 10% of registered contenders compete frequently, yielding a small pool to supply teams. Jonathan Toulmin recalled that MCC in 1930's allowed a group of 4 entrants in any season to select 3 for each event, allowing some flexibility.

Action: Clubs invited to submit suggestions

03/16/2 M/cycles: CP reported that this was being very well supported, with 20 contenders for the Red Rose Bowl and 120 in the Pouncey League.

R. Dawe is standing down from monitoring this championship, and a triumvirate comprising Tom Beckerleg, Steven Edwards and Keith Johnston have offered to take over.

Action: R.Dawe to hand over and coach successors

03/17 TROPHIES

As noted previously, repair work is outstanding and current holders will be asked to return some of their trophies early in order to facilitate repairs.

Action: M. Chatwin to undertake trophy work

03/18 ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

No definitive business, except the positive observation from the officers that it has been pleasing to see the general improvement in sporting quality, for which thanks to all concerned.

03/19 DATE, TIME & PLACE OF 2002 AGM

14.00 on Sunday 28th September at the Portcullis Inn, unless another venue is advised.

Signed.....

Dated.....14 June 2003

Approved.....

Dated.....23-9-03



REF: May 11 2003

Balance Sheet - ACTC Classic Trials Clubs Ltd @ 31.12.2002

RETAINED EARNINGS

Balances Brought Forward from 31.12.01		
ACTC Accumulated Fund B/fd	2,050.18	
ACTC Reserves Fund B/fd	2,500.00	4,550.18
12 month Profit to 31.12.2002	1,222.88	
ACTC Reserves to 31.12.2002	500.00	1,722.88

ASSETS

Trophies - donated	1,101.00
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Bank account	
- Reserves in deposit account	3,000.00
- Deposit account	4,303.39
- Current accounts	2,084.04
Restart Postage float paid to Editor	90.00
Restart Postage float paid to Championship Secretary	30.00
Accruals	
- Administration expenses	-86.70
- Trophies	-719.17
- Various	-40.00
2003 Income in Advance	-2,388.50

Total £ 6,273.06

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Profit & Loss - Association of Classic Trials Clubs Limited

For The 12 month Period to 31.12.02

Income - Club Subscriptions 22 clubs x £39	858.00
- Motorcycle subscriptions 11 x £15	165.00
- Advertising Revenue	359.50
- Championship contenders	3,127.00
- NEC Income	40.00

Engraving & replicas	219.17
Championship Printing & Photocopying	0.00
Championship Secretary printing etc	0.00
Championship Postage	20.56

Bank Interest 5.58

Restart, 4 issues	1,193.50
Restart postage, 4 issues	219.16
Webb site/PR	176.25

ACTC Reserves 500.00

MSA & ACU 48.00

Limited company set up	15.00
PR NEC costs	111.63
Meeting Room Hire	200.00
General Secretary postage & photocopying	118.93
Quality Officer postage	60.00

Byways & Bridle ways Trust subscription 300.00

2nd hand laser printer Champ secretary 150.00

Total Income 4,555.08

Total expenditure 3,332.20

Prepared by Barbara Selkirk ACMA

Profit for the year to 31.12.02 £1,222.88

A report for the seven remaining ACTC Championship Events for 2002

The weather again influenced the first two events, the Taw & Torridge and Exe Valley trials. Both events were run in very warm conditions forcing the organisers of both events to look to tyre pressure limits to slow the field down and allowing overall winners from classes 1 and 3. The remaining five events were run in traditional wet and windy trialling weather allowing the usual occupants of the winning circle to return. The turn out for most events was good only the Tamar had a below average field.

Taw & Torridge, 15 September 2002

With a 50 strong turn out for the winter season opener, classes 2, 4 and 5 were poorly represented. Dry conditions under foot necessitated tyre pressures for higher classes resulting in a good spread of awards through the classes. Two points of interest brought to the Championship Monitor's notice was the congested start venue and some basic items not checked on scrutineering with no diff testing carried out. On a brighter note the organisers had gone to the trouble of finding new hills to challenge the competitors.

Exe Valley, 22 September 2002

This event was resurrected by Roger Ugalde and the Crash Box Club with help from Silverton Motor Club and after two years of false starts due to circumstances beyond their control, a field of 47 cars set out from the Cat & Fiddle nr Exeter on a hot, sunny day with cars from classes 5 and 6 absent. The general opinion of the observers was that the organisers chose to be very tight on restarts to gain marks from the competitors where the use of more challenging start lines could have been of greater benefit and a wider spread of tyre pressure limits would have been more useful.

Exmoor Clouds, 20 October 2002

The Raleigh Cross Inn provided an excellent start and finish venue despite a very rainy day. The 23 class 8 cars led the event away to some classically challenging hills. The organisers made a change because of the wet weather during the proceeding week to the Allercott section because it was water logged. Despite this all the competitors finished in day light with classes 1, 3 and 7 well represented but classes 2, 4, 5 and 6 were mainly absent. In the observers reports there was some criticism of the length of time scrutineering took and in particular the presentation of the final result sheets were poor.

Tamar, 27 October 2002

Sadly a low turn out of 30 cars started from Hallworthy Cattle Market despite the fact that the trials' observers rate this trial well. With one car in class 2, none in class 5 and one in class 6 there was an even spread through the rest of the classes. Again the weather conditions intervened and brought down a tree on part of the route but poor signing around the detour split the field up. Overall this was a good trial with challenging sections and a pleasant finish venue. Unfortunately the down sides are a rather poor entry form, poor route marking compared with other events and failure of sections through touching markers.

The Hardy, 24 November 2002

40 runners started from Fresh Water Holiday Park, many with crossed legs due to lack of toilet facilities and some with empty stomachs due to lack of supplies from the caterers. This event differs from the rest as there were representatives in all classes who were treated to some new hills to replace those lost due to the weather, those being Uplodders 1 and 2 and Bovingdon Army Camp. The event proved very tough with a high retirement rate. The weather conditions were fair but very wet under foot which led to a late finish in the dark.

The Allen, 1 December 2002

The Allen this year had a new venue, namely the White Hart and with a field of 71 entrants with a good entry spread across all classes. The paperwork was exemplary and a new hill was introduced near the end to challenge most drivers and was voted a success despite the weather turning late in the day. Of particular note the organisers went to the trouble of finding one navigator who was competing but who failed to sign on. This was an all round first class event.

The Camel, 8 December 2002

48 runners set off from Safeway at Bodmin. Weather conditions were good on the day but wet under foot. Classes 2, 5 and 6 were yet again under subscribed but a very healthy 17 class 3's made up for this shortfall. Two new hills were included and were up to the usual high standard set by Camel Vale Motor Club. Special mention should be made that the event finished in day light and the results were downloaded in the pub within an hour of the last car finishing.

A report for the ACTC Championship Events for 2003

Clee Hills, 19 January 2003

A big field of 78 cars, again well spread throughout the classes left the start venue at the Boyne Arms. With good weather on its side the event ran in two groups, odds and evens. Mr Woodall having taken on board the criticism of the long wait at Round Oak the previous year. An excellent idea but may need just a little fine tuning due to the late finishing of some competitors. MAC should be congratulated on getting all classes in the top 10 finishers. The supporting paperwork was excellent even including a map for parking.

North Devon, 26 January 2003

The start was at the Cedar Inn at Barnstaple with a field of 50 cars, with only 1 car in each of classes 5 and 6. Scrutineering could have done with two lines of cars to speed up the process and leave more time for breakfast. The weather was dry but wet under foot making the three new hills all very challenging. Despite the observers not mentioning it a number of competitors were dismayed at the continuing six and zero mistakes on the final score sheets.

The Northern, 23 March 2003

On a very dry Sunday start a low turn out of only 22 competitors left the new start venue The Stockman Wigton with a long run to the first hill which had a new narrow restart box which caused quite a stir amongst the competitors as it was not clearly defined in the paperwork. A mileage of approximately 100 miles, despite the impressive scenery is a bit far for a one day trial when most competitors have travelled a long distance to arrive at the start. Generally speaking the observers liked the event but it could do with more home grown talent.

The Kryle, 6 April 2003

A field of 70 left the Welcome Break Services, Ross on Wye on yet another dry day. The Kryle's reputation brought out 29 class 8's, 9 class 1's (the highest for some time) and 12 class 3's. Ross & District should be congratulated on finding some new hills. With classes 3 and 4 well represented in the top ten and the scoring relief system for classes 1-5 in use thus providing a level playing field for all with a chance of overall honours. This was an excellent event packed into only 50 miles providing an early finish at the Ross & District's Club House.

**A Meeting of the Council of ACTC will be held:
Sunday 11th May 2003 at 2.00 pm.
At the Portcullis Inn, Tormarton (nr. M4 jn. 18)**

NB: delegates will be able to purchase lunch from approximately 12.30 pm, and tea will be provided at the meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (AGM held 29 September 2002)
- 3. Matters arising therefrom** (unless covered below)
- 4. ACTC Club membership**
- 5. To receive nominations and to elect:**
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 Vice Presidents (if any)
- 6. To receive nominations to elect:**
 - 6.1 Chairman
 - 6.2 Other Officers
- 7. Financial report – Barbara Selkirk**
 - 7.1 Report on income and expenditure and balance sheet for year ended 31.12.02
 - 7.2 Limited Company issues incl. auditor
- 8. To receive a report covering the MSA Trials Committee**
- 9. Technical matters – Simon Robson**
 - 9.1 Marlin spec. sheet
 - 9.2 Others
 - 9.3 M.6.6 wording
- 10. Rights of Way report – Andrew Brown**
- 11. Trials Calendar – Chris Phillips**
 - 11.1 Remaining calendar for 2003
 - 11.2 Proposed calendar for 2004
- 12. Championship Quality report – David Haizelden**
- 13. Public Relations report**
 - 13.1 General – Andrew Brown
 - 13.2 NEC Show – Bill Bennett

14. **Restart & Website report – Pat Toulmin**
15. **Any other non Championship business**
 - 15.1 NES Letters – Roger Pole
 - 15.2 Halon extinguishers – David Haizelden
 - 15.3 Risk Assessments – Adrian Tucker-Peake
 - 15.4 K.12.10.2 wording – Alan Foster
16. **Season reports**
 - 16.1 Cars – Chris Phillips
 - 16.2 Motorcycles – Tom Beckerleg ??
17. **Championship trophies – Mike Chatwin**
18. **Any other Championship business**
19. **Date, time & place of 2003 AGM. (Calendar 28th September)**

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ACTION LIST FROM SEPTEMBER 2002

Issue updated tyre list	(S.R.)
Present definitive Marlin spec. sheet	(S.R. & P.H.)
M.6.6 suspension mod. wording	(Clubs)
Countryside Access Status	(R.M.)
Source volunteer auditor	(B.S.)
NES Letters of acceptance copies	(R.P.)
Advise scrutineers re. banned Halon exting.	(D.H.)
Generate standard Risk Assessment form	(AT-P)
Resolve vagary in K.12.10.2 re. tests	(A.F.)
Explain quality points scoring in Restart	(D.H.)
Remind clubs about policing tyre pressures	(D.H.)