

Minutes of the AGM of the ACTC held at the Majors Retreat on 300907

Present:

Robin Moore
Simon Woodall
Giles Greenslade
Alan Foster
Barbara Selkirk
Chris Phillips
Ian Davis
Pete Barr
Brian Alexander
Ian Thompson
Hans Viertel
Dudley Sterry
Barry Clarke
Bill Bennett
John Blakely
Nigel Moss
Bryan Phipps
Tristan White
Andrew Martin
GM Dixon – Smith
Brian Osborn
Adrian Tucker-Peake
Peter Hart
Stuart Harrold
Richard Andrews

President
Chair
Vice Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Championship Secretary
PR
Secretary
Holsworthy MC
MC
Camel Vale MC
MCC
VSCC
MGCC
Scrutineer
Stroud & District MC
Stroud & District MC
Camel Vale MC
Holsworthy MC
Morgan Sports Car Club
MGCC
MAC
Bristol Motor Club
Ross & District Motorsports
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The meeting followed the agenda as circulated. Supporting reports were circulated with the agenda and are attached to these minutes.

1)

1.1) Secretary. Pete Barr has replaced Adrian Tucker- Peake in this role. The meeting was unanimous in its gratitude to Adrian for his work over the last seven years.

1.2) One other change is that Dave Haizelden has relinquished the post of Championship Monitor. Dave Foresheew has taken this on.

2) Apologies were received from: J West, S Reed, J Barthram, S Knight, P Toulmin, J Toulmin, A Brown, B Kirton, G Warren, T Whellock, T Coventry.

3) Minutes of previous meeting. These were agreed unanimously and signed accordingly by the Chair.

4) Matters Arising:

All are covered in the agenda

5) ACTC Club membership

There is still no response from Torbay MC as to whether they wish to remain part of ACTC nor has a cheque been forthcoming. Therefore Torbay MC is no longer a member of ACTC. Roger Ugalde will chase this to a final solution.

Action: Roger Ugalde will contact Torbay MC to confirm this finally.

6)

6.1) The accounts were circulated. They show a small profit. There is therefore no change in subscription rates for clubs or contenders. Barbara Selkirk ran through the accounts in detail. Robin Moore asked about the calendars. This time there will be 50 produced to break even. Barbara will show this individually on the next accounts. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Robin Moore(Launceston) and seconded by Stuart Harrold (Ross MC). They were adopted unanimously.

Action: Barbara to include calendars as an individual item on the next accounts.

6.2) See above

7) MSA Trials Committee Report. PCT's are now going to be known as Car Trials and will include a class for 4WD cars. The next Clee Hills will include 4WD class in class 0. Roger Ugalde questioned whether wheel size might be used in classification. It was agreed that there is more debate to be had at this stage. Dudley Sterry questioned classification of 4WD. Simon Woodall read out the new regs for PCT 4WDs. There is no suggestion that this would be imposed on classic trials but Simon Woodall will maintain a watching brief.

Brian Osborne queried what class 4WDs would go in. As an example, on the Clee Hills 4WDs will be class 0C

7.1 Passenger licensing This is going ahead despite the view of the majority of the committee. From 1 Jan '08 the passenger must have a license one category less than driver. This means that passengers need a club card from any ACTC club. Barry Clarke queried whether this applies to all passengers. Simon Woodall's understanding is that it applies to anyone who signs on. MSA rationale is that if passengers not licensed then they can't be made to obey rules. Dudley Sterry stated that none of this will apply to MCC – this was confirmed. This is an anomaly that will stand. John Blakely asked what would happen if extra passengers don't sign on. The view was put forward that all passengers should now sign on.

Simon Woodall reminded the meeting that this is a change taking place across all forms of motorsport. Simon's proposal for managing this was circulated and the meeting was reminded that sidecar passengers have had to do this with ACU for many years. Tristan White confirmed that if a passenger is a club member anyway then this will suffice. This includes life members.

Brian Alexander (Holsworthy) asked how the practicalities would be dealt with. Chris Phillips has already produced draft passenger life membership cards. In order to ensure costs are covered a £1.00 membership is proposed. The driver will probably pay this. Andrew Martin suggested that a form for the passenger could be on scrutineering card however it was agreed to leave this with individual organisers. The proposal on passenger membership as outlined by Simon was proposed by Dudley Sterry and seconded by Tristan White. Barbara Selkirk proposed a £1.00 fee and Adrian T-P seconded. Both were carried unanimously.

Actions: SW will check with MSA if all passengers need to sign on.

7.2 Passenger age wording in Blue Book Simon Woodall informed the meeting that Blue Book numbering is to change next year. The anomaly regarding passenger ages is to be rectified. Currently it is 14 in a closed car and 16 in an open car. Minimum age for driver in classic trials is 17. Nigel Moss (Stroud) proposed that passenger age lowered to 12 across the board to match PCT rules. Adrian Tucker-Peake reminded that at last meeting ACTC agreed to harmonise age 14 for open and closed cars. Nigel Moss then amended his proposal to 14 in open cars and 12 in closed cars. It was also confirmed that there have to be passengers, and that if we are more strict than blue book, the convention is that this is acceptable. Nigel Moss (Stroud) proposed that 12 is minimum limit for saloon cars and 14 for open cars (sole passenger). This was seconded by Robin Moore (Launceston). Before a vote was taken Giles Greenslade reminded the meeting that individual clubs can raise the limits anyway. 13 clubs voted in favour with none against and no abstentions. Simon Woodall will take to MSA in April '08. Andrew Martin proposed a minimum height to be applied as per fairground rides. After due consideration the meeting decided not to go with this suggestion..

Action: SW to take to MSA Committee in April '08

8) Technical Matters

8.1) Peter Hart reported no changes to class 7 spec. PH has some spec sheets to complete before next meeting

8.2) There is no progress on the differential test machine which is still being built.

9) ROW report

The meeting was alerted to Andrew Brown's database of sections current and redundant.

There is no new info on legislation. B Osborn asked if new legislation on restricted byways has caused us any problems. Simon Woodall believes that it has probably helped. Ian Thompson believes it's not made any diff to ACTC bike events. Dudley Sterry pointed out that the MCC could not use Haggside on Edinburgh. Nigel Moss also took the view that it has not made difference to trialers or trail riders. Robin Moore described an agreement with the Local Authority in Cornwall which works well generally. A countryside officer has tried to insist on two marshals where footpath crosses section. Robin has addressed this with CCC officials who have agreed to all requests that Robin has put to him. A copy of Robin's form will be sent to all clubs.

Action: Robin to pass a copy of his form to Pete Barr to be circulated to all clubs with these minutes.

10) Public Relations.

Simon Woodall welcomed Ian Davis as new PR person for ACTC.

Ian described his approach to the task and emphasised that he will work on behalf of MCC as well and is promoting all Classic Trials. Ian has 3 priorities:

- Raise profile of sport
- Increase new entrants
- Promoting a sport that is community based and environmentally aware.

Bill Bennett asked about liaising with ramblers. Can we talk with them? This has been difficult in past. Robin Moore suggested that all clubs need to be on their local Countryside Access Forums. Stuart Harrold reported that the Kyrle experience is the Ramblers want no one else in the forests including even orienteers.

10.1) Trees for Trials. There is no update on this. Alan Foster keen that we demonstrate that we recognise the major PR issue. Robin Moore reported that Launceston club felt it a good proposal in principle. Alan reminded that his proposition was that all clubs levy £2.00 surcharge. Discussion ensued regarding sustainability, carbon footprints etc. Dudley Sterry reported MCC view that focus should be on local people who say whether we can use a section or not rather than generic PR. Nigel Moss reported that trees planted in Ebworth Woods have had long term benefit to PR for that event. Tristan White also pointed out the importance of making good after events. Overall view was that the onus should be on local clubs to manage this issue. Examples of good practice in this area to go on ACTC website. Ian Davis will survey clubs to find such examples.

Action: Ian Davis to survey clubs and liaise with Simon Woodall to place examples of good practice on the ACTC website.

11) Pat Toulmin not present so this item could not be followed up.

12) Championship Calendar.

A draft calendar for the remainder of 2007 was distributed. Andrew Martin asked if we can introduce new championship rounds just for this year because of the effect of foot and mouth. Tristan White offered the Bodmin Trial as a championship round. Simon Woodall observed the difficulty if competitors have planned their championship campaigns. Also trials have to be observed twice before they can become championship rounds. Chris Phillips reported that we are currently down to the best 8 rounds counting. The Tamar trial is to run after consultation with DEFRA and NFU. A proposal was made re having substitute events for the future. However it was agreed that it is too late to put substitute events in for this year.

Draft 2008 calendar: Roger Ugalde reported that he has met with Dartmoor National Park officials. Exe Valley organisers can get access only at certain times therefore may need to swap Tor and Torridge and Exe Valley. Andrew Martin – Holsworthy confirmed that this should be viable.

Action: A Martin to check this and get back to Chris Phillips.

Presidents '08 is day after Lands End.

Action: Tristan White to discuss with Thomas Bricknell and get back to Chris Phillips.

Tristan White reported on the clash between Bodmin and Tarka trials. This is a relatively new phenomenon. As there was no rep from North Devon MC it was therefore agreed to leave and talk to Camel Vale and NDMC independently.

Action: Chris P to confer with CVNC and NDMC reps.

Giles Greenslade confirmed the date of Sat 14 June 08 for the annual Dinner Dance at Cullompton

13) Championship reports:

13.1) Championship Quality Monitoring: Dave Foresheaw has taken on this role. Because of F&M there are no new events to report on. Simon reported that the Ilkely Trial is now part of '08 championship.

13.2) There is no change in championship positions because of F&M. Currently going on best 8 of 12 events.

Chris reported that numbers of competitors is slightly down but overall there is a similar number of members. A Tucker-Peake asked about turnover of members. Chris Phillips is currently looking at this for cars but believes that in any year we lose and gain between 15 and 20. Currently there are 145 cars, 21 bikes and 3 combinations.

Ian Thompson asking if ACTC clubs can recruit more contenders out of MCC members. John Aley to be given note for NOTW by Ian T

Action: Ian Thompson to pass note to John Aley for NOTW.

14) Any other championship Business

14.1) Scrutineering cards for motorcycles. This is part of a drive to try to keep track of acceptable tyres. A draft card was circulated. Roger Ugalde asked for guidance on bike scrutineering. The meeting agreed this would be a good idea. Roger to talk with Yoshi Adams and draft guidelines. Roger Ugalde also asked about street legal bikes without lights. With Ian Thompson's assistance the consensus was that they should be allowed to run as street legal. This may have the added benefit of gaining entries.

Action: Roger Ugalde to talk with Yoshi Adams about motorcycle scrutineering and draft guidelines.

There followed a debate about the exact purpose of scrutineering – eligibility or safety. Currently it is about eligibility as safety can lead to litigation. Nigel Moss commending having John and June Blakely doing all trials.

14.2) List of acceptable bike tyres growing

14.3) A Tucker-Peake suggested that a list of incidents to be drawn up so that learning can take place. There have been no events and therefore no incidents since last meeting. On the Lands End a passenger fell out of a combination at bump on Bishops Wood.

14.4) Chris Phillips has contacted all organising clubs regarding the e-mailing of event regs. He has had 7 replies so far and is waiting for rest. Chris has data base to send out regs to 169 people. Chris also contacted individual competitors who are overall in favour. Chris proposed trialing this on the Allen (Pete Hart agreed) and then start in Jan 2008.

15) Nothing

16) Thanks to Giles and Co for dinner dance. This had the unanimous support of the meeting

16.1) Child Protection details. Name and contact number of CP Officer should appear in regs if clubs have one. Stuart Harrold reported that Ross have contacted MSA about this to clarify exact purpose twice and had no reply. General view that this can be left to clubs. Roger Ugalde suggested that an Age Concern officer might be more appropriate on Classic Trials.

17) Next meeting: 2.00pm 11 May 2008 at the Major's Retreat, Tormarton. Luncheon will be available from 12.30.

The AGM of the Council of ACTC will be held:

Sunday 30th September 2007 at 2.00 pm.

At the Majors Retreat (formerly 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

AGENDA

1. Inauguration of Officers
 - 1.1 Secretary
 - 1.2 Officers continuing to serve
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Council Meeting held 6th May)
4. Matters arising therefrom (any not covered in items below)
5. ACTC Club membership
6. Financial report – Barbara Selkirk
 - 6.1 To approve accounts for the period to December 2006
 - 6.2 Update on financial status and budget for 2008
7. MSA Trials Committee report – Simon Woodall
 - 7.1 Passenger licensing
 - 7.2 Passenger age wording in Blue Book
8. Technical matters
 - 8.1 Cl. 7 Spec sheets – Pete Hart
 - 8.2 Differential test machine
9. Rights of Way report – Andrew Brown
10. Public Relations report – Ian Davis
 - 10.1 Trees for Trials proposals – All clubs

11. Restart / website report – Pat Toulmin
 - 11.1 Complimentary Restart copies
12. Championship calendar – Chris Phillips
 - 12.1 Remaining 2007
 - 12.2 Draft 2008
13. Championship reports
 - 13.1 Championship quality
 - 13.2 2007 Car championships – Chris Phillips
 - 13.3 2007 Motorcycle championships – Ian Thompson
14. Any Other Championship Business
 - 14.1 Scrutineering cards for M/C scrutineering – SW & J Blakeley
 - 14.2 Notification to M/C competitors of unacceptable tyres - IT
 - 14.3 Safety policy & monitoring
 - 14.4 Electronic distribution of regs - CP
15. Championship Trophies
16. Any Other Non-Championship Business
 - 16.1 Child Protection details in event regs – All clubs
17. Date, time & place of 2008 Council Meeting.