

Minutes of Meeting of the ACTC Council
Monday 12th April 2021 19:30hrs via Zoom

1. Attendees

Name	Committed Role or Club	Attended	Apologies
Dave Haizelden	Chairman & Torbay MC	Y	
Pete Hart	Vice Chair & Bristol MC	Y	
James Shallcross	Website Manager	Y	
Paul Brooks	Treasurer & Windwhistle MC	Y	
Keith Sanders	Secretary & Torbay MC	Y	
Myke Pocock	Fellside	Y	
Simon Woodall	President	Y	
Andrew Knightly-Brown	Rights of Way	Y	
Stuart Harrold	Ross & Dist MC	Y	
Carl Talbot	Stroud & District MC	Y	
Adrian Tucker-Peake	MG Car Club	Y	
Pat Toulmin	Restart Editor	Y	
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Auto Club	Y	
Norton Selwood	Publicity & Minehead MC	Y	
Alan Foster	Morgan Sports Car Club		Y
Michael Leete	Dellow Register	Y	
Dave Middleditch	MCC & Falcon MC	Y	
Stewart Green	Woolbridge MC		Y
Andy Webb	Woolbridge MC	Y	
John Barthram	North Devon MC	Y	
Ian Facey	Holsworthy MC	Y	
Alan Keat	Camel Vale MC	Y	
Ian Cundy	Camel Vale MC	Y	
Mal Allen	Bristol Pegasus		Y
Chris Barham	Motorcycle Co-ordinator	Y	
Bill Bennett	Championship Monitor		Y
Geoff Westcott	Exmoor Motor Club		Y
Charles Knifton	Eastwood	Y	
Ben Giles	Stroud & District MC	Y	

2. Apologies for absence – see above.

3. **Minutes of the Virtual Meeting August 2020**
Confirmed for accuracy and acceptance proposed by **Midland Automobile Club** and seconded by **Minehead Motor Club**.

4. **To receive nominations and election of Officers:**
The following Officer positions listed in 4, 5 & 6 were re-elected Nem Con.
Proposed by **MG Car Club** and seconded by **Eastwood Motor Club**

President	Simon Woodall
Vice Presidents	No Nominations

5. **To receive nominations and election of Officers:**
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| Chairman | Dave Haizelden |
| Vice Chairman | Pete Hart |
| Secretary | Keith Sanders |
| Treasurer | Paul Brooks |
| Championship Secretary | John Bell |
| Class 7 Coordinator | Pete Hart |
| Rights of Way Officer | Andrew Knightly-Brown |
| Championship Monitor | Bill Bennett |

6. **Other Officers elected:**
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| Publicity Officer | Norton Selwood |
| Motorcycle Co-ordinator | Chris Barham |
| Restart Editor | Pat Toulmin |
| Website Manager | James Shallcross |
| Award Evening Team | No volunteers have come forward |
| Scrutineering Officer | No volunteers have come forward |
| Tyre Officer | No volunteers have come forward |

The vacant roles will be advertised in Restart magazine.

With the introduction of the 8mm gap rule for Tyres this can become part of the general Scrutineering Checklist and therefore reduce the involvement for the Tyre Officer.

Some discussion took place regarding Scrutineering and it was agreed that adopting a common checklist should be the way forward. This is covered further in Section 8 below.

Action: **Clubs to review the Cleve Hills Scrutineering Checklist and provide comment via email to sanders_k@hotmail.com**

7. **Financial Update** Paul Brooks

A summary of the 2020 Accounts was presented to the group and the 2021 Budget will be presented at the September AGM.

There is a surplus of Capital currently being held so some discussion took place about how it could be to promote our sport.

Norton Selwood reported that there are no high cost Publicity requirements at the moment, suggestions were put forward for ACTC taking out adverts in Club Magazines and allocating some free tickets to Clubs for the ACTC Dinner to help promote this event.

Action: All Clubs to discuss how this Capital could be best used and report back at September meeting.

8. **Motorsport UK Trials Committee Report (Agenda Attachment 2)** Simon Woodall

Ian Davis is retiring but will around on a Consultancy basis for remainder of the year, there is no news on his replacement.

Diff Tester - Discussion took place but didn't conclude, Richard Sharp is prepared to travel south to demonstrate. There was a mixed reaction from Clubs, some saw it as a useful tool while others considered it a potential barrier to increasing event entry numbers by placing a significant cost on competitors, so this needs further discussion and agreement before any commitment is made.

Clee Scrutineering checklist - Circulated with the Agenda as page 2 of attachment 2. This was generally considered to be a very useful checklist which could be used across other Clubs. Some additional items would be beneficial such as checking Competitor Number is suitably displayed and Spill Kit carried. Would also need a similar checklist for Bikes.

There is currently no update on the MSUK/ACU discussions with Forestry England.

**Actions: Pete Hart to review Car Scrutineering Checklist with the Technical Panel.
Chris Barham to produce a Bike version.**

9. **Technical Committee** Pete Hart
Relaxation of wheel/tyre rules – original proposal from Torbay Motor Club has been withdrawn as after further discussion it was thought it might encourage the Monster Truck look which is not considered in keeping with our sport.

10. **ACTC Rules**
10.1 **ACTC joining ACU as a non-territorial club** Simon Woodall

Mike Tizard has got approval through to Neil Doctor (ACU Secretary) for this and there is a meeting arranged to sort out the detail. to be implemented in near future.

POST MEETING UPDATE: It was confirmed at the ACU NT Board Meeting on 15th April 2021 that ACTC had been approved as an ACU Club. More details of how this will work are to follow from Simon Woodall.

Action: Simon Woodall to provide information of how this will work.

- 10.2 **Proposal from Stroud & District MC** Simon Woodall & Carl Talbot
Presented at May 2020 meeting that original 50's trials specials should be allowed in Class 5b.

Simon Woodall suggests Technical Panel should review the 5b review to consider potential vehicles as Class 2 candidates (e.g. following the Dellow proposal). MCC already have already taken this approach.

Andrew Knightly-Brown suggested a Vehicle Passport or some guidance for Tech Panel to use when reviewing individual vehicles.

Action: Technical Panel to discuss and ensure Stroud and MCC are consulted. The aim will be to bring a proposal to the September AGM for voting and if agreed to implement in January 2022.

10.3 **Proposal from Camel Vale MC** Alan Keat/Ian Cundy

Class 'D1' would remain motorcycle and sidecar as defined in the ACU Trials regulations.

Class 'D2' would be Motorcross derived outfits of any age and be allowed to run as Enduro regs with road legal tyre on the front and a trials tyre to the rear.

The following comments from Geoff Westcott (not able to attend the meeting) are noted:

"Supports the proposal in principle however raises the issue that lack of Nose Cone and use of Enduro Tyres contravenes ACU Trials Regulations and that agreement or dispensation from them should be sought before being implemented otherwise it may invalidate the insurance aspect of the ACU Permit."

Show of hands for taking this forward – 15 yes, 6 abstain.

Action: Simon Woodall to follow up with Mike Tizard ACU, he doesn't anticipate issues.

Subject to ACU agreement the plan is for this to be put to formal vote at the September ACTC Meeting.

10.4 **ACTC Single Venue Championship Discussion Item** Norton Selwood

Windwhistle Motor Club would like to propose a ACTC Single Venue Championship.

This could replace the two South/SW Regional Championships with a Single Venue Championship. The North and Midland to remain as Regional championship.

There are currently 5 single venue events, however if a Championship is created Minehead are likely to run another.

The suggestion has received positive comments from Social Media groups.

Championship criteria could be that Crackington/Wheelspin points take precedent and would lift you out of Single Venue Champ, effectively adding to the bottom of the existing two Championship hierarchy.

Andrew Knightly-Brown highlighted the need to consider criteria for minimum events, especially with only six rounds.

Discussion took place about the use of a Car Trial Permit which runs under Classic Trials Regulations, therefore allowing 14yrs to compete (with experienced passenger) which would be a great benefit in bringing young drivers into the sport.

Show of hands to take forward – 17 yes, 4 abstain

Actions: Pete Hart to clarify wording for Car Trial running Classic Trial Regs.

Norton Selwood to present final proposal for voting at September 2021 meeting. This will include Championship scoring, hierarchy with Crackington/Wheelspin and criteria for minimum rounds.

10.5 **Chairmans Inclusion**

Dave Haizelden

Consideration of bringing existing non-Championship Trials (road and single venue events) into the ACTC Championships.

It is proposed to revisit the unwritten rule whereby a Club may have more than 1 championship event. Discussion took place around the purpose of this rule and it appears this was intended to put more geographical spread of the Championship and the Sport in general.

Myke Pocock and Stuart Harrold are not happy for more events in South when events further North are struggling for entries.

Action: Dave Haizelden to put together a proposal to drop the 1 club 1 event rule for circulation to Clubs in advance, then vote in September.

11. **Championship**

Simon Woodall highlighted that we need to get 2022 Calendar agreed by August 2021 ready for MSUK

Action: Keith Sanders to send the draft 2022 Calendar with the meeting minutes, Clubs to reply with any issues at the earliest opportunity.

12. **Rights of Way Officer Report**

Andrew Knightley-Brown

Nothing significant to report, LARA Chairman position still vacant.

13. **Motorcycle Coordinator's Report**

Chris Barham

Once D1/D2 proposal has concluded would then like to review Class A to include some twin-shock bikes. The overall objective being to increase Bike entries at events.

14. **Restart – verbal report**

Pat Toulmin

June will be mix of old and new with articles from Pop-up Trial, Torbay Trial and Exmoor Trial to be included.

Pat would welcome any further contributions.

15. **Website – verbal report**

James Shallcross

More historic Results and ACTC Papers being published online.

Work in progress going through 100's of scanned pdf pages.

16. **Championship Quality - verbal report**

Bill Bennett not able to attend however there are no championship events to report on yet.

17. **Publicity**

Norton Selwood reports that Championship Stickers with existing logo will be supplied for 2021 and that a revised logo for 2022 is currently being considered.

18. **A.O.B.**

Dave Middleditch would like to see MCC Trials to be more integrated with and score more points within the ACTC Championship, so asked why MCC events score fewer Champ points?

Discussion concluded this is because the MCC events are Closed to Club, scored differently, and set out such that the competition is against the club (not the other competitors).

Dave Middleditch to take back to MCC for further discussion and to formulate a MCC proposal which will be presented at the September ACTC meeting.

Peter Cooper asked what Covid Officer arrangements people are putting in place?

Torbay Trial - All Sections with the exception of Tiptley (which by its very nature prohibits spectators) were run on Private Land so that access controls could be put in place to ensure only Signed-on Competitors and Marshalls/Officials/Media were on site.

Exmoor Trial - Will be using byways as Sections so significant Covid signage being used.

Popup Trial - Lots of PR carried out in advance and noticed that people in the countryside now seem to stand socially distanced naturally!

Post-meeting update:

Dave Middleditch has offered that all the work done in sorting the Pop-Up is available to other clubs, so as not to have everyone learning about running events in the Covid world. If anyone wants to talk, he's available and has comprehensive risk assessments and a good way of doing the signing on electronically, avoiding all the paperwork.

19. **Date, Time & place of next ACTC AGM.**

Tuesday 31st August 2021 7:30pm via ZOOM.

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