

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Association of Classic Trials Clubs held at the Bung Inn, Redhill, Wrington, Avon on Sunday 4th September 1988

PRESENT:

W.G.A. Penhale	Chairman
C.B. Cope	Vice Chairman
J. West	Secretary
A. Foster	Treasurer
R. Pole	Holsworthy M.C.
R. Grimwood	Silverton M.C.
B. Mitchell	Silverton M.C.
B. Cooper	Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C.
M. Jones	Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C.
S. Tucker	Stroud & D.M.C
S. Woodall	V.W.O.C. (GB)
N. Ryle	V.W.O.C. (GB)
C. Andrews	Ross & D.M.S.C
R. Andrews	Ross & D.M.S.C
R. Marsh	North Devon M.C
J. Barthram	North Devon M.C
A. Grassam	M.G.C.C.
R. Moore	Launceston & N.Cornwall M.C
J. Hayes	Bristol M.C. & L.C.C
K. Buckle	Bristol M.C. & L.C.C
M. Tooth	Bristol M.C. & L.C.C
D. Alderson	By invitation

88/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from M.G. Octagon C.C., Camel Vale M.C., Torbay M.C., M.C.C., Woolbridge M.C., Ken Green, Martin Halliday and Jenny Vowden

88/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (15th May 1988) were signed as a correct record of the meeting with the addition of the presence of the Silverton M.C. Delegates.

The Secretary would extend the Best Wishes of the Council to Ken Green who had recently left Hospital.

It is noted by some delegates that some clubs had not received the ACTION SHEET that Jenny Vowden had circulated in advance of the formal minutes. It appeared that the problem lay with the Post Office.

88/21 MATTERS ARISING

a) 88/4 - The Treasurer noted that 750 M.C. had paid their subscription to the Association.

- b) 88/5 - Dates. Launceston & N. Cornwall felt that the R.A.C. M.S.A. should be approached to request that weeks be NUMBERED in the motor sports calendar. The advantage would be that if each event maintained it's 'week number' on an annual basis, there would be fewer problems with the club wishing to organise events on the same day.

ACTION : SECRETARY

It is hoped that the dates of the Exmoor Clouds Trial, Camel Classic Trial, and Woolbridge Hardy Classic, could be resolved on the basis outlined by Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.

ACTION : SECRETARY

88/22 THE ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer explained that £21.64 'Sundries' was, in fact, the Insurance Premium on the Championship Trophies. The amounts were adopted, Proposed Holsworthy M.C., Seconded N. Cornwall.

88/23 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN - W.G.A. Penhale, Proposed Bristol, Seconded Holsworthy

VICE-CHAIRMAN - B. Cope, Proposed Bristol, Seconded Holsworthy

SECRETARY - D. Alderson, Proposed V.W.O.C., Seconded Bristol

TREASURER - A. Foster, Proposed Holsworthy, Seconded V.W.O.C.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY	- Mrs. J.Vowden) Proposed
CHAMPIONSHIP SCORER	- S. Woodal) Holsworthy,
) Seconded
CHAMPIONSHIP QUALITY CONTROLLER	- K. Green) Silverton

R.A.C. M.S.C. Trials & Cross Country Committee Nominee -
The Chairman, Proposed Holsworthy, Seconded Bristol

John West was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Association, having been a founder member and an officer throughout the existence of the Association. It was Proposed by Holsworthy, Seconded by V.W.O.C. that John West be invited to attend future Council meetings to act in an advisory capacity.

John West thanked the Association for their good wishes and stated that, retiring from A.C.T.C. Office, he was also standing down from the R.A.C. M.S.C. Trials and Cross Country Committee. The R.A.C. M.S.A. had indicated that they would appoint his successor as A.C.T.C. General Secretary to the Committee.

88/24 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

Jenny Vowden, being on holiday, sent a report. There was £455.46 standing in the Deposit Account, and £62.37 in the Current Account at the present time, although £250.00 had been budgeted for the printing of the Championship Regulations.

There had been some problems with regards to entries in various trials. It is emphasised that entries were usually accepted on a first come, first served basis, although the entry policy was up to each club. Nonetheless, a condition of Championship Status for any trial is ALL REGISTERED CONTENDERS MUST BE MAILED THE S.R.'s.

It was also noted that competitors who failed to gain entry into any trial (usually as a result of late entry - including M.C.C. events) were hardly disadvantaged in the Championship as only three or four contenders ever compete in all events.

It seems that entries are nicely balanced with only a small number being refused for any particular event.

88/25 RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Rights of Way Officer, A. Foster outlined the work of the Byways and Bridleways Trust as being an excellent organisation dedicated to preserving rights of Bridleways and vehicular rights in the countryside. The Association is itself a member of the B.B.T., as are some member clubs. Membership is open to individuals and clubs and J. West urged all trials competitors and member clubs to join this valuable organisation.

ACTION : ALL DELEGATES

Now Calne WILTS.

The Byways and Bridleways Trust, 9 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9BY. Telephone 024 974 286.

J. West also drew attention to the Article on LARA (Land Access and Rights Association) in the October Issue of Wheelspin. The R.A.C. M.S.A. are members of LARA.

88/26 THE CAMEL VALE PROPOSITION TO CLASSIFY CLASS 8 VEHICLES WITH A WHEELBASE OF LESS THAN 90" AS 2 SEATER VEHICLES.
J. West outlined the situation whereby this proposition had been overtaken by events since it's submission for the meeting.

At the last meeting of the R.A.C. M.S.C. Trials and Cross Country Committee Meeting, the Committee had carried a resolution that ALL Class 8 vehicles would only be allowed one front seated passenger with no other passengers permitted. The resolution of the Council had been that Class 8 cars should carry a FRONT seated passenger but not exclude further (rear seated, where appropriate) passengers such as in V.W. long wheelbase buggies, 4 seater Dellow's, etc.

Council was displeased that the Committee had taken this action in view of (a) the democratic nature of the Council and (b) that all clubs organising classic trials are Association members.

Council felt that the R.A.C. M.S.C. Cross Country and Trials Committee should have either accepted the Council's proposition or referred back to Council rather than legislated on their own.

The best course of action was felt, initially, to be a strong letter of protest to Terry Lankshear, Acting Chief Executive of the R.A.C. M.S.A. with the possibility of an open letter in 'Wheelspin' at a later date. Proposed V.W.O.C., Seconded by Shenstone.

ACTION : SECRETARY

88/27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Launcester & N. Cornwall raised the issue of tyre security bolts. Do they cause damage to tyres? Would there be a consequential accident risk on the public highway, together with a statutory offence? It was suggested that a ban on security bolts would limit tyre pressures and, therefore, assist organisers.

Silverton noted that security bolts assisted to keep a punctured tyre on the wheel rim, thereby avoiding the potential for causing delays on observed sections.

John Hayes offered to write an article in 'Wheelspin' on the various methods of tyre security including the use of bolts.

- (b) Apparently Stroud & D.M.C. had circulated a letter expressing dissatisfaction in respect of some aspects of the Association's organisation. The contents were generally unknown at this stage. The letter would be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION : SECRETARY

- (c) Brain Cope would prepare a discussion document on the domination of classic trials by Class 8 and would like a discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION : VIA CHAIRMAN

- (d) Ross & D.M.S.C. have not yet received their Observer's Report from the 1988 Kyrle Trophy Trial. Could they be mailed earlier, please, in order that they can act on the comments made.

ACTION : QUALITY CONTROLLER

- (e) Council would like to invite Tony Newsum (R.A.C. M.S.A. Executive responsible for Classic Trials) to attend a future Council Meeting. Council would also like to invite him to attend more classic trials.

ACTION : SECRETARY

J. West reported that his predecessor, Chris Belton, had enjoyed navigating for him in the Oliver Special, on a cold Exeter Trial, although J. West's hip flask took a beating!

- (f) Sheffield & Hallamshire were keen to use some unmetalled roads on the route of their new classic trial. These roads were flat and not suitable for an observed section. The Club queried whether a Passage Control on these lanes would be acceptable to the sport.

Council clearly felt that such action would be acceptable although another option is to include a Special Test on these lanes.

- (g) Silverton queried whether the ~~Lee~~ ^{Exe} Valley Trial would be observed for future Championship Status (9th April)?

ACTION : CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY

- (h) Council discussed whether it was worth approaching the V.S.C.C. with a view to them renewing their membership (after the Derbyshire debacle). Clearly, their trials are classic trials and not sporting trials as they claim. It was suggested by Launceston & N. Cornwall that, perhaps, the M.C.C. would act on behalf of the Association.

ACTION : CHAIRMAN

88/29 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, 7th May, 1989, at the Bung Inn, Redhill, Wrington, Avon, commencing 14.15. This is the Dates Meeting.