

# ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

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## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS HELD AT THE CROWN INN, MINCHINHAMPTON, ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH 1993

PRESENT:	Allin Penhale	President
	R.Pole	Chairman
	Anne Templeton	General Secretary
	Nick Ryle	ROW Officer
	Jim Templeton	Championship Quality Controller
	J. West	Vice President/MCC
	Alan Foster	Vice President
	David Alderson	Vice Chairman
	M.D. Pearson) John Parsons)	Sporting Owner Driver's Club
	T. Coventry)	Stroud & District MC
	R. Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall
	S. Webb ) A. Webb )	Woolbridge M.C.
	B. Mitchell ) R. Grimwood)	Silverton M.C.
	Mark Tooth) Peter Hart )	Bristol M.C. & L.C.C.
	J. Collins	Holsworthy
	Richard Andrews	Ross & District M..C
	Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Auto Club
	Hans Viertel	Camel Vale MC
	Alan Grassam	MGCC

Roger Pole welcomed the delegates and visitors to the meeting.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Richard Dawe (Championship Secretary), Mary & Michael Jones (Sheffield & Hallamshire), Simon Woodall (VWOC), Janet Mattin (Treasurer), Nigel Moss (Stroud)

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**MINUTES OF MEETING 18/4/93**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by MMC, seconded by Launceston & N. Cornwall passed unanimously.

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 18/4/93 OTHER THAN DETAILED IN THE AGENDA**

i) With reference to **93/3** Roger Pole told council that he had not yet written to the Clerks of Course but would do so.

ii) With reference to the Clee Hill Trial, Jonathan Toulmin informed the Council that Brian Cope had withdrawn from the organising committee and although MAC will still run the Clee Hill Trial, they would like to run it on November 13th. It will be a dual permit event to encourage new competitors. Jonathan asked for any help other clubs could give. He said that if the event made a loss in '94 it might not be possible to run it in '95.

iii) With reference to **93/13** Roger asked the Council for their comments on the new venue for Council Meetings. It was generally felt that it was a very good meeting place.

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**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 1993**

The accounts were presented to the Council in Janet's absence by Terry Mattin and were accepted unanimously.

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**ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS**

All officers were standing for re-election and were duly elected unanimously as follows:

- a) Chairman - Roger Pole (Proposed MCC, Seconded MAC)
- b) Vice Chairman - David Alderson (Proposed Shenstone, Seconded SODC)
- c) Hon. Secretary - Anne Templeton (Proposed MCC, Seconded BMC & LCC)
- d) Treasurer - Janet Mattin (Proposed Shenstone, seconded Silverton MC)
- e) Championship Secretary/Scorer - Richard Dawe (Proposed BMC & LCC, Sec Woolbridge MC,
- g) Championship Quality Controller - Jim Templeton (Proposed MGCC, Sec. MAC)

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**REPORT FROM ROGER POLE ON THE WORK COVERED BY THE RAC MSA TRIALS COMMITTEE**

Roger Pole said that new rules for 1994 should be welcomed. In future, rule changes should be approved in principle by MSC then published in the RAC News Bulletin so that comment could be received. Then the June meeting of the trials Committee could consider the feedback and either put forward, alter or reject the new rules.

Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) said that he felt the proposal to have mandatory noise testing was not a good idea and that the way forward was through Construction & Use eligibility.

Alan Foster told Concil that the Technical Panel recommended that Tyre list 3 was added as eligible with the rider "and not subsequently prohibited". The tyre list should be approved at the September meeting and published annually after that.

John West (MCC) asked if there was any development in more delegates being considered for the Trials Committee from ACTC. Roger replied not as yet but he would write officially to RAC MSA. Roger went on that there had been a complete turn round in the attitude of RAC MSA reps. They were much more helpful and were looking for solutions.

Daid Alderson asked if there had been any move made to get RAC MSA to accept the ACTC list of kit cars. Roger said not yet.

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#### **REPORT FROM ROW OFFICER, NICK RYLE.**

Nick Ryle did not submit a written report but said that he had noted the views which had arisen from the last meeting regarding LARA membership. He said he still felt that it was an important organisation for ACTC to belong to.

He pointed out that no-one from Shenstone had contacted him regarding the SSSI order on Buttermilk, nor had any other club contacted him for help. He said that Dennis Greenslade and Oliver Bettison were helping him with ROW on a firm basis.

Alan Grassam asked what the cost was of applying for planning permission for a section with a SSSI order. There followed a general discussion and specific sections were mentioned (Fingle Hill and Wooston Steep). Roger said that ACTC member clubs should change their attitude to SSSI and pursue any threats to sections right the way through. Andy Webb (Woolbridge) agreed with Roger and said that it was often the landowner's interpretation of the SSSI order which caused problems and not the order itself. He said that Woolbridge currently had a problem with a section on "set-aside" land. Roger suggested he contacted David Kersey at MFU.

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#### **REVIEW OF ACTC DINNER DANCE**

Roger Pole said he felt that the majority had thought the vent a great success and thanked Adrienne Alderson and Janet Mattin for their organisation. There were many comments from the Council delegates regarding the success of the event and David Alderson said that Adrienne would undertake to organise the 1994 Dinner Dance at the same venue.

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#### **CLASS 2 REVIEW (ROBIN MOORE, COPY ATTACHED)**

Robin presented his report on the survey conducted of Class 2 competitors. He said that although the majority were not in favour of shortened chassis, perhaps these should be allowed if they had been altered pre-war, subject to Technical Panel recommendation.



Alan Foster said the Technical Panel and the MCC had discussed the possibility of allowing certain cars with a pre-war specification which were of a later manufacturing date to be eligible for Class 2 and the Technical Panel had drafted a proposal to that effect. A typical example would be the TC MG. Alan Grassam (MGCC) and Robin Moore (L&NCCM) both agreed that this was probably a good idea. Roger said that the time was right for some adjustment but not for wholesale change. The Technical Panel proposal will be circulated to all Clubs for a vote to be taken at the next meeting. The wording of the proposal was then discussed and agreed as follows:

"Class 2 to be widened to include suitable production cars manufactured post 1941 & listed by the Technical panel. Such cars to be commensurate with pre-war design". MCC proposed, MGCC seconded, the wording was agreed unanimously.

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#### **ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.**

##### **i. Research project - weight distribution.**

Alan Foster presented his report, (copy attached). He said that the results were accurate to about 5%. He gave the background to why the research had been carried out; it had been felt that some cars were probably carrying too much ballast over the driven wheels and making them dangerous. There was also some discussion going on at the Trials Committee as to having a formula for Class 8. During the discussion which followed, Roger Pole drew attention to Jonathan Toulmin's CSU sheet re tyres and ballast.

##### **ii. Damage declaration.**

Roger pointed out that not all ACTC member clubs were ensuring that competitors signed a damage declaration slip at the end of an event. He said this was an RAC stipulation and must be complied with.

##### **iii. Change to rules for Election of Honorary Officers.**

Anne Templeton, (Hon. Sec.) had asked delegates to consider changing the actual election of officers to the April meeting. Officers would not take up their posts until the AGM in September, but by forward electing, the RAC MSA could be informed in June of any new officers and these could then be included in the following year's Blue Book.

Ross & DMC proposed the rule change, SODC seconded. Passed unanimously, 1 abstention.

##### **iv. Policy Statement**

Alan Foster circulated a policy statement (Copy Attached) which he had prepared. He said it was time ACTC nailed its colours to the wall and issued such a statement. He said that there was the opportunity for an RAC National Championship. This would not supersede the ACTC Championships. Roger pointed out that the control of such a championship would be in the hands of the ACTC delegates to the Trials Committee. Allin Penhale expressed concern that the results would have to be on index of performance and that very deep thought is needed. Jonathan Toulmin pointed out that there was not room in the calendar to run two championships.

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#### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Sunday April 10th 1994 at the Crown Inn, Minchinhampton.

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#### **CHAMPIONSHIP ACCOUNTS**

There were no accounts from Richard Dawe who will circulate them after the meeting. Concern was expressed by L & NCMC that they had not received their labels from the Championship Secretary. Anne Templeton said she would contact Richard and chase these up and also ask him for an address for correspondence as he was at present at a temporary address.

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#### **CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT**

There was no report from Richard Dawe

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#### **REPORT FROM CHAMPIONSHIP QUALITY CONTROLLER (JIM TEMPLETON)**

Jim Templeton reported that there was no criticism from competitors. The standard of organisation was higher than it had been 3 years ago. He said that some paperwork needs to be tightened up and that all material for each trial needed to be sent to him as if he was competing. He said that not all clubs were doing this. He said that standardisation of documentation was still an outstanding point.

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#### **ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS**

No business was raised.

The meeting closed at 5.40 p.m.