

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS HELD AT THE CROWN INN, MINCHINHAMPTON, ON SUNDAY APRIL 10TH 1994

PRESENT:	Allin Penhale	President
	R.Pole	Chairman
	Anne Templeton	General Secretary
	Richard Dawe	Championship Secretary/Scorer
	Janet Mattin	Treasurer
	David Alderson	Vice Chairman
	Alan Foster	Vice President
	Simon Woodall	Vice President/VWOC
	Geoff Margetts	MCC
	Peter Coleman	Ilkley & District MC
	M.D. Pearson) John Parsons)	Sporting Owner Driver's Club
	T. Coventry)	Stroud & District MC
	Mary Jones	Sheffield & Hallamshire 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) Neil Forrest)	Ross & District M..C
	Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Auto Club
	Hans Viertel	Camel Vale MC
	Gerald Burrige	MGCC

Roger Pole welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from John West, Vice President; Rodney Murch, John Barthram, North Devon MC; Jim Templeton, Championship Quality Controller; Alan Grassam MGCC

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MINUTES OF MEETING 18/4/93

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

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 19/9/93 OTHER THAN DETAILED IN THE AGENDA

i) With reference to **93/16** Roger Pole told council that he had now written to the Clerks of Course (Copy Attached)

ii) With reference to the Clee Hill Trial, Jonathan Toulmin reported that progress was being made and he was hoping for a full entry. He thanked Silverton for giving up one of their dates to MAC.

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

- a) Allin Penhale was unanimously re-elected to the post of President
- b) There were no nominations for new vice presidents.

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ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS TO TAKE UP DUTIES FROM SEPTEMBER 1994

Except for the posts of Chairman and Championship Quality Controller, all officers were standing for re-election. Officers were elected unanimously as follows:

- a) Chairman - Simon Woodall (Proposed Woolbridge MC, Seconded Ross & DMC)
- b) Vice Chairman - David Alderson (Proposed VWOC, Seconded SODC)
- c) Hon. Secretary - Anne Templeton (Proposed MCC, Seconded MAC)
- d) Treasurer - Janet Mattin (Proposed Bristol MC, seconded Ross & DMC)
- e) Championship Secretary/Scorer - Richard Dawe (Proposed Silverton MC, Sec SODC,
- g) Championship Quality Controller - Andy Webb (Proposed Silverton MC, Sec. Holsworthy MC)

Launceston & N. Cornwall MC remarked that it is usual in most committees that in the event of the Chairman retiring, the Vice-Chairman should usually stand.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Janet Mattin presented the financial report (Copy attached)

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APPLICATION OF ILKLEY & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB TO JOIN ACTC

Peter Coleman, representing Ilkley MC, gave a presentation of the Club, including a history, number of members (250), and details of the Ilkley Classic Trial which was run in 1993.

Launceston & N. Cornwall MC proposed acceptance of Ilkley's application, SODC seconded, the Council voted unanimously for acceptance. Roger Pole welcomed Ilkley to ACTC.

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

Roger Pole circulated his report to the Council (copy attached). Anne Templeton asked if it was likely that ACTC would be allowed another delegate to sit on the Trials Committee. Roger said not. Classic Trials were already well represented by himself and the MCC invited delegates and the balance was good. Allin Penhale thanked Roger Pole and Alan Foster for their work on the Trials Committee.

TO DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TECHNICAL PANEL TO WIDEN CLASS 2

The recommendation: *"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."*

Gerald Burrige (MGCC) commented that M641 (Blue Book) allowed for engine modifications which worried him. Simon Woodall (VWOC) said the "spirit of the regulations" should be enforced.

Robin Moore (Launceston & N. Cornwall) expressed concern about some aspects. He felt a rule change could open a can of worms as there were some differences between pre & post war cars. He suggested that an interim solution could be a Class 2A; there were specials in Class 7 which could be included in such a class, say 1941 - 61.

Launceston formally proposed: "An additional class be created for Production cars 1941 - 61 with the addition of certain non-production cars to be vetted by the technical panel. The new class to be run for a minimum of 3 years before any changes were sought"

Gerald Burrige (MGCC) said that perhaps it would be better to only have a new Class if the present Class 2 were overwhelmed by the proposed newcomers. Those in Class 2 who he had spoken with were happy about the proposal as it stood.

Mark Tooth (Bristol MC) said the TC's which entered the Allen Trial were less competitive than Class 2.

Roger then asked for a seconder for the Launceston proposal. As none was forthcoming, Woolbridge formally proposed the rule change as written, Shenstone seconded. The vote was taken: 11 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. The proposal was carried.

TO DISCUSS PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT FROM ALAN FOSTER (copy attached to Agenda)

Anne Templeton (for Shenstone & D.M.C.) asked what historical basis there was for suggesting that Classic Trials were primarily for Production cars.

Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) said the aspiration of the proposal was questionable. The production car of the '90's is not suitable for Classic Trialling therefore classes 7 & 8 will inevitably become stronger.

Simon Woodall (VWOC) said that some cars are more suitable than others. Classic Trials are the home of the "special". The history of the sport has always been Class 8 and long may that continue.

Alan Foster said that he did not see the need to have rough sections. It was better to smooth out rough sections, not make them rougher. He added that there had been 5 1st Class awards to Class 1 on the Exeter Trial.

Roger Pole suggested the deletion of the word "primarily from the first paragraph".

Gerald Burrige felt that the last paragraph should be included.

Simon Woodall agreed that sections should not be too damaging. Peter Coleman (Ilkley) said that his club were considering the viability of tyre pressure restrictions on their next trial. Geoff Margetts (MCC) said that many competitors wanted to attempt all sections which they could not always do on some trials. Jonathan Toulmin commented that some of the roughest sections were on the MCC Trials and long may they be included. Mark Tooth commented that difficult sections did not necessarily have to be rough.

It was proposed from the Chair that the policy statement was adopted minus the first sentence, to now read:

- 1. Classic Reliability Trials to which ACTC is invited, particularly those which form part of the Championship, should be suitable for production cars in Classes 1 - 6. Radical modifications to cars to obviate damage should be unnecessary.*
- 2. Organisers should ensure that the route and Observed Sections provide an enjoyable days sport for competitors in all Classes. All the "tools" at the organisers' disposal should be used to equalise performance, eg lower start lines for the less competitive Classes; difficult re-starts for the more competitive Classes; selective minimum tyre pressures and Class 8 only sections or diversions.*
- 3. The hallmark of a well balanced Classic Reliability Trial is that the overall winner from marks lost could come from any Class and that all Classes are represented in the top ten placings.*

The proposal was seconded by MAC and the vote was carried: 12 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

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TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM ROW OFFICER, NICK RYLE.

There was no report or communication from Nick Ryle.

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DATES OF CLASSIC TRIALS FOR 1995

Richard Dawe circulated the proposed dates for 1995.

Robin Moore (Launceston & N. Cornwall) said the week numbering was different from ASWMC and it had been agreed in previous years that the week numbering system should be the same. Richard Dawe said that he had consulted with Dick Mayo of ASWMC and he thought that the week numbering was correct. After some discussion, the Chairman asked if all Clubs were satisfied with the dates as written; there being no dissent the dates were accepted by Council.

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ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

i) Hans Viertel (Camel vale) explained to the Council of a plan to hold an Inter Club Team Trial in Cardinam Woods on October 30th. The results to be on Class position basis and the best 3 from a team of 4. He suggested that another Club could host the event the following year and it could be an annual event. The Council agreed it as a good idea and Camel should give it a try and see what the response was.

ii) Robin Moore asked if Anne Templeton had replied to one of his members, John Turner, who had made an enquiry many months ago for the consideration of the Technical Panel. Anne said she would make it a priority to write to him.

iii) Anne Templeton asked Council if they could canvass their members for advertising in Re-Start. The magazine was costing £200 to print. The alternative was to revert to a newsletter. There were comments from delegates that it would be a pity if the magazine could not continue in its present form and efforts must be made to raise advertising revenue.

iv) Simon Woodall informed Council that "Le Jog" the John O'Groats to Land's End was a road rally run under a Classic Trial permit. Geoff Margetts said he was informed that Bowings had not been sure what the event was. David Alderson informed Council that the event was a money-making venture for the organisers. Roger Pole said he would raise the matter with the RAC.

v) Roger told Council that the Technical Panel felt that all Limited Slip Diffs should be outlawed for Classic Trials. Geoff Margetts said that some Morgans had LSD's. Roger accepted that a few competitors would be unhappy but it was important for the future of the sport. Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) said that production cars of the future would be fitted with traction control devices. These would moderate engine power and would be undetectable. Roger said that the RAC technical dept. may be able to give some advice and he would make enquiries. There followed some discussion regarding technical developments of production cars and it was agreed that a close watch should be kept on modern aids appearing in Classic Trials.

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APPLICATION OF ILKLEY MOTOR CLUB TO HAVE THE ILKLEY TRIAL INCLUDED IN THE ACTC CHAMPIONSHIP

VWOC proposed that the Ilkley Classic Trial be observed in 1994 with a view to include the Trial in the 1995 championship. Launceston seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

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CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

a) Report from ACTC Championship Secretary, Richard Dawe. Richard Dawe presented the balance sheet for the Championship. He reported that contenders were about 15 down on last year and currently stood at 188. There was enough money in the account to pay for two more issues of Re-Start. The Championship had much the same names doing well this year.

b) Report from ACTC Championship Quality Controller, Jim Templeton. In Jim Templeton's absence, Anne Templeton presented his report. The only problem to arise concerned scrutineering. It had been reported that a car had failed a diff test at scrutineering on Shenstone's Chase Clouds Trial but had been allowed to start and be included in the results. Richard Dawe agreed that he would write to the Secretary of the Meeting raising the point.

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ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

i) Andy Webb (Woolbridge) was concerned that the Regulations for the Chase Clouds Trial were not tight enough. Anne Templeton said she would pass on the concern to Shenstone.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday September 25th 1994 at 2.00pm at the Crown Inn, Minchinhampton.

The meeting closed at 5.55 p.m.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1ST JULY 1993 TO 30TH JUNE 1994

INCOME

Balance brought forward from 1992/1993 £ 771.70

Subscriptions 93/94

Holsworthy, Stroud & District, Midland Auto, M.C.C.,
Launceston & N. Cornwall, M.G. Octagon, N. Devon,
Ross & District, Sheffield & Hallamshire, Bristol,
750 Motor, Minehead, Camel Vale, Torbay, M.G. Car,
Sporting Owners, Silverton, Shenstone & District,
Woolbridge, Volkswagen Owners..

£ 400.00

Subscriptions 91/92

Minehead £ 20.00

E.B. Morgan Sports still outstanding for 93/94.

Delegates refreshment contribution Sept. 93 £ 24.00

Bank Interest £ 5.60

Bank Charges Refunded £ 42.20

£1263.50

EXPENDITURE

Postage £ 9.60

Telephone/Fax £ 0.65

Stationery £ 3.00

Printing/Photocopying/Typing £ 16.75

Room Hire/Refreshments £ 90.00

Byways & Bridleway Fee £ 15.00

Gift for Roger Pole (Chairman) £ 34.75

Graphic Techniques (underpaid on

Dinner/Dance Account 1993) £ 7.00

£176.75

(Secretary & Treasurers expenses for 93/94
will be debited from the account in the
94/95 returns.)

INCOME

Dinner/Dance Profit £ 5.13

£1268.63

EXPENDITURE

£ 176.75

BALANCE

£1091.88

In my opinion, these accounts give a true and accurate record of the finances of the
Association of Classic Trials Clubs for the period 1st July 1993 to 30th June 1994.

N.B. Row Account £235.00
Main Account £856.88

Mr R Arthur, Trust Accountant
Harrow & Hillingdon Healthcare NHS Trust
Harrow, Middlesex

Miss S Holborn, Finance Assistant
Harrow & Hillingdon Healthcare NHS Trust
Harrow, Middlesex

Association of
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2ND ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

AZTEC HOTEL - BRISTOL

SATURDAY 14TH MAY 1994.

INCOME:

Ticket Sales	£1665.00
Raffle	£ 165.00
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EXPENDITURE:

Meals	£1392.00
Band	£ 307.87 inc vat
Table Decorations	£ 55.00
Waiters/ Waitress' Tip	£ 30.00
Raffle Prizes (most donated)	£ 40.00
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BALANCE: £5.13 profit