

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 4TH 1995

PRESENT:

Simon Woodall	Chairman
Anne Templeton	General Secretary
Richard Dawe	Championship Secretary/Scorer
Janet Mattin	Treasurer
David Alderson	Vice Chairman
Alan Foster	Vice President
John West	MCC/VicePresident
M.D. Pearson) John Parsons)	Sporting Owner Driver's Club
Roger Pole) J. Collins)	Holsworthy MC
Nigel Moss	Stroud & District MC
Mary Jones) John Green)	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.
Richard Andrews	Ross & District M..C
Hans Viertel	Camel Vale MC
Gerald Burridge	MGCC
Dick Hutchings K. Hole	Minehead MC
Stephen Bailey	Invited

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed delegates. He said as this was the first meeting without Allin Penhale, ACTC and MCC President who died in March. He asked the meeting for two minutes quite reflection to remember Allin and all the tireless work he put in for the sport.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Rodney Murch, John Barthram, North Devon MC; Terry Coventry, Stroud MC, Jim Templeton, Mike Chatwin, Shenstone; Jonathan Toulmin, Ian Davies MAC; Bob Barrow, Camel Vale

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MINUTES OF MEETING 25/9/94

Simon Woodall asked for 94/25 to be included in SSSR's for ACTC Trials. The Minutes were accepted and signed.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 10/4/94 OTHER THAN DETAILED IN THE AGENDA

Simon asked Richard Dawe to scrutinise the regs for Trials when they arrive with him and ask Clubs to include Class 2 changes.

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

The Chairman suggested that this should be postponed until the September AGM to which Council agreed

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ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS for commencement of duties at September AGM

All officers except the Hon Secretary stood for re-election. Holsworthy proposed a block vote for all those standing for re-election. SODC seconded, all re-elected unanimously as follows:

Chairman: Simon Woodall

Vice Chairman: David Alderson

Treasurer: Janet Mattin

Championship Secretary/ Scorer: Richard Dawe

Championship Quality Controller: Andy Webb

For the post of Hon Secretary there were two nominations:

Stephen Bailley (Proposed: Shenstone, seconded: Bristol MC)

Gerald Burrige (Proposed: MGCC, seconded: Launceston)

It was proposed by Launceston that voting should be carried out on voting slips, seconded by MCC and agreed.

The Gerald Burrige and Stephen Bailley left the room and voting took place. Votes were cast in equal numbers for the two Candidates. The Chairman used his casting vote and Gerald Burrige was duly elected. On the candidates return to the meeting, Simon thanked them both for standing and asked Stephen if he would take on the task of Class 7 co-ordinator. Stephen agreed.

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FINANCIAL REPORT (JANET MATTIN, TREASURER)

Copy attached.

Janet reported that she was having to chase Clubs for their subscriptions. Roger Pole apologised for Holsworthy and said he would make sure payment was forthcoming; Alan Foster said the same on behalf of Morgan Sports Car Club. No delegate for Torbay was present and Janet reported that they were also in

arrears. The Council agreed that Janet should ask for payment by 30/4/95 or Torbay would be deemed not to be members of ACTC. There was some discussion as to what the rules are on this matter and how it would affect the Championship.

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NEW CLUBS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Anne Templeton (Secretary) reported that West Cornwall Motor Club had dropped their application for the time being. Falcon Motor Club and Newquay Motor Club were both applying for membership.

Falcon MC: Holsworthy proposed, Ross seconded; Falcon were unanimously elected to ACTC

Newquay MC: MCC proposed, Woolbridge MC seconded; Newquay were duly elected to ACTC (1 abstention)

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REPORT FROM SIMON WOODALL ON THE WORK COVERED BY THE RAC MSA TRIALS COMMITTEE

Simon Woodall reported that one of the items discussed had been methods used for Index of Performance. Simon asked Camel Vale and Launceston if they had any opinions on the subject as they both used Index of Performance to score their Trials. Robin Moore (Launceston) said he liked the present system. Hans Viertel (Camel Vale) said he preferred the old method.

Discussions had also taken place regarding LSD's and whether FWD cars fitted with these as standard should run in Class 3. Simon said the RAC were not happy with piecemeal changes to class structures. Alan Foster, MCC delegate to the Trials Committee explained that the RAC felt changes to the Blue Book should only be made after being tried and tested.

Roger Pole (Holsworthy) inquired where the proposal had come from as it had not been discussed or voted on at an ACTC Council Meeting. Simon apologised to Council for the fact that he had gone along with the MCC's proposal without the ACTC council's prior sanction. He explained that he thought that the matter had been discussed and voted on. Bristol MC asked why ACTC should consider LSD's and traction control at all. Alan Foster explained that the reasoning behind the idea was that as rear wheel drive cars were becoming rarer, perhaps the time had come to encourage FWD cars with standard fittings. Simon Woodall pointed out that in the future, most production cars would have traction control fitted as standard equipment. SODC observed that traction control would not be of much benefit on a Classic trial. MGCC agreed as most systems closed the throttle to prevent wheelspin. Launceston said that handicapping was a better way forward. There was much discussion on the points raised. Roger Pole (Holsworthy) suggested that the classes should be left alone and when any of these cars began to compete, the situation should be carefully monitored and any decision should be made in the light of their apparent performance.

The Chairman wound up the discussion by asking Clubs to discuss this with their members and come back in September with firm proposals.

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TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF ROW OFFICER AND ROW MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Secretary distributed documentation received from Peter Colman (Ilkley) which asked for Clubs to respond to the Environment Bill currently going through Parliament. He had requested that Clubs do respond as time was getting short

and it was very important for the future of Motor Sport.

Roger Pole repeated his previous request for Clubs to send him lists of the sections they used and their respective status. He said that only one Club had complied thus far.

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DATES OF TRIALS FOR 1996

(List attached)

Richard Dawe submitted the attached list which was agreed. Launceston requested that Clubs confirm their dates with ASWMC before June.

Gerald Burridge asked whether it was possible for the dates of ACTC Council meetings to be decided in advance. There was also some discussion as to whether council meetings should be held in South West. Simon pointed out that Stroud was the most central for all clubs.

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ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

i) Dinner Dance

Simon asked delegates to support the Dinner Dance and Janet requested raffle prizes.

ii) Computer for ACTC business.

Anne Templeton suggested that as the ACTC account was healthy, the time had come to ease transition between changes in Secretary and buy a second hand Apple Macintosh. All the paperwork was currently on a Mac as was all the Championship material. She said she could probably find one for under £350.00. Holsworthy proposed buying a computer, SODC seconded. Proposal was passed (1 abstention).

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CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

a) Championship Secretary/Scorer Richard Dawe

Copy of Accounts and Championship Tables attached.

There was a request that the Regs should be published earlier this year, Richard said that this was in hand. There was also a request for the Form to be on a separate sheet. It was agreed to do this.

b) Championship Quality Controller Andy Webb

Copy attached.

Andy Webb reported that he had some reservations on the Ilkley being included in the Championship as there had been some adverse comment from Observer's Reports. The Clee Hill had been very favourably commented on and he felt this should definitely be included.

After some discussion Sheffield MC proposed that the Ilkley Trial be included in the Championship for 1995; seconded Launceston. The proposal was carried (3 abstentions, 2 against).

Holsworthy proposed the Clee Hill Trial be included in the 1996 Championship; SODC seconded, proposal carried unanimously.

Andy concluded his report saying that Clubs should not assume they will be included in the Championship automatically. If the standard drops too far, then they should be suspended from the Championship until standards are seen to improve. The Chairman agreed and said that Clubs should look to their laurels. There was some discussion as to the best method of choosing the Trial of the Year Award. The Secretary said that post cards were being printed for sending out with the results. It would then be up to the competitors to send them back.

Simon Woodall asked for any good ideas on the matter.

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ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

a) Richard Dawe asked Clubs if they wanted all the paperwork he currently sends them.

b) There was some discussion regarding scrutineering on Trials and whether a standard scrutineering system should be introduced. It was requested by the Chairman that Clubs consider the problems which arise at scrutineering and discuss at AGM

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DATE AND TIME OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Sunday 24th September 1995 at the Crown Inn, Minchinhampton.

It was agreed that a proposed date be set for the April General Meeting in 1996.
The date agreed: 28th April 1996. to be confirmed at the AGM

The meeting closed at 5.55 p.m.