

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE ACTC COUNCIL AT THE CROWN INN, MINCHINHAMPTON, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1996

PRESENT:-

Simon Woodall	Chairman
Gerald Burridge	General Secretary
Janet Mattin	Treasurer
Richard Dawe	Championship Secretary
Andy & Sue Webb	Championship Monitor & Woolbridge M.C.
John West	Vice President & M.C.C.
Peter Hart	Bristol Motor Club
Mike Pearson) Tom Goggin)	Falcon M.C.
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
Rob Cull	M.G.C.C.
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Automobile Club
Neil Forrest	Ross & District M. C.
Mike Chatwin	Shenstone & District M.C.
Brian Mitchell	Silverton M.C.
John Parsons	Sporting Owner Drivers Club
Nigel Moss) Terry Coventry)	Stroud & District M.C.
Terry Mattin	V.W.O.C.

The meeting followed Draft Agenda (version 2) circulated on 22nd September.

96/19 - INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS.

Simon Woodall (Chairman) welcomed all the officers re-elected in April.

96/20 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from:- Roger Pole (President), Alan Foster (Vice President), Anne Templeton (Vice President), Jim Templeton (ROW Co-ordinator), David Alderson (Vice Chairman), Stephen Bailey (Class 7 Co-ordinator), Brian Osborne (MGCC), Colin Bird (MGCC), Mark Tooth (Bristol MC), Greg Warren (Torbay MC), Hans Viertel and Bob Barrow (Camel Vale MC)

96/21 - MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 21/4/96

At the request of Andy Webb (Championship Monitor) it was agreed to clarify Minute 96/15/2 by adding:-

"(c) It was agreed that A. Webb would write appropriately to Sheffield & Hallamshire re. The White Peak."

The Minutes were then accepted and signed by the Chairman,

96/22 - MATTERS ARISING

Referring to the Action List:-

- 96/22/1 (See 96/3/1) There had been no further action.
- 96/22/2 (See 96/14/3) The Technical Panel have yet to consider this item.

ACTION:- Stephen Bailey add to Agenda

- 96/22/3 (See 96/3/1) There had been no further action.
- 96/22/4 (See 96/11) Simon Woodall reported that improvements had been made to the Bradstock scheme which made it much clearer. Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) again queried the possibility of offering the Bradstock and Bowring schemes as alternatives for the same event; this will need further investigation.

ACTION:- Simon Woodall

- 96/22/5 (See 96/17/4) No proposal was forthcoming from Shenstone.
- 96/22/6 (See 96/3/3) Most clubs had now corrected their regulations; hopefully the RAC Blue Book will also be updated in 1997

All other items were considered to have been completed or are covered later in the Agenda.

96/23 - TO RECEIVE THE ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1996

Janet Matin submitted the accounts for the previous year (Attachment 96/23/A) and dealt with a few minor clarifications. She noted that the Morgan Club had paid its fees but that Ilkley was still in arrears.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by John West (MCC), seconded by Robin Moore (Launceston & North Cornwall) and carried unanimously.

ACTION:- Ilkley & District M.C. please respond.

96/24 - REPORT ON THE RACMSA TRIALS COMMITTEE.

Simon Woodall had been unable to attend the recent meeting but he had been briefed by Alan Foster. There are significant changes being made to Sporting Trials vehicle regulations to provide roll-over protection. Classic Trials business was mainly concerned with the continuing efforts to tidy up cars (external tools, jacks etc) and the need to clarify and enforce Class 7 specifications relative to manufacturers' data.

96/25 - TECHNICAL PANEL

- 96/25/1 Constitution:

Consideration was given to items contained in a letter from Alan Foster dated 19th September (Attachment 96/25/1/A) which had been discussed earlier in the day by the Technical Panel. The following proposals were made:-

- (a) A new officer post should be created for a "Class 7 Co-ordinator"
Proposed by A. Webb (Woolbridge), seconded by M. Pearson (Falcon) and carried unanimously.

(Note: Stephen Bailey was co-opted to this position in April 1995, but it will be subject to formal election at our next meeting in April 1997.)

- (b) The Vice Chairman of the ACTC Council should be the ex-officio Chairman of the Technical Panel and the Class 7 Co-ordinator should be the ex-officio Secretary of the Technical Panel.

Proposed by J. West (MCC), seconded by T. Mattin (VWOC) and carried unanimously.

- 96/25/2 Technical Panel Meetings:

Simon Woodall reported that the Panel had met earlier in the day and agreed :-

- To produce guidelines on the acceptability of external items on cars; hopefully individual offenders would respond positively to advice!
- To review the possibility of re-classifying the Racecorp into Class 8.

- 96/25/3 Class 2:

Further to minute 96/8/3, the MCC had come forward with proposals for re-classification to be implemented in 1997, and the ACTC Technical Panel has generated a discussion document on the subject of modified cars. It was now proposed to create a joint ACTC/MCC Working Party to carry this subject forward. Debate concerning the proposed membership of this group included the desirability of officially involving the VSCC, but there was a general consensus that they had forfeited any such rights by leaving the Association some years ago.

The proposed constitution will be:-

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| Simon Woodall | - Chairman of ACTC |
| Alan Foster | - Chairman of MCC Car Regs. Sub-committee. |
| Gerald Burrige | - General Secretary of ACTC (& MG "expert"). |
| Mike Furse | - MCC |
| Robin Moore | - ACTC (Class 2, Singer & Wolseley "expert"). |
| Peter Treliving | - MCC/ACTC Competitor (& Austin 7 "expert") |

ACTION : Simon Woodall to approach those not present and arrange a meeting for October or November.

- 96/25/4 Class 8 Formula:

A revised document (see Minute 96/8/3) is being considered but has not yet been published.

ACTION:- David Alderson to report status.

- 96/25/5 Other Technical Matters:

- The YKC company had not yet responded; for the time being these cars must conform with the Marlin specification.
- Scamp vehicles (Mini Moke) do not comply with E.13.3.1, so cannot compete in RAC regulated events without modification.

96/26 - R.O.W. MATTERS.

- **96/26/1** Jim Templeton provided a report to the meeting (attachment 96/26/1/A); copies are sent herewith to those not present.
Most clubs claimed to have already submitted data on sections to Roger Pole.

ACTION:- Roger Pole to pass to Jim Templeton.

- **96/26/2** Jim had previously (10/9/96) circulated a DoE & DoT consultation paper to all delegates (Attachment 96/26/2/A), which led to a long discussion. All present were urged to respond promptly as the closing date was 27th September.

Note: Gerald Burridge and Jim Templeton were requested to liaise over an official ACTC response. This was submitted on 24th September (Attachment 96/26/2/B).

96/28 - ORGANISERS CHECK LISTS & GUIDELINES.

Further to minute 96/12/1 it was noted that some responses had been submitted to Roger Pole; other delegates had brought suggestions to the meeting. These included :-

- Delete names from Page 1, update and correct Page 2.
- Item 6 on Page 6 queried.
- Last two sentences of Page 17 can be deleted.
- Restarts across a line (Page 19) are preferred by some clubs, eg. Torbay.
- Page 23 is incomplete.

ACTION:- Clubs to submit suggestions to Roger Pole.

- Roger Pole to prepare revised draft for next meeting.

96/29 - ANY OTHER NON CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

- **96/29/1** The 1996 Dinner was considered to have been successful despite the last minute change of venue. After discussion Janet Mattin was requested to start planning the 1997 event and liaise with Stroud personnel about facilities they normally use; provisionally, the date will be 10th May, 1997.

ACTION:- Janet Mattin.

- **96/29/2** Further to minute 96/12/2 John West tabled a draft set of General Rules together with a page of explanatory notes.

Simon Woodall thanked John for his work and suggested that we should target to finalise the rules by the next AGM. All comments and proposals (preferably constructive) to Gerald Burridge as soon as possible please.

ACTION:- All Delegates.

96/30 - MOTOR CYCLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Further to minute 96/12/2, Richard Dawe had submitted proposals under cover of his letter dated 20th September 1996 (Attachment 96/30/A).

A great deal of discussion ensued, including:-

- A separate distribution list will be kept for sending regulations.
- Andy Webb will also monitor motor cycle events.
- The class structure is not universally agreed.
- Availability of suitable tyres in some sizes is a continuing problem. A list of acceptable items may be needed.
- The need to observe certain motor cycle only trials for inclusion in the 1997/98 championships.
- Proposed by Robin Moore (Launceston & N. Cornwall) that the list in Appendix A be used as the basis for the 1997 championship. Agreed by consensus.
- Other events will be observed in 1997 for future inclusion.
- Andy Webb (Woolbridge) expressed a concern that motor cycle entrants may cause over subscription of joint events.
- Proposal 7 requires further work on Organisers Guidelines. Running bikes first did not find universal favour.
- Alternative form of membership to ACTC for motor cycle only clubs, or the possibility of a sub-group. John West (MCC) agreed to draft a proposal for further consideration.

ACTION:- John West.

96/31 - TO RECEIVE THE CHAMPIONSHIP ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR. ENDING 31/7/96.

Richard Dawe submitted the previous year's accounts (Attachment 96/31/A), reported a healthy position and recommended continuing at £8.00 registration fee. Agreed unanimously.

96/32 - CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS.

- 96/32/1 Championship Review.

Richard Dawe reported 162 car drivers, 42 navigators and 52 motor cyclists registered. Up to date league tables were submitted (Attachment 96/32/1/A).

- 96/32/2 Championship Quality Controller.

Andy Webb had written the letters agreed in minute 96/15/2 and they were sent on 20th May. (Attachments 96/32/2/A & B); no responses have been seen. The Championship Quality Controller's report for the period March - September 1996 was tabled and discussed (Attachment 96/32/2/C). With reference to the Kyrle, Neil Forrest (Ross & District) tendered apologies to the Council regarding the non-entered "competitor". It was agreed that our championship rules should be revised to include a provision for disciplinary actions in such cases.

ACTION:- Richard Dawe.

96/33 - ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS.

- **96/33/1** John West (MCC) reminded Council of the request by Camel Vale to include their 1997 Bodmin Trial in the championship (see minute 96/17/3). It was discussed that the proposed date, 9th November, 1997, would be Remembrance Day which caused concern to some delegates.

It was proposed by John West (MCC) that the 1997 Bodmin Trial be included in the ACTC Championship for one year only with the proviso that **TWO MINUTES SILENCE BE OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 11.00am.**

Seconded by Mike Chatwin (Shenstone): carried. (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 2.)

ACTION:- Hans Viertel note the proviso.

- **96/33/2** Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) queried whether Regulations should carry a championship number. Richard Dawe stated that the appropriate reference for 1997 would be advised in due course.

96/34 - DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Sunday 20th April, 1997, (alternatively Sunday 18th May 1997) - 2.00pm, at The Crown Inn, Minchinhampton.

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