

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE ACTC COUNCIL
AT THE PORTCULLIS INN, TORMARTON on 11th October, 1998

PRESENT:-

Roger Pole	President & Holsworthy M.C
David Alderson	Chairman
Gerald Burridge	General Secretary
Giles Greenslade	Championship Secretary
Barbara Selkirk	Treasurer
Andy & Sue Webb	Championship Monitor & Woolbridge M.C.
Simon Woodall	Class 7 Coordinator & VWOC
Andrew Brown	Rights of Way Officer.
Alan Foster	Vice President
John West	Vice President & MCC
Mark Tooth)	Bristol Motor Club
Pete Hart)	
Hans Viertel)	Camel Vale M.C
David Toms)	
Mike Pearson)	Falcon M.C.
Tom. Goggins)	
Jim Wood	Holsworthy M.C.
Robin Moore	Launceston & N. Cornwall M.C.
Mike Furse	M.C.C.
Nigel Wood)	MG Car Club
Brian Osborn)	
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Automobile Club
Keith Hole)	Minehead M.C.
Dick Hutchings)	
John Barthram	North Devon M.C.
Richard Andrews	Ross & District M. C.
Brian Mitchell)	Silverton M.C.
Ron Grimwood)	
T. Coventry)	Stroud & District M.C
Nigel Moss)	

The meeting followed the Agenda issued as a draft on 18th September, 1998.

98/19 - INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS.

The retiring Chairman, Simon Woodall, introduced and welcomed David Alderson, who, in turn, introduced the other officers, both old and new (see Minute 98/16). Sadly, Jim Templeton was unable to take up the position of Vice Chairman, due to ill health. (See 98/28/1 below). Council asked David Alderson to write to him with good wishes.

98/20 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from:- Jim Templeton (Vice Chairman elect), Anne Templeton (Vice President), Richard Dawe (retiring Champ. Secretary), Greg Warren, (Torbay), Colin Bird (MGCC), and Dennis Greenslade (Newquay).

98/21 - MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10th MAY 1998.

Were accepted as published and signed by the Chairman.

98/22 - MATTERS ARISING

98/9 - It was noted that no changes had been made to resolve the date clash. Robin Moore (L&NC) expressed his disappointment.

98/13/2 - After various discussions between Brian Osborn and ACTC officers, a small stand had been booked at the NEC Classic car Show on 7/8th November. The stand was free but a charge of £60 would be made for power. Jonathan Toulmin and David Alderson would provide cars; clubs were asked to supply badges; videos would be shown; it was agreed to produce a small hand-out leaflet, keeping full Championship brochures for serious enquiries only.

97/26/2 - Simon Woodall gave an up-date on the status of the "RUPP Fighting Fund", explaining that 10 clubs had contributed via ACTC, plus 12 individuals; MCC had contributed directly. In summary it was thought that sufficient funds now exist to meet the expected costs, although the T.R.F. had not yet been called upon to pay those costs.

There was subsequently an inconclusive discussion about the possibility of refunds should the whole amount donated (or pledged) not be required at this time and whether any surplus should be retained in an ACTC fund. A similar quandary exists regarding any late contributions.

It was proposed by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) that :-

" Simon Woodall should liaise with the T.R.F. and publish the present status, together with a list of contributors, to club delegates. General details should also be published in Restart."

Seconded by Robin Moore(L&NC) and carried (For 13, Against 0, Abs. 1).

ACTION:- Simon Woodall

(Secretary's Note:- Delegates are reminded that the present ACTC Rules do not include any provision for funding or fighting ROW issues, merely "consultation"!).

98/23 - FINANCIAL MATTERS

98/23/1 - The financial situation was detailed in Barbara Selkirk's letter of 29th July 1998, but formal accounts from those previously responsible were not available for the last financial year. It was suggested by Robin Moore (L&NC) that at least a summary of Income and Expenditure for 1997/98 should be produced in order to provide Council with the background data to support the new budget proposals. The new Treasurer agreed to provide such data as she had managed to obtain for circulation to delegates. (See enclosure 98/23/1/A).

98/23/2 - Budget proposals for the next two years as circulated on 29th July 1998 were discussed (Attachment 98/23/2/A). Various items were clarified but concern was voiced by several delegates about the amount shown for Championship Regulations and Cards. It was explained that this cost had been borne by Richard Dawe and it was proposed to reimburse him in 3 instalments as shown.

98/23/3 - To action the recommendations it was proposed by Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) that :-
"The ACTC General and Championship Accounts should in future be amalgamated, and the Financial Year is to be aligned with the Calendar year by running the next accounting period to December 31st 1999."

Seconded by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) and carried unanimously.

98/23/4 - Noting that club subscriptions for an 18 month period would be £30 and that no increases had been imposed for several years, there was general agreement that £35 would be reasonable. Roger Pole (Holsworthy) suggested that the subject of an additional levy for a "fighting fund" was a separate subject, for consideration in the future.

It was proposed by Simon Woodall (VWOC) that :-

"Club subscriptions to ACTC should be set at £35 for the period July 1998 to December 1999, and reviewed again in 1999."

Seconded by John West (MCC) and carried unanimously.

98/23/5 - Barbara's proposal to increase the Championship registration fee to £15 in order to cover Restart costs, the new ACU Fee and the Championship Cards did not find universal favour. Dick Hutchings (Minehead), Robin Moore (L&NC) and Brian Osborn (MGCC) all felt that the increase was "too much, too quickly", whilst Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) suggested that a levy included in entry fees would ensure that those who compete most would pay most. Other options were also mentioned, and again it was accepted that any "fighting fund" contribution would be a separate, future subject.

Eventually, John West (MCC) proposed that:-

"The ACTC Championship Registration Fees for 1999 should be £15 for drivers and motor cyclists, £6 for navigators and £10 for Restart only."

Seconded by Brian Mitchell (Silverton MC) and carried (For 14, Against 1, Abs. 0).

98/23/6 - The advantages and disadvantages of forming ACTC into a Company Limited by Guarantee were considered. Richard Andrews (Ross) explained some of the problems and John West (MCC) pointed out that the officers would not be entirely protected by this act alone, but generally the idea was supported. Barbara Selkirk estimated the initial cost to be £150 and was optimistic that Audited Accounts could be produced at minimum cost.

It was proposed by Robin Moore (L&NC) that :-

"Action should be taken to form ACTC into a Company Limited by Guarantee"

Seconded by Brian Osborn (MGCC) and carried (For 14, Against 1, Abs. 0)

ACTION - Barbara Selkirk (All the above!)

- Gerald Burrige - Amend Rules as necessary.

98/24 - REPORT ON THE MSA TRIALS COMMITTEE.

Simon Woodall explained the implications of the sale of the RAC Motoring Services and that its effect on the administration of motor sport would be minimal.

The minimum age of passengers in open cars is currently under review and was discussed in general terms. Subsequently Alan Foster has summarised this issue and will collate clubs' formal inputs for the next MSA meeting. (Enclosure 98/24/A).

ACTION - Club Delegates

- Alan Foster.

(Secretary's Note:- Since the AGM David Alderson has been nominated to represent ACTC at the MSA Trials Committee, in line with our normal custom.)

98/25 - TECHNICAL MATTERS

98/25/1 - Simon Woodall (ex-officio secretary) reported on various items discussed by the Panel which included:-

- 18" wheels will not be permitted on Dellows running in Class 7
- There is some confusion over Bradstock and Bowring insurance. Clubs must make it clear to competitors who is insuring a particular event.
- Our present class structure may need re-consideration in the longer term, particularly the viability of Class 5, limiting the capacity or performance in Class 6, the possibility of engine capacity divisions etc. Comments to be invited in Restart (see page 4 of November issue).

98/25/2 - The Cheng Shin C180 tyre has been accepted and is shown on the ACTC list. Organizers are reminded that this does not set a precedent for the general use of efficacious motor cycle tyres on cars.

98/25/3 - Further to minute 98/13/3, no proposal was forthcoming re motor capacity classes, although John Barthram (N. Devon) still wished to pursue a change. It was agreed that David Alderson would contact Richard Dawe to seek clarification and justification for the 400cc split.

**ACTION:- David Alderson
Richard Dawe**

98/25/4 - Scrutineering Record Cards (Minute 98/13/1) had been the subject of detailed articles in both Restart and Triple. David Alderson had also circulated a proposed format to some delegates on 29th June 1998 and 6 written responses had been received, of which 5 were in favour.

It was reported that the Technical Panel was not unanimous in its views on how to operate a scrutineering record system; it also became evident that several clubs were not in favour of the proposed card system, although it was clear that "something should be done".

A far ranging debate ensued covering aspects of scrutineering such as levels of qualification and responsibility, where to draw the line between "advisory non compliance" and "unsafe", whether ACTC had sufficient resources to create a central core of "official" scrutineers etc., etc. It was also suggested that a communication should be sent to ACTC Championship registrants with their 1999 cards, drawing attention to the fundamental issues - particularly section E of the Blue Book.

Eventually it was proposed by R. Moore (L&NC) that:-

"A simplified form of Scrutineering Record card should be introduced for all vehicles competing in ACTC events from the commencement of 1999."

Seconded by Hans Viertel (Camel Vale), but NOT carried (For 7, Against 7).

After further discussion Andy Webb (Championship Monitor) volunteered to coordinate a centralised reporting system, based in principle on that used by the MCC, and feeding reported items forward to subsequent event organisers.

It was proposed by Dick Hutchings (Minehead) that:-

"ACTC should create a centralised reporting system, administered by the Championship Monitor, to record any scrutineering recommendations against particular competitors, to feed this data forward and record subsequent corrective actions."

Seconded by J. West (MCC) and carried unanimously.

ACTIONS:-(a) Technical Panel to publish details in Restart and issue suitable exhortation to 1999 Championship contenders.
(b) Minehead MC and Andy Webb to initiate a record and control system, using the Exmoor Clouds on 17/10/98 as the prototype!

98/26 - RIGHTS OF WAY

98/26/1 - Andrew Brown submitted a comprehensive report of activities to date, planned actions, an initial sections database and an informative article for Restart. (Attachment 98/26/1/A)

98/26/2 - Alan Foster explained the MCC proposal that the ACTC should apply for Associate Membership of LARA (Land Access and Recreation Association); the cost would be £10 per club (i.e. £230). It was also reported that full membership, with a seat on the Board, as enjoyed by the ACU and MSA involved an annual contribution of some £3,000, whereas individuals could join for £16.00 p/a. Council concurred with suggestions that Associate Membership should be considered next year, but Andrew Brown should be supported (by £16) in his application for personal membership.

98/27 - AWARDS SECRETARY/PR OFFICER.

Further to minute 98/16/5, no volunteers had been found and delegates were unable to put forward any suggestions. This is very disappointing and puts the Association's awards ceremony in jeopardy.

ACTION:- Clubs please help!

98/28 - ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

98/28/1 - It was necessary to fill the vacancy for a Vice Chairman -(who also becomes the Chairman of the Technical Panel) - and Simon Woodall had expressed a willingness to undertake these tasks. He was nominated by J. West (MCC), seconded by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) and elected by acclaim.

98/28/2 - New ACTC notepaper is required, but rather than incur the expense of printing it was agreed that Barbara Selkirk would make available a computer disc for users to generate Individual sheets as required.

ACTION:- Barbara Selkirk

98/28/3 - The date for the MGCC Kimber Classic Trial has been changed to 29th May, 1999.

ACTION:- Giles Greenslade.

98/28/4 - Falcon MC will be organising a non-championship event on 18th April 1998 in the Hertfordshire area. The clash with Silverton's Exe Valley was not considered to be a serious problem.

98/28/5 - Barbara Selkirk reported that the 750 Motor Club was still in arrears (see minute 98/5/3) despite verbal undertakings to the Secretary. The problem may be linked to officer changes in both organisations, so Gerald Burrridge will provide Barbara Selkirk with the name and address of their Club Secretary.

ACTION:- Gerald Burrridge.

98/28/6 - Jonathan Toulmin asked potential contributors to note that last copy dates for Restart would be :-

22nd October for 1st November issue
11th December for 1st January issue.

98/29 - CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

98/29/1 - CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY. Giles Greenslade had up to date tables available for reference and reported a good representation of classes in the league tables, close competition at the top and continuing good support.

Full tables will be published in each edition of Restart, and be available for inspection at most trials. Organisers must get competitors to show their class on signing-on sheets - please!

The possibility of creating a second motor cycle league, based on overall positions is being investigated, but further consideration needs to be applied to acquisition of awards and to reviewing the effects of the class structure.

98/29/2 - QUALITY CONTROL. Andy Webb explained that only the Taw & Torridge had been held since his last report; no serious problems had been noted.

The Kernow Trial had unfortunately been cancelled due to lack of entries.

98/30 - ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

The Chairman drew attention to the lack of motor cycle representation on Council and several allied items (see 98/25/3 and 98/29/1) needed further action. It was understood that Richard Dawe would be willing to continue to help, if required.

It was proposed by Roger Pole (Holsworthy) that:-

"Richard Dawe should be co-opted to the ACTC Council to represent motor cycling interests."

Seconded by Simon Woodall (VWOC) and carried unanimously.

98/31 - NEXT MEETING

Provisionally set for Sunday 16th May 1999 at the Portcullis Inn, Tormarton.

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