



Minutes of the Meeting of Officers & Technical Panel

15th January 2000

Present: David Alderson Andy Webb Roger Pole Gerald Burridge
Simon Woodall Andrew Brown Barbara Selkirk Adrian Tucker-Peake

Apologies Richard Dawe, Giles Greenslade, Alan Foster, John West

Minute	Matter	Action
T00/01	Rickman Ranger Specification A request had been received from Mike Warnes to alter the specification of the above to allow 15" wheels, Ford CVH Engine and Ford MT75 Gearbox. As all these requests were supported by the manufacturer's literature, they were approved.	
T00/02	Dutton Melos Specification A request had been received from David Toms to alter the specification of the above to allow 14" wheels. As the Dutton Phaeton already has approval for these wheels, and Dutton literature does not discriminate between body styles this was approved.	
T00/3	Ford Axles in Marlins The rumour mill has been implying that at least one Marlin is currently competing fitted with a Ford rear axle. Currently the spec requires an axle of Marina / Ital derivation (although Ford Internals may be fitted) and it was felt that this should not be relaxed. SW will contact the alleged offender and confirm the car's status.	SW
T00/04	Dellow Specification The rumour mill has been suggesting that Dommett, J has a 4-speed gearbox in his Dellow. The MCC had decided that this was not acceptable and had scrutineered the car on the Exeter to ensure that it had a 3-Speed. The discussion centred on the general future of the Dellow spec. Three possible alternatives were considered: 1) Continue to allow the car in Cls. 7 as it stands with the wording of the spec tightened up to make it clear only a standard car would be allowed and that factory options were not automatically accepted 2) Continue to allow the car in Cls. 7 but add further restrictions to the tuning allowed. Eg no engine capacity increase. 3) Reject the specification altogether but allow cars to apply for MCC reclassification certificates. Option 2 was rejected as it would be difficult to police and probably achieved little. The meeting was divided between options 1 & 3 and felt that the final decision should be put to council. The Dellow specification was originally put together before MCC Reclassification Certificates had been invented. It was intended to encourage the use of original cars without their being outclassed by OHV engined versions. This has not proved to be the case. The vote was split between options 1 & 3 with the main concern being that the car does not satisfy the wheelbase and seating position criteria specified in M6.1, 7c. (See notes at foot) SW was to write to Dommett, J and confirm that the car complies with the current spec.	SW
T00/05	It was suggested that in order to put the onus more firmly on the competitor that entry forms should include a declaration that the vehicles entered in Class 7c conform to the ACTC Approved Specification.	Council Agenda

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A00/01	<p>Limited Company Set-up</p> <p>BS circulated draft versions of the Memorandum of Agreement and Articles of Association based on the association's existing rules. It was proposed that these be read by the officers so that a final version could be presented to council in May for ratification in September in order that ACTC become a company limited by guarantee in 2001.</p> <p>BS reminded those present that all expenditure had to be approved by the treasurer prior to its being committed to.</p>	ALL, by end of Feb
A00/02	<p>Scrutineering</p> <p>The database of scrutineering "incidents", has had improved response from the clubs over the autumn, but is still inconsistent.</p> <p>The was discussion on several scrutineering issues, which should be considered by clubs for discussion at the may council meeting:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Scrutineering should be geared toward vehicle safety. RTA compliance should be recognised by the existence of an MoT certificate 2) Should a club official inspect vehicles after any incident such as rollovers or loss of control on sections? 3) Should there be fire extinguishers at Sections, Should there be spectator safety notices? 	Council Agenda
A00/03	<p>Action Dates</p> <p>It was decided that responsibility for the Event Calendar should pass to the general secretary from 2001.</p> <p>A second calendar should be created identifying administration dates:-</p> <p>Copy & Publication Dates for Restart</p> <p>Copy & Publication Dates for Triple</p> <p>Officers & Council Meetings</p> <p>Copy dates for Championship Rules / Regulations Amendments / Chairman's Letter</p> <p>Copy Date for Championship Registration Forms</p> <p>Distribution Date for Championship Registration Forms</p> <p>Draft Budget Proposals – PR Events, Forms Reprinting etc.</p> <p>Distribution Date for Council Meeting Agenda</p>	GB
A00/04	<p>New Documentation</p> <p>100 copies of the "Getting Started" document have been printed. Changes to this document will be made when a reprint is required. The "Introduction to Classic Trials" document will be ready for printing, with its colour cover by the end of February. An up to date electronic copy of each document should be help by each officer so that photocopies can be made to satisfy any short term or immediate requirements.</p>	AB
A00/05	<p>Discretionary Awards</p> <p>The Officers felt that initial discussions for these awards should be included on the agenda of their July meeting, before memories of the spring events faded</p> <p>It was felt that there needed to be more encouragement of organisers, possibly the award of championship points. There was discussion about the Trial of the Year award, should it be the best organised event, or the best improved event?</p>	Council Agenda
A00/06	<p>Other Business</p> <p>The cost of "replicas" for the championship is escalating, and needs to be reviewed</p> <p>DA should discuss this with D Greenslade, maybe review arrangement with Mike Chatwin</p> <p>A mailshot should go out to all those who have not renewed their championship registration since 1996 to highlight the availability of Restart magazine without championship registration.</p>	DA
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A00/06 Cont	<p>There was some discussion about how to attract novices to events, and how to categorise events in terms of their suitability for novices, how to define which events were easy/hard in competitive terms and which were rough/smooth(!) in the sense of damage to vehicles. Should there be a novice award, or a championship? AB to write an article for Restart</p> <p>The list of those contenders who had expressed a willingness to marshal should be included in the information sent to clubs when writing to invite ACTC to their events</p> <p>The list of those willing to passenger for other drivers should be published in each issue of Restart</p> <p>The Tyre List should be published annually in Restart</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>GG / PT SW / PT</p>

General Notes

- 1) The loss of 2 ACTC Championship events, The Chase Clouds and the Exe Valley, has again highlighted concern that the association and its council are not successfully supporting event organisers. Some discussion at council by other club organisers may be useful to establish if there is any form of help that the association might provide before an event become too onerous for the existing organisers to continue.
- 2) The discussion regarding the classification of Dellovs continued via phone & E-Mail after the meeting with the final consensus of the officers being that the side-valve Dellow should remain in Class 7 but with a more detailed specification sheet to ensure that all competing cars are in ex-factory condition.
- 3) A specification sheet is being drawn up for the Allard J1 and should be ready by the Council meeting.