

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIC TRIALS CLUBS

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ACTC COUNCIL AT THE PORTCULLIS INN, TORMARTON, ON THE 21st May, 2000.

PRESENT: -

David Alderson	Chairman
Simon Woodall	V. Chairman, VWOC & Class 7 Co-ordinator
Gerald Burridge	General Secretary
Giles Greenslade	Championship Secretary
Barbara Selkirk	Treasurer
Andrew Brown	Rights of Way Officer
Richard Dawe	Motor Cycle Representative
John West	V. President and MCC
Pete Hart) Mark Tooth)	Bristol M.C.
Roger Ugalde	Crashbox & Classic C.C.
Tom Goggin) Mike Pearson)	Falcon M.C.
Martin Willis	Fell Side Auto Club
Robin Moore	Launceston & North Cornwall M.C.
Brian Osborn	M.G. Car Club
Dick Hutchings) Keith Hole)	Minehead M. C.
John Barthram	North Devon M.C.
Adrian Martell) Neil Forrest)	Ross & District M.C.
Nigel Moss) Terry Coventry)	Stroud & District M.C.
Greg Warren	Torbay MC.
Barry Clarke	V.S.C.C.
Adrian Tucker-Peake	Nominee

The Meeting followed the draft Agenda dated 1st April 2000, as amended on 7th May 2000.

00/1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from: Roger Pole (President), Alan Foster (Vice President), Andy & Sue Webb (Championship Monitor & Woolbridge M.C.), Hans Viertel (Camel Vale), Jim Wood (Holsworthy), Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) and Mike Furze (MCC)

00/2 – MINUTES OF AGM, 26TH SEPTEMBER 1999

At the request of Robin Moore (L&NC) minute 99/28/2 was changed to read "Week 6" instead of the actual date; the minutes were then agreed and signed.

00/3 – MATTERS ARISING

99/14/2 – Giles Greenslade reported that the Register now exists and will be sent to organisers.

99/28/5 – David Alderson had made the invitation but MCC held their own presentation on the Saturday evening. A new invitation for 2001 was made to MCC via John West.

99/28/6 – Simon Woodall is preparing the list, as input is received.

99/29/1 – Richard Dawe reported that publicity is being generated.

00/4 – CLUB MEMBERSHIP

00/4/1 – The loss of Sheffield & Hallamshire, S.O.D.s, and Shenstone was confirmed, although it was noted that active trials members of S.O.D.s were now in Falcon.

00/4/2 – Roger Ugalde gave a summary of the background of the Crash Box & Classic Car Club. The fact that they have about 50 members willing to help run trials, and the work already in hand to help Silverton run this year's Exe Valley, led to unanimous approval of their membership. (Membership subscription already paid.)

00/4/3 – Barry Clarke explained the reasons for VSCC wishing to re-join the Association; the primary motivation was to work together in fending off restrictive "countryside" legislation, but avoiding date clashes and providing more trials opportunities, particularly for Class 2 eligible cars, would be mutually beneficial. VSCC have no wish to promote Classic Trials, but will retain their current format.

Launceston & North Cornwall had already submitted a written proposal that

"The VSCC's application to rejoin the Association be accepted."

Seconded by Dick Hutchings (Minehead) and carried (For 13, Against 1, Abstentions 0) (Membership subscription already paid.)

00/5 – ELECTION OF PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS

00/5/1 – It was proposed by John West (MCC) that

"Roger Pole be elected President for the 2000/2001 year."

Seconded by Terry Coventry (Stroud) and carried unanimously.

00/5/2 – There were no new nominations for Vice President.

00/6 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2000/2001.

00/6/1 – General Secretary – Adrian Tucker-Peake had been nominated by S. Woodall (VWOC) and seconded by Brian Osborn (MGCC) – Attachment 00/6/1/A. He was elected by general acclaim!

00/6/2 – Other Officers – It was proposed by Mike Pearson (Falcon) that:

“The remaining existing Officers should re-elected en-bloc.”

Seconded by John West (MCC) and carried unanimously.

Simon Woodall asked delegates to note that he is currently both Vice Chairman and Class 7 co-ordinator; there is therefore an opportunity for a new Officer to be appointed, if a willing volunteer can be found.

00/7 – FINANCIAL REPORT.

00/7/1 – Barbara Selkirk reviewed the financial data for the period ending 31/12/99 (Attachment 00/7/1/A) which had been circulated with the Agenda. The actual loss for the 17 months had been contained to approximately half the figure previously forecast.

The Budget and Forecast for the present year as at 30/4/00 was tabled and explained (Attachment 00/7/1/B). This shows a potential small surplus for the year, now that some of the previous extra-ordinary items have been dealt with.

00/7/2 – The draft Memorandum and Articles of Association, together with a brief overview document were issued to those present (Attachment 00/7/2/A). Other requiring copies, and any comments, should be addressed to Barbara Selkirk by the end of August, this will facilitate agreement at the September AGM.

ACTION: All Delegates.

00/8 – THE MSA TRIALS COMMITTEE.

David Alderson reported, verbally, on the MSA meetings of January 18th and 9th May 2000.

- Clubsports Permits now include Classic Trials (Reg B.4)
- The Countryside Bill is under active consideration by MSA
- The age of passengers in convertible cars running with the roof erected is under review (Regs. M.3.2.7 and P.1.2 “Saloon Car”).
- Public Liability Insurance cover for Directors of Motor Clubs is under review. It was discussed that this cover should also extend to non-motorsport activities.

00/9 – TECHNICAL MATTERS

00/9/1 – Minutes of the Technical Panel/Officers meeting held on 15th January were circulated with the Agenda (Attachment 00/9/1/A).

00/9/2 – Simon Woodall reported that the Dellow specification sheet has been clarified, to ensure that Class 7 cars are as original. The Allard sheet has also been revised and re-issued, although there is some ongoing discussion about one particular car.

00/9/3 – The declaration proposed in T00/05 will be incorporated into the forthcoming “standard” entry form (see also 00/15/2 below).

00/9/4 – After some discussion it was recommended that event organisers should pay attention to provision of warning notices (see B.18) and fire extinguishers at appropriate places (see, for example H.1.6, K.36.3).

ACTION: Delegates to advise Trials Organisers.

The type of fire extinguisher carried in cars should also be reviewed. Robin Moore (L&NC) spoke against compulsion, whilst Roger Ugalde (Crash Box) suggested that bulk purchase via the Association might be considered.

ACTION: Technical Panel.

00/10 – RIGHTS OF WAY:

Andrew Brown issued a summary report, dated 20th May 2000 (Attachment 00/10/A), drawing particular attention to Clause 43 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Bill, whereby "RUPPS" will be re-classified as "Restricted Byways" and, unless the Road Traffic Act is amended to give local authorities the right to authorise their use, they will be denied to us.

Robin Moore (L&NC) pointed out that, in fact, many sections use "footpaths" or "bridleways" for which permission can be granted. John West (MCC) also noted that the onus would be on potential users to demonstrate ancient vehicular rights – if appropriate.

00/11 – TRIALS CALENDARS

00/11/1 - This Year: - Giles Greenslade presented a revised calendar for the second half of 2000 (Attachment 00/11/1/A), it was noted that the Torbay will not run, but Greg Warren (Torbay) indicated some confidence for next year.

Stroud & District had written to the General Secretary (Attachment 00/11/1/B), and their delegates amplified the club's displeasure about the way Woolbridge had changed the format of their event at short notice, undermining the purpose of ACTC co-ordination.

Robin Moore (L&NC) noted the irony of Stroud being inconvenienced by another club, as Launceston & N. Cornwall had previously been the victim of Stroud "trespassing" on its week number!

00/11/2 - Year 2001: - Giles Greenslade tabled a draft calendar (Attachment 00/11/2/A), showing provisional dates based on the possibility of the Land's End Trial being moved to 30th March.

A lengthy debate ensued, as this has several knock-on effects. However, MCC has subsequently confirmed that the traditional Easter date will be maintained – for the moment!

The possibility of Fell Side and Ross swapping dates is also being investigated.

ACTION: Giles Greenslade to co-ordinate (and ensure that ACTC Council Meetings are accommodated!).

00/12 – SCRUTINEERING CONTROL SYSTEM

Andy Webb had sent a written report, which was distributed (Attachment 00/12/A). His suggestion re no action after two warnings equals exclusion was generally agreed. David Alderson suggested the development of a "scrutineering rota" whereby each event should place extra attention on one aspect, which Andy would advise to organisers immediately before their trial.

ACTION: - Andy Webb to implement.

00/13 – PUBLIC RELATIONS

Andrew Brown tabled a report dated 20th May (Attachment 00/13/A)

ACTION: - Volunteers for N.E.C. 4/5th November – PLEASE!

00/14- HELP FOR ORGANISERS

A pack of useful 'stuff' for organisers has been put together, with help from M.A.C.; it was used, and appreciated by Fell Side so has now been passed to the Crash Box Club. In due course it will be circulated to others for comments/improvements.

00/15 – ANY OTHER NON-CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

00/15/1 – Entry Fee Recommendations. Several clubs spoke against this suggestion, preferring to retain their autonomy in financial matters, so it was not pursued.

00/15/2 – Standardised S.R.s & Entry Forms. Following on from Minute 99/28, a draft was tabled by Simon Woodall (Attachment 00/15/2/A). From discussion it was noted that motor cycles should be included and the Entry Form, incorporating T.00/05, has yet to be completed.

ACTION: - Comments to Simon Woodall – by end of August please.

00/15/3 – Morgan Three Wheeler Club. A letter to the General Secretary dated 15th May 2000 (Attachment 00/15/3/A) was discussed, there are various Rules, Regulations and organisational implications. Brian Osborn (MGCC) drew attention to MSA Regulation A 2.2.1 and a proposal was made by Robin Moore that: -

"The MTWC should be encouraged to obtain MSA Recognition, to join ACTC and to compete in Classic Trials, probably in Class 2"

Seconded by B. Clarke (VSCC) and carried unanimously.

ACTION: - G. Burridge to respond accordingly

00/15/4 – Marshals and Signing-on. John West (MCC) gave an update on the situation regarding the marshals who had been involved in an accident whilst setting up the Land's End. The necessity to have officials signed-on for insurance purposes, prior to commencement of duties was of great importance, as this case had shown.

00/16 – COMPETITION REPORTS

00/16/1 – Competitors' Championships. Giles Greenslade reported a generally satisfactory position – details all in Restart. The number of motor cycle registrants was still disappointing.

00/16/2 – Quality Control Report. Andy Webb's written report was circulated (Attachment 00/16/2/A) and discussed. High standards were being maintained; one (continuing) problem is the need for Andy to chase organisers for entry lists (PLEASE help him do his job!) and one positive outcome is minuted below in 00/18/1.

00/17 – AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

00/17/1 – Trial of the Year Simon Woodall explained the various mechanisms used to decide this award in previous years and explained that Officers were seeking guidance on the parameters to be used for assessment – perhaps the “most improved event”? This idea did not find favour, but no other proposals were forthcoming

00/17/2 – Novice Championship Andrew Brown reported little response to his articles about ‘roughness’ and ‘toughness’ of events and an equal lack of enthusiasm for the creation of a Novice Championship

00/17/3 – Awards Secretary David Alderson was pleased to report that, following their initiation last year, Pete and Carlie Hart were willing to continue with this task. – Thank You!

00/17/4 – Motor Cycle Championships Further to minute 99/29/2, Richard Dawe had prepared a discussion document dated 19/5/00 (Attachment 00/17/4/A) The major initiative is contained in item 6 – the proposed motor cycle sub-committee. Clubs who organise motor Cycle events are asked to comment, so that the policy decisions can be made at the next meeting

ACTION – Clubs with Motor Cycle interests

00/18 – ANY OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP BUSINESS

00/18/1 – Northern Trial It was proposed by Simon Woodall (V W O C) that:

“The Northern Trial to be organised by the Fell Side Club in 2001 should be included in the ACTC Championship”

Seconded by Barry Clarke (VSCC) and carried unanimously

00/18/2 – Marshals Stroud had written to the General Secretary on 9th May (Attachment 00/18/2/A) proposing that championship contenders must marshal at least one championship round to qualify. This provoked some discussion, a little support and various alternative suggestions, including the possibility of awarding championship points to marshals/organisers. It was noted that VSCC encourage marshals by awarding points towards annual aggregate trophies.

No consensus could be achieved, so the Chairman asked for practical ideas to be put forward for future consideration.

00/19 – DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM will be held on 1st October 2000 at 2.00pm. The venue has yet to be confirmed – ideas please!

Signed.....

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