

Minutes of the AGM of the Council of the ACTC

Sunday 20th May 2012

At The Major's Retreat, Tormarton

Members and Officers Present:

Simon Woodall	– Chairman & VWOC(GB)	Stuart Harrold	– Hon. Sec.
Dudley Sterry	– MCC	Chris Phillips	– Championship Sec &
Jonathan Toulmin	– MAC	John Blakeley	– Chief Scrutineer
Brian Partridge	– Vice-Chairman	Pat Toulmin	– Restart Editor
Barry Kirton	– MCC	Andrew Brown	– ROW Officer
Barbara Selkirk	– Treasurer/VWOCGB	Dave Sapp	– MSCC
Barry Clarke	– VSCC	Richard Andrews	– R&DMSC
Neil Forrest	– R&DMSC	Keith Sanders	– Torbay MC
Andrew Martin	– Holsworthy MC	Steve Knight	– North Devon MC
John Barthram	– North Devon MC	Tristan White	– Camel Vale MC
Andy Webb	– Woolbridge MC	Brian Alexander	– Holsworthy MC

22 persons present, with 10 member clubs represented.

1. Apologies for Absence

Tim & Anne Whellock	– Windwhistle MC	Alan Foster	– Vice President
Stephen Bailey	– Motorcycle Coordinator	Mark Tooth	– Bristol MC
Pete Hart	– Class & Co-ordinator	Derek Reynolds	– Fellside AC
Dave Haizelden	– Champ Qual./ Torbay MC	John West	– Vice President
Nigel Moss	– S&DMC	Carl Talbot	– S&DMC
Charlie Knifton	– Eastwood & DMC	Robin Moore	– President / L&NMC

It was noted that this was the first meeting that Robin Moore had missed since 1978

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting, AGM held on 25th September 2011.

The minutes were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Binding of Archives. Simon W. apologised for doing nothing. Barbara S. will look at costs. Post meeting it was agreed to put £210 in the 2013 budget for the 'Binding Place' to do the work after September meeting gives approval and put £105 in the 2014 budget.

4. Election of President and Vice Presidents

–All positions filled, passed *nem con*.

President Robin Moore gave notice that he will retire from this position in September 2013.

5. Election of Chairman and Other Officers

–All positions filled, passed *nem con*.

The Chairman gave notice that he would retire from this position in September 2013. Simon stated that he had done the job for almost 25 years and felt it was time for new blood. Simon did indicate that he would be prepared to take on the position of President to help the new chairman.

6. ACTC Club Membership

– Eastwood and District MC have joined the ACTC and their representative is Charlie Knifton. Eastwood are planning to run a Classic Trial in their area.

7. Financial Report.

7.1 The balance sheet for the period to the 31/12/2011 was circulated.

Attachment 1

7.2 Barbara reported that the income from championship contenders has fallen again.

7.3 A loss of £269.50 was reported on the 2011 Dinner and Awards evening, a figure that is close to the budgeted expectation.

8. MSA Trials Committee Report

8.1 The question of 'stronger' four planet wheel differentials (based on 'free' limited slip differentials) in Class 1 had been discussed. Extending this to other classes was also discussed but the meeting could not agree a suitable wording for the Blue Book and it was pushed back to the July trials committee meeting.

8.2 Safety on Sporting Trials. Sporting trials are experiencing cars rolling on every event. A Sporting trials sub-committee has been formed to look at safety and try to identify changes to the trials car formula which will not make some cars obsolete.

8.3 There should be no modifications to the axle of Class 7 cars. i.e. cutting the bottom off the 'banjo' axle casing. Such a change would transfer the car to Class 8

9.0 Proposed Changes to Class 5b.

Dudley Sterry summarised the 2 documents that were circulated with this meeting agenda. It was accepted by all the delegates. Dudley will tidy up the new proposal and it will go onto the ACTC website as the new specification for Class 5b cars.

Action; Dudley Sterry

10.0 Awards Presentation Dinner – Saturday 16th June

The presentation evening is being organised by Simon Woodall, Barbara Selkirk and Giles Greenslade. Ticket sales are rather slow and those who have bought tickets need to advise their menu choice. There will not be a disco at this year's event and the awards evening coincides with Simon Woodall's 60th birthday.

11.0 Membership of LARA (Land Access & Recreation Association)

Andrew Brown, Rights of Way officer, outlined LARA's activities and supported the association joining. Delegates were reminded that LARA had been very supportive in the challenge to the detrimental change of status to the Burlledge section proposed by the local authority. It was proposed that ACTC should become associate members at the fee of £150 per year.

Proposed: Ross & District MSC. **Seconded:** MAC. Carried unanimously.

12.0 Tow Ropes

Keith Sanders outlined what had happened on the Torbay Trial when a competitor's tow-rope broke and a metal hook flew for some considerable distance with the potential of injuring someone. In the Torbay incident the metal hook did not hit anyone.

It was generally agreed that a specification is required for tow straps/ropes and also a strong anchorage point on cars for attaching towing devices too. It was felt that the emphasis should be on the use of Towing Eyes where vehicle construction allowed this. Dudley Sterry agreed to write a suitable specification and bring to the September meeting. The 'Blue Book' technical regulations for circuit racing specify tow eyes in Q19.1.3

Action: Dudley Sterry

13.0 Plans for the Hardy Trial – Woolbridge MC

Andy Webb, outlined the plans Woolbridge MC were making for the Hardy Trial. The club president, Colin Pook, wants to get the Hardy back to its old standard. A 10 man trials committee has been formed and there is a new young C of C. The trial will have many new and some traditional sections. The date in 2012 will be 18th November. Woolbridge requested that ACTC observe the 2012 event with the objective of including it in the 2013 ACTC schedule.

14.0 Event Insurance

Simon Woodall will publicise in 'Restart' his findings on insurance and urged all delegates to draw this to the attention of their club members. Simon also outlined the complex nature of who's insurance covered what based on the accident on Simms on this years Exeter Trial. Simon advised that if people used their own insurance to cover them on events they would be well advised to get the trials cover spelt out and written down by their insurance company.

Action: Simon Woodall

15.0 Rights of Way Report

Andrew Brown reminded all delegates that he maintains a record of every section on every hill an ACTC trial has used. He is currently updating his data base and he may contact clubs to ask them to fill in any gaps he may have in his records.

16.0 Public Relations Report No report available.

17.0 Restart & Web Site.

17.1 Pat Toulmin proposed a vote of thanks to Dennis Greenslade for providing 'Restart' with twelve years of 'Section Ends' articles.

17.2 For the next edition of 'Restart' there will be some trials history from the Falcon MC.

17.3 There were some problems with the last 'Restart' in that some recipients had to pay an excess post charge as the envelope was too thick. This should not happen in the future as the printer had now bought some equipment to flatten the magazine.

18.0 Championship Schedule

18.1 Chris Phillips advised that the only changes to the remaining 2012 schedule was the Taw & Torridge trial swapping dates with the ACTC AGM and the Hardy Trial running on the 18th November.

18.2 Draft 3 of the 2013 schedule has been issued.

18.3 Status of Events. Chris Phillips suggested that he be allowed to circulate regulations for ACTC invite trials which are generally run with a Clubman permit. The attached document details how this can be done.

Attachment 2

19.0 Championship Reports

19.1 Chris Phillips reported on the current car championship positions which will be detailed in the next 'Restart'

19.2 Stephen Bailey submitted a motorcycle championship report which was circulated with the agenda for this meeting. Stephen asked that it be noted that again Janet had donated £50 for cups, travel and postal expenses.

20.0 Championship Quality.

Dave Haizelden submitted a report that was circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

There was a general discussion of the suggestions in the report. It was agreed that it was possibly time to consider reviewing the entire technical structure and make some radical changes. Reducing the range of tyres to be used, particularly in Class 8 and reviewing engine transplants and some engine tuning. There was a long discussion on classes.

Simon Woodall agreed to publicise some ideas in 'Restart'

Action: Simon Woodall

21.0 Any Other Business.

21.1 Scrutineering. John Blakely, as the ACTC Scrutineer has run an efficient scrutineering system over the past ten years. Having the same scrutineer at each event has achieved very good consistency over the championship. John's circumstances have now changed as he and June get very involved with young Alex's busy life. In addition the sharp rise in travel costs, fuel and accommodation, have seen John spending hundreds of pounds of his own money.

John and June have now decided that they will not be able to scrutineer every event starting in 2013.

This lead to a discussion on the three possible options: 1, Clubs arranged their own scrutineer, 2, A replacement is found for John, 3, A team of scrutineers is found.

John is happy to continue doing the paperwork and producing the scrutineer cards. John will write a set of scrutineering guidelines which Club scrutineers can work too.

From January 2013 Club's must provide their own scrutineering team to work to the guidelines and with the scrutineering cards provided by John.

Action: All Clubs

John Blakely will write a set of scrutineering guidelines for ACTC trials.

Action: John Blakely

21.2 ACTC Championship Registrations. Chris Phillips stated that championship registrations had been falling and that we have fixed costs that are affected by this. We have reduced the quality of the awards to reduce costs. There was a long discussion on electronic payments and entry forms to further reduce costs. The MCC is trialing electronic payments and entries and it was decided to wait and see how the MCC system worked before proceeding with this for ACTC.

21.3 Differential Testing Machine. Ross & District Motorsports Club raised the topic of the 'diff testing' machine and its future. The machine had been stored, unused at the Ross Club house since the 2011 Kyrle Trial. The Council were asked what they planned to do with the machine. Arnie Martin said he had acquired a trailer that with some modifications can be used for transporting the machine. Simon Woodall asked for two volunteers, one to project manage the trailer modifications and the other to write very specific instructions for the set up and use of the machine with particular emphasis on safety. Arnie Martin has agreed to take responsibility for modifying the trailer. Enquiries will be made to find someone to write the instructions.

Action; Arnie Martin & another

21.4 Passenger Seating on Trials. There was a long discussion on the seating of the passenger on trials. This was brought about by some video footage of the recent Ilkley Trial appearing on various websites. One video showed the passenger in a Cannon type vehicle actually standing in the car facing the rear and leaning over the roll cage. This is clearly unacceptable and the competitor concerned should have been penalised. Some passengers do not understand they must remain seated at all times and this must be explained to them by the driver and entrant. It was generally agreed that if you are marshalling or driving on a trial and you see a passenger incorrectly seated you should advise the offending driver immediately.

Action; All Clubs

21.5 Kingpin K4S Remoulded Tyres. The status of the K4S tyre was reviewed. It was decided that the Kingpin K4S tyre would be banned from 1st Jan. 2013.

Proposed: Holsworthy MC, **Seconded:** MCC, For 6 votes Against 0 votes Abstained 3 votes thus the proposal was carried. This will be publicised in 'Restart'.

21.6 Jonathan Toulmin raised the subject of the success of Dennis Greenslade's fund raising for charity with his Cape to Cape runs. It was proposed that the ACTC Chairman should write to the 'powers that

be' in government to nominate Dennis for an award.

Proposed: MAC, **Seconded:** Camel Vale, carried unanimously.

Action: Simon Woodall

21.7 Torbay MC reported that they are considering offering an entry fee discount to ACTC members in 2013.

21.8 Chris Phillips has had thoughts on how to reorganise the funding of the ACTC. He will write a paper which will be circulated in due course.

Action: Chris Phillips

22.0 Date of Next Meeting. 2:00 pm, Sunday 9th September 2012 at The Major's Retreat, Tormarton.

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Attachment 1 Accounts to 31/12/2011

Attachment 2 Status of Events by Chris Phillips

Revision 3



Profit & Loss - Association of Classic Trials Clubs

For The 12 month Period to 31.12.11.

Income - Club Subscriptions 24 clubs x £40	960.00	Engraving & replicas estimate	400.00
- Motorcycle subscriptions 10 x £15	150.00	Bike Trophies	113.25
- Advertising Revenue	295.00	Championship Stickers	56.40
- Championship contenders	2,972.50	Championship Printing, Posting & Photocopying	87.02
		Championship Dinner & Dance	269.50
Calendars 2010	43.32		
Bank Interest	6.77	Restart, 4 issues	1,412.40
		Restart postage, 4 issues	264.67
		Webb site/PR	118.67
		ACTC Promotional materials, video	0.00
		MSA & ACU	63.00
		Limited company annual return	15.00
		Toner cartridge	272.35
		Meeting Room Hire	250.00
		General Secretary postage & photocopying	19.44
		Quality Officer postage, paid by officer	0.00
		Motorcycle coordinator postage & printing	0.00
		Diff Tester - Total Cost £297.00	0.00
		Noise Meter	72.00
		Byways & Bridlways trust subscription	15.00
		Scrutineering costs	300.00
		Bank Charges	15.00
Total Income	4,427.59	Total expenditure	3,728.70
Prepared by Barbara Selkirk ACMA		Profit for the year to 31.12.11.	698.89

Audited by Mrs J Link

NB Bike Trophy Championship Cups- Janet Bailey kindly donated £50 plus Travel and Post Expenses towards these Bike Awards.

Balance Sheet - ACTC Classic Trials Clubs @ 31.12.2011

RETAINED EARNINGS

Balances Brought Forward from 31.12.10		
ACTC Accumulated Fund B/fd	6,662.01	
ACTC Reserves Fund B/fd	3,000.00	
		9,662.01
12 month Profit to 31.12.2011	698.89	
ACTC Reserves to 31.12.2011	0.00	698.89

ASSETS

Trophies - donated	1,101.00
General Secretary PC & printer-fully depreciated	549.90
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Bank account	
- Reserves in deposit account	3,000.00
- Deposit account	9,192.96
- Current accounts	934.12
Restart Postage float paid to Editor	90.00
Postage float paid to Championship Secretary	50.00
Creditors & Accruals	
- G Secretary & Ltd co	-162.86
- Various previous years	-101.07
- Byways	-180.00
- Engraving Trophies 2011	-513.25
- ACTC Award dinner 2012 deposit	-200.00
- Promotional video	-500.00
2011 Championship Income in Advance	-1,249.00

Total £ 10,360.90

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Status of Events

The removal of the MSA's Clubsport grade has meant that most ACTC clubs now use the Clubman's level for their non-championship events. The advantages are as follows:

- * Lower MSA per capita permit and insurance charges
- * Removal of the need for a competition licence
- * Members from 15 clubs may be invited to compete, in addition to the members of the host Club.

Unfortunately this means that because ALL ACTC clubs cannot be invited the event does not qualify for 'ACTC Invite', which means in turn that the ACTC Championship Secretary is not supposed to assist the Clubs with labels for postal SRs or by distributing E-SRs to the ACTC membership.

Clearly not being able to use the ACTC's database will have the effect of reducing the available market for entries to the event and thus the quantity of entries.

To overcome this problem the following suggestions are put forward for consideration and discussion:

Clubs, if they wish, may continue to run non-championship one-day trials at Clubman status.

Provided that the organising club does the following:

- * Invites at least 50% of the ACTC clubs to the event
- * Offers members of all other non-invited ACTC clubs temporary membership for the event for a nominal fee (no more than £2, say)

then the event would qualify as an 'ACTC Invite' trial and the club would then be entitled to the services of the ACTC Championship Secretary for the event if they so required.

If adopted, these suggestions would:

- * Allow clubs to run non-championship events without the need for competition licences
- * Keep MSA permit and insurance fees at the lower level
- * Provide a means whereby all members of ACTC constituent clubs would be able to compete
- * Provide the maximum circulation of SRs and thus maximise entries.

My suggestion is that this paper is discussed in the ACTC-member clubs and then further debated at the ACTC AGM in September.

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