

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ACTC  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 via Zoom at 1900hrs.**

**1. Attendees and apologies for absence.**

Name	Committed Role or Club	Attended	Apologies
Dave Haizelden	Chairman & Torbay MC	Y	
Pete Hart	Vice Chair & Bristol MC	Y	
James Shallcross	Website Manager	Y	
Paul Brooks	Treasurer & Windwhistle MC	Y	
Keith Sanders	Secretary & Torbay MC	Y	
Myke Pocock	Fellside	Y	
Simon Woodall	President	Y	
Andrew Knightly-Brown	Rights of Way	Y	
Stuart Harrold	Ross & Dist MC	Y	
Ben Giles	Stroud & District MC	Y	
Adrian Tucker-Peake	MG Car Club	Y	
Peter Cooper	Launceston	Y	
Carl Talbot	Stroud	Y	
Pat Toulmin	Restart Editor	Y	
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Auto Club	Y	
Norton Selwood	Publicity & Minehead MC	Y	
Alan Foster	Morgan Sports Car Club		Y
Michael Leete	Dellow Register	Y	
Dave Middleditch	MCC & Falcon MC		Y
Stewart Green	Woolbridge MC	Y	
Roger Ugalde	MCC	Y	
Sam Lindsay	Falcon MC	Y	
Andy Webb	Woolbridge MC	Y	
John Bartham	North Devon MC	Y	
Ian Facey	Holsworthy MC	Y	
Alan Keat	Camel Vale MC	Y	
Ian Cundy	Camel Vale MC	Y	
Mal Allen	Bristol Pegasus		
Chris Barham	Motorcycle Co-ordinator	Y	
Bill Bennett	Championship Monitor	Y	
Geoff Westcott	Exmoor Motor Club		Y
Charles Knifton	Eastwood		

## 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2021.

Accuracy of the minutes were agreed, acceptance was proposed by Ben Giles (Stroud & Dist MC) and seconded by Jonathan Toulmin (MAC).

## 3. Outstanding actions and matters arising from the minutes above (where not covered below)

Chris Barham recently taken over SW's ACU actions and the action list has been updated.

Dave Haizelden's proposal is that Clubs may request to run a 2nd Championship event and this will be subject to ACTC Championship Stewards approval on case-by-case basis and covered by Holsworthy MC in A.O.B.

## 4. To note the confirmation of Officers as elected at 12th April 2021 meeting

Officers elected at the April 12th 2021 meeting are formally appointed and operational.

## 5. Financial Report

- a. Paul Brooks presented the Financial Summary showing income and expenditure breakdown.  
Current Account £298.14  
Deposit Account £16610.60  
Projection for the year is a deficit of approximately £268
- b. Budget for 2022 covered in c below.
- c. PB proposes the following fees for 2022
  - i. Championship remains at £11.00 (to be restored for 2022)
  - ii. Bikes remain free for 2022
  - iii. Navigators remain at £4.00 (to be restored for 2022)
  - iv. Club subscriptions to remain the same £46 cars/£16 bikes.
  - v. Paper copy of Restart increases by £1 to £12.00
  - vi. Calendars will return for 2022.

Jonathan Toulmin (MAC) Proposed acceptance of I to iv above, this was Seconded by Stuart Harrold (Ross & Dist MC).

**Vote result: Yes 100% No 0% Abstain 0%**

**VOTE CARRIED**

**ACTION** - Pat Toulmin to communicate Restart increase of £1 in Restart in advance of next years increase.

Pat and Jonathan to send calanders to Pete and Carlie Hart for selling at the Allen, Dave Haizelden suggest 70 copies to be produced.

- d. Suggestions on how surplus capital can be best used

### **Suggestion 1**

Pete Hart explained the proposal to introduce a sponsorship scheme to encourage younger drivers to enter events. With a budget of £1500 the ACTC could support up to 10 competitors under 26 years old (as of 1st January 2022) with free ACTC Championship registration and a support package of £50.00 per ACTC Championship event for up to 3 events.

Following discussion the consensus was that this would be best targeted at newcomers to the Sport, then if not fully subscribed this may be extended to existing U26 ACTC members.

Sam Lindsay (Falcon MC) proposed this is agreed, this was seconded by Adrian Tucker-Peake(MGCC).

**Vote result: Yes 100% No 0% Abstain 0%**

**VOTE CARRIED**

**To be implemented for the 2022 Championship year.**

### **Suggestion 2**

Simon Woodall suggested investing in the complex Diff Testing machine following the Sporting Trials community as this may be looked on favorably by MSUK.

Dave Haizelden opposed the suggestion as it appeared to have no perceived benefit in attracting new competitors, would not be easily policed, and would add significant cost to all existing competitors needing to make long journeys to get there vehicles tested. It would therefore be more of a deterrent and have an adverse impact on Trial Entries.

**Item parked.**

### **Suggestion 3**

Myke Pocock (Fellside) suggested producing a publicity video as marketing tool – eg what is Classic Trialing, history, classes etc. Could be given to a College or University Media Dept for someone to cover as a project. Discussions concluded this would take over a year, however could be run in parallel with other proposals.

**ACTION** - Myke Pocock to put together something regards promotional video and send to Norton Selwood to see how we can publish via means such as Social Media.

**Item being progressed**

## **6. Previous Proposals to be voted**

- a. Proposal from Technical Panel (originating from Stroud) for allowing 1950's Trials specials in to Class 5 or Class 2.

Some clarifications from discussions taken place are as follows;

- “Standard” definition of Class 2 is not changed and those Class 2 definitions e.g. Alternators not currently allowed (see AOB item regarding a separate proposal for alternators to be allowed in Class 2 for safety reasons).
- Vehicles may need some assessment from the Technical Panel before moving to Class 2, owners should contact Pete Hart.

Keith Sanders (Torbay MC) proposed this is accepted, Seconded by Myke Pocock (Fellside).

**Vote result: Yes 89% No 11% Abstain 0%**

**VOTE CARRIED**

**To be implemented 01/01/2022.**

- b. Proposal from Camel Vale for splitting Class D into D1 for Sidecars as defined in ACU Trials Regulations, and D2 for Motocross derived outfits with road legal tyre on front and Trials tyre on rear.

While the proposal is to split the existing Class D to accommodate Motocross derived outfits in a fairer way for the Trials outfits to compete, it has been highlighted by Geoff Westcott

that a dispensation or other formal acknowledgement is required from ACU to accommodate a Motocross spec outfit in Trials events. An ACU special events permit may cover deviations from bike spec. This is being followed up with the ACU by Chris Barham.

Proposed by Alan Keat (Camel Vale MC), seconded by John Barthram (North Devon MC)

**Vote result: Yes 74% No 11% Abstain 15%**

**VOTE CARRIED**

**To be implemented 01/01/2022.**

- c. LSD's/Torque Biasing diffs being allowed in Class 1 following completion of trial period

There have not been 4 full years of the trial period due to Covid, but long enough to field the trial.

The primary objective was improve reliability as a standard FWD diff is not particularly strong and when it breaks it generally wrecks the whole gearbox. In the 4 year period no FWD LSD/Torque Biasing Diffs have broken so this objective has been met. Competitors using LSD's in Class 1 have described this as a "game changer".

Another objective was that a LSD/Torque Biasing Diff should not provide any unfair competitive advantage over other Classes. In the 4 year period Class 1 has not gained any unfair advantage (which would be seen in dramatic change in Wheelspin points gained)

Alan Keat (Camel Vale MC) proposes that LSD/Torque Biasing Diffs are allowed permanently in Class 1 (FWD) cars. This was seconded by Roger Ugalde (MCC).

**Vote result: Yes 79% No 5% Abstain 16%**

**VOTE CARRIED**

**To become a permanent change from 01/01/2022.**

## **7. Motorsport UK Trials Committee Report**

Simon Woodall asked if there are any queries following the circulation of this Report.

Jonathan Toulmin queried why Fire Extinguisher rule changes are changing, SW replied this is to bring in line with FIA regs.

Need to highlight this in the Newsletter and Restart. New rules apply now, dispensation for "old" spec on existing vehicles until Jan 2022.

**ACTION** – Pat Toulmin to communicate the Fire Extinguisher details in next Restart and Norton Selwood to publish in next Newsletter.

## **8. Forestry England situation with Camel Vale MC**

Alan Keat reported that Forestry England want to stop all events within their land previously used by Camel Vale, in some cases for the last 70 years, due to ancient woodlands. However Ian Cundy referred to letter to Camel Vale from Forestry England saying no more Motorsport due to increase in visitor numbers – with no mention of ancient woods!

Forestry England don't own all of the land in Dunmere Woods so Alan is following up with the other owners to see if there is scope for a Trial without using Forestry England land.

Duncan Stephens had contacted Andrew Knighty-Brown for assistance who then asked clubs for info on Sections are used on Forestry England land and established there are 203 sections in last 1

year and another 40 beyond that. This list has been sent to Nick Pollett at MSUK to help strengthen our case for continued access.

Andrew also expressed concern that Forestry England rules are not being applied consistency across the patch. Forestry England website talks about “resuming motorsport” while Camel Vale, who are applying for Permits 6 months in advance, are being told there will be no more Motorsport events.

Stuart Harrold reported at the meeting that their Forestry England engagement for the Kyrle had not yet met these issues.

(POST MEETING NOTE – The Kyrle has since been cancelled due to various issues including the Forestry England situation).

Myke Pocock has discovered that it seems to be who you deal with. However this year additional charges have appeared such as £75 per car for reconnaissance and preparation and Forestry Admin fees over 2 hours to be charged at £65/hr.

## **9. ACTC as an ACU Club – how this will work**

Action recently transferred to Chris Barham to take forward with ACU.

## **10. Technical Panel update**

Pete Hart confirmed that the Technical Panel is happy for the Scrutineering Checklist circulated at the last meeting to be used.

## **11. Motorcycle Coordinator’s Report**

Chris Barham was pleased that the free membership for Motor Cycle riders has been carried forward and that it is great to see some new names heading-up the Championship.

There will be some additional scoring needed but as it was John Bell who initially suggested this it is assumed that he’s happy to do this.

The group was happy with the proposal so will commence from January 2022

## **12. Championship Monitoring**

Bill Bennett that there had been a good competitor response to the Surveys sent out for the Torbay and Exmoor Trials, with good feedback from nearly all Classes

## **13. Rights of Way Officers Report**

Andrew Knighty-Brown had nothing further to report and will keep us updated from news from Nick Pollett at MSUK regarding Forestry England.

## **14. Restart Report.**

Pat Toulmin thanked those people who provided “back fill” information and articles which kept Restart magazine going through Covid lockdown periods.

Some reports are ready for Nov Restart and currently seeking further authors for the Exmoor Clouds this weekend.

Pat is to resume sending eRestart to all Clubs again and to ask Clubs if they have anything they want to add to it.

### **15. Website Report**

James Shallcross reported that work on the Archive continues.

### **16. PR & Newsletter Update**

Norton Selwood reported that he plans to resume the Newsletter in September.

### **17. Championship Report.**

Keith Sanders referred the group to the 2021 Championship Tables circulated with Agenda.

No issues were raised on the remaining 2021 events however it was noted that some events may be at risk where there's a dependency on Forestry England land, e.g. Bodmin, Camel and Kyrle.

No issues were raised regarding the 2022 Calendar so this is now agreed.

### **18. AOB**

- Paul Brooks produced an updated version of the Results spreadsheet and can be adapted for new Bike Crackington League. He asked if Clubs can use this spreadsheet, though respect that people may want to use their own.
- Ian Facey from Holdworthy MC would like to propose the Chairmans Trial be added to the ACTC Championships. This was seconded by Keith Sanders of Torbay Motor Club.

This will be discussed and voted at an Extraordinary meeting in October (date tba).

- Roger Ugalde MCC would like to propose that Class 2 cans run alternator if they wish on Safety Grounds

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- Adrian tucker-Peake has suggested we should consider how we can "Reachout" to less fortunate groups (e.g, Sporting Bears, Make a Wish) to help make memories for others with life struggles by offering an Experience of some kind. He asked that people give some thoughts to this, what type of Experience and what are the pro's and con's.

Sam Lindsay added that there could also be benefits to promoting the awareness of our Sport as these Groups often have high Social Media profiles.

Dave Haizelden suggests Adrian writes something for Restart, Norton to also include in Newsletter.

### **19. Date, time & venue of the next meeting.**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022, hopefully a face-to-face with Zoom for those not able to travel, Plan B will be Zoom on the Monday evening.