

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the ACTC

Tuesday 25th August 2025 via Zoom at 1900hrs.

1. Apologies for absence.

Paul Brooks, Stuart Bartlett, Geoff Westcott

Name	Club	Committee Role	Attended	Apologies
Pete Hart	Bristol MC	Vice Chairman	Y	
Mal Allen	Bristol Pegasus			
Simon Groves	Camel Vale MC		Y	
Alan Keat	Camel Vale MC		Y	
Michael Leete	Dellow Register		Y	
Charles Knifton	Eastwood			
Stuart Bartlett	Eastwood			Y
Geoff Westcott	Exmoor Motor Club			Y
Warrin Blain	Falcon MC			
Dave Middleditch	Falcon MC			
Ian Facey	Holsworthy MC		Y	
Andrew Rippon	Launceston		Y	
Joe Caudle	Launceston			
Sam Lindsay	MCC		Y	
Adrian Tucker-Peake	MG Car Club			
Bill Bennett	MG Car Club			
Simon Woodall	Midland Manor MC	President	Y	
Norton Selwood	Minehead MC	Champ. Secretary & Publicity	Y	
Alan Foster	Morgan Sports Car Club			
Chris Barham	North Devon MC	Scrutineering Officer	Y	
John Bartham	North Devon MC		Y	
Neil Forrest	Ross & District MC			
Stuart Harrold	Ross & District MC		Y	
Ben Giles	Stroud & District MC			
Keith Sanders	Torbay MC	Secretary	Y	
Dave Haizelden	Torbay MC	Chairman	Y	
Paul Brooks	Windwhistle MC	Treasurer		Y
Stewart Green	Woolbridge MC		Y	
Andrew Knightly-Brown		Rights of Way Officer	Y	
James Shallcross		Website Manager	Y	
Pat Toulmin		Restart Editor	Y	
Jack Selwood		Tyre Officer	Y	
Claire Tonkin		Memb. Secretary & Publicity	Y	
Andy Beveridge		Motorcycle Co-ordinator	Y	

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2025.

Accuracy & Acceptance - Proposed by Sam Linsay Seconded by Stewart Green

3. Outstanding actions and matters arising from the minutes above.

- a. Action KS to follow-up MGCC Subscriptions wit AT-P **Resolved.**
- b. Action PH to feedback maximum 200m Observed Test to MSUK **Out for MSUK Consultation**
- c. ACTION PH/SW propose to MSUK that that NSR Ch 17 App 1 Art 7.6 (Says the Tyre must not be smaller than recommended by car manufacturer) is deleted. **Out for MSUK Consultation**

d. ACTION PH to update the Rickman Ranger Spec sheet. **Completed, now on Website**

e. ACTION KS to update ACTC Rule for Class D1 to run a road legal Enduro front tyre and the definition of a Touring Sidecar (i.e. bolted to traditional bike frame) Rule updated, on Website

f. ACTION: SL to check if Exeter Trial can move forward to 3rd January 2026 **Not possible**

g. ACTION: DH to produce Class 1 & 2 Guidance for Clerks of Course **Guidance completed**

4. **To note the confirmation of Officers as elected at 21st April 2025 meeting** **Keith Sanders**

5. **Financial Report.** **Keith Sanders (for Paul Brooks)**

KS referred the group to the Financial Report provided with the Agenda.

Current account £51.85, Deposit account £14676.25 Includes interest to date for 2025 of £137.62

Club subscriptions are slightly down this year, net change is minus £78.00 because:

- Fellside club have withdrawn from ACTC (-£62)
- Woolbridge have renewed for Cars only. (-£16)

Membership subscriptions.

- £930.64

Funds are at a high level and there are no proposals to increase any Subs, Calendars or Restart prices for the 2026 season.

PB forecasts a slight loss for the year due to costs for the awards dinner. This is not a problem considering the cash in hand position.

The U25 scheme has made payments of just £150 so far in 2025.

The accounts for 2025 will not be completed until all costs for the awards dinner has taken place. A full report will be provided at the April meeting.

DH mentioned that due to slow uptake of u25 so we should perhaps consider other schemes.

6. **Scrutineering update** **Chris Barham**

A competitor raised concerns over the roller diff test and that it may not pick up Quaife etc. Three Competitors have raised this and two have since left the sport.

Minehead has picked up some diff failures at Exmoor Clouds using a standard roller.

CB research suggests quaife or gripper is now standard in many modern cars. AKB says the person in question was making comparisons with Sporting Trials. Detailed testing was considered a few years ago and SW researched in detail, it was considered not practical to have these tests at Classic Trials.

DH adds that a tight diff would have disadvantages on tight corners.

CB asks how to respond, SG says this has been looked at several times, these diffs can be an advantage but there is no practical way of testing this.

It was concluded that the only practical test would be to continue with the existing roller test and this is encouraged. There is also the option if someone has real concern then the official Protest process should be used by paying the appropriate fees.

No other issues to raise.

7. **Motorcycle Coordinator's update** **Andy Beveridge**

GW raised concern that TSR18 states there is no penalty for rider wishing to inspect the Section before riding it, however this is not really in the spirit of our sport. He would prefer we continue as-is but asks for advice regarding his SR's for this years Trial.

Discussion highlighted that allowing Competitors to view the Sections brings it's own problems, potential delays and safety risks.

SW says this was discussed at Non-Territorial meeting 3 years ago where it was confirmed we can over-ride TSR18 in our Event Regulations.

It was concluded that as long as it is made clear in the event regulations that “viewing Sections is not permitted”, the process of sending the regs to the ACU during the permit process allows the ACU to rubber stamp any differences. If the ACU issue a permit all is OK as per the Club Regs.

We should also add that ACTC scoring (12-1) will be adopted.

KS to feed this guidance back to the originating club.

8. Championship Monitoring

Michael Leete

Some tweaks have been made to the questions following conversation with NS. This was used on the Yorkshire Dales Trial and led to a better response. NS has also been encouraging people to complete the Survey.

9. Rights of Way Officers update

Andrew Knightly-Brown

AKB talked the group through his report which highlights that a new drive for “Tranquility” poses a risk to the future of our sport.

There are two “over the horizon” threats.

1 - “Tranquility” paper circulated, LARA meeting in 3 weeks may provide further information. “National Landscape Bodies” are getting more involved.

2 - Active Travel – This is about making minor roads more suitable for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. LARA is monitoring the situation.

10. Restart update.

Pat Toulmin

PT gave an update on progress for the next edition and thanked the contributors for their submissions and to Dave Cook for photographs. Needs to contact some T&T competitors, DH volunteered to submit an article.

11. Website update

James Shallcross

No significant update, all is good.

12. PR & Newsletter Update

Norton Selwood & Claire Tonkin

Newsletter recently sent. Still getting Membership requests. Next edition will include outputs of ACTC meeting, will try to get one out before T&T.

13. Championship Reports.

Norton Selwood

a. Championship Tables

Halfway point and good membership levels, more than previous few years.

Paul Merson is leading the Wheelspin with, Rich Hayward (Escort) second.

Karen Warren is leading the Crackington followed by Paul Jones, and Alice Warren is leading the Navigators League.

There has been a good increase in Bike memberships too.

Championship leaders are John Reeves followed by Simon Fillan.

We have 4 Outfits in Red Rose Championship which is being led by Andy Beverage. The Red Rose Points have been tweaked this year to be similar to Crackington League.

The plan is to get Tables updated regularly so NS asks for Clubs to forward the Results to him as soon as they are Final.

b. Championship Calendar for remainder of 2025 season.

- i. Brief update from Club Reps where any event may be at risk of not running in 2025

The Kyrle Trial has unfortunately been cancelled for 2025, SH gave a brief update on the reasons, apologizing for the lateness of this decision. Basically Forestry Commission have been making unreasonable requests such as Medical and Recovery on every Section.

Decision was therefore made to avoid FE and use other Sections, mostly on the Welsh side. Then they discovered RTA Insurance would be £40 per competitor, which they considered prohibitive. They then looked at a Single Venue option. Then the Northbound carriageway had a landslip, and despite it no being very big it has not been removed after several months.

It was then discovered that Dormice had been sported which meant vehicles for Marshalls and Recovery etc would not be allowed access!

General discussion took place about the recent increase in RTA insurance and this is expanded on further in the MSUK Trials Committee Report agenda item below.

IF says that for the Taw & Torridge Trial many Competitors have switched to annual policies with David Auden Insurance to give their own extended cover.

c. Championship calendar for 2026 season. (Attachment 6)

NS asks to be notified as soon as possible if any 2026 dates are at risk

SG says there is an issue with the Bodmin Trial date. CVMC need to apply for FE Permit 9 months in advance and the date applied for is 11th January however this would be on the Sunday following the Saturday of MCC Exeter Trial. SW suggested this could be promoted as a “bonus” Trial for people to stay down. CT & NS don't think there would be much competitor cross-over as these events tend to attract different competitors. A bigger problem may be Marshall resource.

Forrestry would not allow access between March and October.

SG to take back to the CVMC committee and liaise with NS for agreed date.

14. Motorsport UK Trials Committee Report

Pete Hart

The Rule changes requested from the last ACTC meeting have been agreed by MSUK and as part of that process there is a Consultation period through until 12th September 2025.

SW gave an update on MSUK activity regarding RTA cover however there's not much to report at this stage.

Craig Murray (MSUK Financial Director) has been working with SW engaging with Insurers. From his own analysis there has only been one claim in 10 years which was a minor bump. The key challenge is for Insurance Companies to understand that Classic Trials are completely separate from Rallying.

Also engaged with Marsh (who provide Permit Insurance cover) to help them understand the cover required and hopefully at a reasonable fee. Timescale not known, SW is not optimistic that this will be in place for 2026.

MCC still waiting for Kingfisher quote for Exeter Trial, they are slow to respond so Clubs should apply to the early using their Request Form.

15. Technical Panel update

Pete Hart

Nothing to report.

16. Club Proposal/discussion item

(Attachment 7)

Sam Lindsay

- a. MCC – 13” Wheel Live Axle Cars to run up to 15” Wheels

This has been put forward to get feedback. Many replies he's received do not support this idea, he didn't realise it would be such an emotive subject and he apologized if this has upset anyone, this was not his intention.

DH suggested that previous discussions on this topic have not found a solution and that the route for running on bigger wheels is to compete in Class 7.

MCC sometimes offer “exemption certificates” for limited periods, but this is rarely used.

PH says wheel size is a NCR rule, not ACTC rule, so not easy to change anyway.

It was concluded that item can be closed.

17. AOB

None.

18. Date, time & venue of the next meeting.

Provisionally 7pm on Tuesday 21st April 2026

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