

Apologies

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Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 27th July. 2021 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation. Proposed Chelmsford MC (Tony Clements) Seconded HCAAC (Pete Walters)

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

It was agreed that there were no items to be covered that wouldn't be covered by items elsewhere in the agenda

Chairman

The chairman indicated that he had nothing to add to the report given at the AGM which had immediately preceded this meeting.

Treasurer

A statement/review had been provided prior to the meeting.

A prediction/forecast for 2022 has been created based on inputs from officials, championships etc . which confirms that cash reserves are adequate.

There were no questions or clarification requested.

Secretary

Various messages had been received from Motorsport UK and other associations. Borough 19 had provided their event dates for 2022.

Requests for membership had been received from Blackpalfrey MC and Club Triumph. Acceptance of both applications was unanimously agreed. Confirmation of acceptance to be provided to both clubs with a welcoming message.

Motorsport UK

Iain Tullie provided a summary of his background which includes very extensive practical rally experience in competitive and organisational roles and recently working for MSport on their WRC programme. Current responsibility in Motorsport UK is for Rallies while Ian Davies has retained for now the other areas he previously covered. This will evolve in the future.

Iain also provided an overview update on Motorsport UK as follows.

Relocation to Bicester is now complete with staff progressively returning from Covid restrictions
The main active topics are currently

- Sustainability. The topic is recognised as a major focus area for the future. The planned sub committee is now operating and has held its first meeting. An overall strategy will be communicated in the near future.
- Information / Support. This is being progressed through a number of channels with Club development and Association Development being two primary areas.
- EDI The committee has now been formed to review Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity issues and is now operational.

- WRC. Discussions to establish a round in 2022 in NI are progressing and looking more promising. A viable financial plan is key.
- Rallying. A review of rallying is being progressed to develop a framework for rallying in the future. This is essential to face the many challenges rallying is currently facing.
- Street Car. The proposal to launch a street car initiative which was previously presented is being evolved to include a much wider aspect. Instead of being focused on one discipline the concept will target the wider idea of competing with “standard/road” vehicles. More information later this year.
- Scrutineering. The current proposal is to go back to pre Covid 100% checking which will also be supported by self declaration from the start of 2022. This will provide a bridge to allow future processes, which are likely to be based on Electronic Passports, to be developed.
- Extreme E. The final round of the championship is now planned to be held on the MoD grounds at Bovington. It’s anticipated that this will be a closed event.
- Licence Renewal. The process of renewal for officials and marshals “licences” is well under way. The process for competitors will be available from 1/11/21.
- Club Survey. Analysis of the responses is continuing with findings being used as input to the club development processes. Results will be circulated when complete.
- Rally App Live. The trial using the software has been extended to the end of 2022.
- In memoriam. Motorsport generally has mourned the passing of Dan Evans and Bernard Cotterell both of whom contributed significantly to motorsport generally.

A general discussion followed during which a number of points were raised

- Club licence renewal. As part of the annual renewal process clubs will be requested to complete a short survey which will include contact details and basic club information
- Documentation processes. A statement was made that the RAC (Roger Albert Clark Rally) is returning to traditional paper based documentation processes including signing on. It was confirmed that MotorsportUK will support both approaches (paper and electronic) This created a discussion on the pros and cons of paper/electronic processes. A point was raised that it is important to be confident that information provided is accurate and “can be” and “is” checked which can be more difficult with electronic processes. However the meeting strongly supported a view that the sport should not revert to paper processes and rather than do that any operational challenges with electronic processes should be tackled and overcome. A significant factor in this consideration was highlighted in that if the sport is to attract the younger generation it will need to be embracing modern techniques.

Iain was asked to ensure that this view is made known within Motorsport UK.

Training

The meeting was updated that applications for funding had been made on behalf of AEMC to support both face to face and on line training for rally marshals in 2022. The current plan is that the on line training will be focused on theory topics while the face to face will cover practical aspects like fire training. Details are still in the planning stage. A collective process to create material and potentially deliver on line sessions is being progressed with BRMC and WMAMC.

Rally Championship

Championship events have been impacted severely in the latter part of the year with a further 3 events being cancelled due to Covid/venue related problems. This leaves one round still to run (Dukeries MC event at Donnington) in Dec. which will result in the championship being decided over 5 rounds.

Plans for 2022 are optimistic for a “full” season. An approach for sponsorship is being made although the championship should be viable without.

Speed Championship

The 2021 championship has been successful with 51 registered competitors.

Of the original 19 rounds, 3 have been cancelled and one remains to be run.

The intent is to hold an awards ceremony at a venue or event which will attract attendees. All suggestions welcome .

A full season is being planned for 2022 with Key Guru agreeing to act as sponsor. The opening round will be at Cadwell Park on the 26th March 2022. This will be a joint event with BARC.

Regional Committee

A “hybrid” meeting had been held in August. While there had been some initial practical difficulties the value of the process in enabling attendance was clear.

The principle topics were

- The Regional Development initiative. Notes on this initiative had been distributed prior to the meeting and are attached as an appendix. Amongst the points relevant to clubs are that its intended that registered clubs should remain a member of an association and clubs would be asked to indicate a principle association. Associations are also being encouraged to work collaboratively in order to increase effectiveness.
- MoD Venue availability. Discussions are ongoing with the MoD and their agents to determine whether more venues can be made available for motorsport events and whether a more effective process of communication can be developed. Due note is being taken within the discussions of the advantages of local contact in certain areas.
- Championship changes. Its being reviewed whether the relaxations in the rules for changing championship events brought in during the pandemic should be extended / become permanent.

AEMC Development

Work is continuing on the development topics previously identified. Important to get an action plan so that progress can be monitored.

Motorsport Month

The working group has started met with initial progress being achieved. The current plan is the the “month” will be held in April 2022. The event will be aligned with a similar event in the south

east. Because of the amount of cross over between the two areas appropriate events will feature in both. An initial list of events has been identified and will be developed further.

Air Ambulance

A number of positive discussions have been held to explore mutually beneficial opportunities. Both parties can see benefits and discussions to develop a working arrangement will continue. Involvement to date has been with the Anglia Air Ambulance and the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. It was highlighted that a third air ambulance (Magpass) operates in the region.

Any other business

Younger Generation/ Inclusivity. Carol Glenn highlighted that she was working on initiatives to encourage new generations. A connection to be made with the group working on Women in Motor sport and inclusivity.

Promotional material. A point was raised that difficulties had been experienced in getting delivery of the Motorsport UK promotional material for encouraging people into motorsport. This to be followed up.

Future Meetings. It was discussed as to whether future meetings should revert to “face to face”. While it was recognised that there are definite advantages in “real” meetings these are countered by the advantages of savings in mileage, time and the reality of geographically more distant clubs attending. The decision therefore is that meetings will continue “on line” until such time as a realistic hybrid solution is identified. At that time the approach will be reviewed.

Date of Next Meeting

The next delegates meeting will be on the 18th January 2022

Appendix

Regional Association Role and Future -Motorsport UK/Regional Initiative.

Working with the Regional Committee and based on input from clubs Motorsport UK have been working on establishing the role of associations into the future.

Information has been progressively shared with the regions and reviewed at Motorsport UK board level

The following is a summary of the key points to date.

- Agreed that regional associations form an important part of the motorsport structure including, clubs. Club members and Motorsport UK .
- Regional associations need to evolve to meet the needs of a changing situation for all involved in motorsport and to support their member clubs.

- Each association tends to have unique aspects having different requirements due to regional circumstances and club members but should share the same terms of reference and general approach
- A high level set of terms of reference (draft) has been shared between Motorsport UK and the Regional Committee and discussed which includes 3 main elements
 1. To act as conduit between Clubs and Motorsport UK in relation to any issues, concerns or ideas on behalf of their primary clubs.
 2. To provide a structured framework to assist the entry point and development of members, clubs and events in order to ensure a sustainable sport.
 3. To be the focal point for motorsport activity and expertise within an area, assisting clubs and organisations to successfully develop and organize (through agreed calendars) motorsport events.
- Motorsport UK registered clubs need to be a member of an association in order to be part of and benefit from the developing approach and infrastructure (not just at initial registration)
- A proposal that Clubs will be requested to nominate a “principle” association which will be the main contact/route for communications and interaction with Motorsport UK. This does not prevent or impact clubs that wish to be members of multiple associations to gain the benefit of working with different groups.

Ongoing steps.

- The process to confirm terms of reference, define objectives and develop the future operating model will continue, involving the associations, Regional committee and Motorsport UK. The target is to have a defined direction and have made some initial progress by year end.

Note The results of the club survey in mid 2021 , (the results of which will be shared when fully summarized) will be used as one area of input.

- Motorsport UK are working on a number of club, support tools (e.g information , presentations, promotional material which will start to be become available later this year. A

webinar is proposed for later this year to explain the tools and resources being planned to

be made available.

- A series of webinars on topics relevant to clubs will be developed and delivered starting later this year.
- Associations are being encouraged to review and consider ways in which increased inter association collaboration can increase their effectiveness.