

# AGM and COUNCIL MEETING



## The Annual General Meeting of the ASWMC Sunday 23rd October 2016 at 2.30pm.

### MINUTES

Present : Executive - MC, PP, CG, EB, CA, RN, RG, HW, RB, RH, PH, RS

Clubs represented : Bath MC, Bexley LCC, Bristol MC, Burnham MC, Camel Vale MC, Cirencester CC, HSA, Newquay AC, North Devon MC, Plymouth MC, Silverton MC, South Hams MC, Torbay MC

Rob Jones (MSA), Kev Moore (Go Motorsport)

1. **Apologies for absence.** Clubs : Epynt, Devizes, WSSCC, CRSW. Executive: VF, MH, CHt, DS, NH, Chs, AW. Tim Swietochowski (MSA) apologies given by Rob Jones
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 25<sup>rd</sup> October 2015** – Proposed Bexley & Camel Vale, accepted
3. **Matters arising from those minutes** - none
4. **Revision of Association Rules and regulations** - see following pages
5. **Election of Officers**

Position(s)	Name(s) if not incumbent	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman & Secretary		Torbay	NDMC
Treasurer		Bristol	Bexley
Rally (stage)	Alan Witney	Silverton	Camel Vale
Rally (road)	Paul Waterton	Exmouth*	Basingstoke*
Rally (road)	Roger Gillard	Torbay	Silverton

\*note – nominations received from Exmouth and Basingstoke before the meeting, neither club sent a delegate.

Votes cast for Roger Gillard by Newquay, Silverton, South Hams, Bath, Plymouth, North Devon, Torbay, Bexley, Camel Vale, Bristol, HSA.

Votes cast for Paul Waterton – none

Co-ordinators for H&S, Autocross, Trials, Autotest

Cirencester Bristol

Co-ordinators for All rounders & U21 & club

Torbay Bath

### 6. Election of Members of the Executive

Training, Newsletter & PR, Yearbook Editor, Cornwall & Trophies & Registration, Venues.

Incumbents proposed by Bexley, seconded NDMC

Executive members – incumbents HW & VF. Proposed Torbay, seconded Plymouth

Webmaster. NH was co-opted earlier this year. Proposed Bristol, seconded Torbay

Meeting concluded 15.35

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## ASWMC Council meeting Sunday 23rd October 2016 following the AGM

### MINUTES

Attendance as AGM

1. **Apologies for absence.** – as AGM
2. **Minutes of the Council Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016** - accepted
3. **Matters arising from those minutes** - none
4. **MSA representative** : Rob Jones, Chief Executive

Explained Tim Swietochowski, Head of Communications was unable to attend.

RJ is undertaking a strategic review of the sport from clubs through to Motor Sports Council, report to be presented to the board in November. Safety Management Systems review underway, partly due to the events on rallies in Scotland. Ethos behind the safety changes is that you can go to an event anywhere in the country and know what to expect. No indication from Police Scotland what may or may not happen.

Two people have stepped down from full time at the MSA, John Symes (JS) and Allan Dean-Lewis (ADL). Divided JS role into two, John Ryan now Technical Director, Kate Adamson is now Safety Director, ex-Mclaren.

Development, looked at cycling which has expanded greatly in last 10 years and faces similar challenges, Jonathan Day came from British Cycling. Tim S was understudy to Ben Taylor.

BRC restored this year, run in house and has 52 registered contenders.

Forestry Commission, MSA underwrite the organisers and there was a master agreement. Now devolved, have to negotiate three agreements, England and Scotland were straightforward, NRW were looking for total recovery of costs which was unsustainable. Fortunately the sport in Wales got behind a campaign and an agreement is close and prices in 2017 hoped to be 2015 + RPI. England and Scotland is +5% pa. Though there was no deal in 2016 for Wales, each event was able to run.

HW asked about closed roads. RJ explained about suspending Road Traffic Act and the legislation passed before the general election. Delay in the secondary legislation due to various factors, including Vnuk and Brexit has thrown this into chaos, Has heard from Department of Transport in the last week and is progressing again. Two bodies to be recognised by government, MSA and ACU. Sounds very similar to the system in Northern Ireland. Warned it will be at least as complex as running an event in a forest. Felt there is likely to be some kind of fee structure from local government.

Has lobbied for a government supported scheme for volunteering. CG said he felt the MSA had lost the understanding of volunteers. Gave example of a recent rally forum. RB expanded and felt there was a lack of customer focus from the MSA. RJ felt it was there was a lack of communication in that instance.

South Hams raised that the MSA is closed at the weekend. RJ said safety is covered at weekends, but agreed it is a valid point, should a sport that operates at weekends have head office support at weekends.

New CRM system coming in at the MSA next year in to improve communication.  
Had 1000 responses to the recent survey in 24h.

RS – Sprints & Hills have taken a big hit due to new helmets, FHRs, belts and ROPS on kit cars. RJ said there is a lot of data available now and given the data the MSA had to intervene to make safety improvements.

KM felt the MSA is not good at explaining why safety requirements are imposed. RJ agreed. It was mandated from MSC and none of the specialist committees had a hand.

CG raised the difficulty trying to allow 14yr olds to compete in speed events. Plymouth also raised 14 year old co-driver allowed on a stage but not a 14 year old cadet marshal with an adult, this has a knock on effect of people not marshalling at all. PP suggested that Plymouth summarised the points and forwarded it to him so he could take it forward.

**5. General Secretary's Report**

Two new clubs – Red Winch Off Road club, currently applying for MSA recognition. Cornish Leaf and Coil, an established club.

**6. Executive Committee Report by the Chairman together with Motor Sports Council and Specialist Committee Reports**

PP said rule change proposals are now on the MSA website and one can register to receive them by email.

Lengthy discussion of tyres for speed events. Lists 1A and 1B are produced by manufacturers, not the MSA.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

CG presented year to date accounts (attached).

**8. Championship Co-ordinators', Training Officer, and Forestry Liaison Officer's Reports**

Training – Nov 14<sup>th</sup> evening near Bath and March 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Wiscombe.

Other reports attached

**9. Information sub-committee report**

RB explained the origin of the information sub-committee and its work in retrieving the domain, redeveloping the website, rationalising sponsorship and advertising. Work on data storage and recovery to prevent similar problems in future. Work on rationalising content across all publications. Is happy to be contacted by email to explain further

**10. 2017 dates**

**11. Any Other Business**

Meeting closed 17.36

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## Rule Changes for 2016 ASWMC AGM

### The following from the executive committee :

**Championship rule 10(b): ADD** “that provide their championship registration number when entering” at the end of the final sentence.

Rationale – to prevent competitors claiming a place reserved for ASWMC contenders when not registered with the ASWMC for that championship.

Proposed Torbay, Silverton

### **General rule 3: ADD**

3(f) Membership may also be terminated if, in the opinion of the ASWMC Executive, a member club is found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the ASWMC or its objectives. Termination will not take place before the accused Member Club is given an opportunity to defend the charge against it.

**New General rule 17 ADD** : Member Clubs may exhibit, print or publish the ASWMC logo, in hard copy or electronically, on their correspondence, club publications, websites or event paperwork to indicate their membership of the Association. Member clubs may not print or display the ASWMC logo on event participation vehicle plates or decals unless the event is a round of an ASWMC championship, in which instance ASWMC Championship Rule 9 applies.

Proposed: Burnham, seconded Plymouth

**Championship Rule 13**, after the sentence ending” certain other criteria”, **ADD**:

Clubs are required to display the relevant championship sponsor’s logo(s) within their Supplementary Regulations, Final Instructions, Event Programmes and any other document which announces the event’s inclusion in that championship.

Proposed :Torbay, seconded : Silverton

### The following from Basingstoke Motor Club:

Note – identical proposals were also received from North Devon MC by post two days before the meeting.

- 1) “In accordance with Association General Rule 9 Basingstoke Motor Club proposes the appointment of a Championship Co-ordinator (Open and Novice Rally Championship) “

Note: The position will be entirely compatible with Association objectives [AGR 2] and complementary with existing Officers and is not to be seen as an attempt to subvert or destabilise Office holders.

It is the Clubs and organisers who have recognised that unless changes are made the Championship is in serious danger of failure. There’s broad agreement on many issues and ongoing discussions will provide the impetus to adapt and improve events and the Championship.

In the Long run, providing opportunities to newcomers to Road/Navigational events is essential, to develop new events, mobilise Clubs and organisers to secure the future of the Championship.

In the short term there’s an urgent requirement to plan a rational calendar of events and to promote them appropriately. Events need to be more appealing reflecting changes in the sport, to reverse the decline in entries but retain their individuality to provide a well-rounded championship.

*PP explained that all championships must have a co-ordinator, but for the matter of convenience some championships are co-ordinated by the same person, therefore proposal was unnecessary.*

- 2) Basingstoke Motor Club nominate Paul Waterton as Championship Co-ordinator (Open and Novice Championship)

*Not a regulation change, dealt with under elections.*

- 3) Add new regulation to ASWMC Open Navigational Rally Championship Regulations; [definition of crew]

NOVICE -Any member of the crew who is in their first year of National B Road Rallying.

SEMI-EXPERT -Any member of the crew not eligible for Novice or Expert Class.

EXPERT -Any member of the crew having finished in the top ten of a National 'B' or higher status rally at time of Registration

MASTER - Any member of the crew having won two or more National B or higher status rally.

*Note: This regulation should be adopted by all championship events.*

*RB asked what the intention of the regulation was. Derek Drayton (hereafter DD) of NDMC said the idea was to create standard definitions of these and clarified that they weren't new classes for the championship. Felt it would be better as a recommendation for the co-ordinator to make to organising clubs, rather than a championship rule, so was not proceeded with.*

- 4) Change Regulation 1

*After some discussion during which DD explained that events could be run under a road or navigational permit, the following amended wording was proposed and put to the meeting and carried:*

**The Open Navigational Rally Championship shall be open to any Driver or Navigator, except those as defined as being eligible for the Novice Navigational Rally Championship, competing for separate awards. It shall consist of events run under either Road Rally or Navigational Rally permits having a minimum of 90 miles. All contenders' vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations for ROAD RALLIES or NAVIGATIONAL RALLIES (as the case may be), as defined in section R of the MSA Competitors Year Book."**

- 5) Change Regulation 6  
*Original proposal delete - "Recommendations:"*

*PP raised the possibility that if an event didn't comply with a recommendation that a competitor could have the event removed from the championship. After discussion the following proposal was put to the meeting and carried:*

**Delete "Recommendations" and sub-paragraphs (a) to (j)**

- 6) Add - "All Championship events must comply with section R of the MSA Competitors Year Book."

*Not proceeded with as being unnecessary, all events in these disciplines must comply with section R.*

**All of the above arising from the proposals made by Basingstoke MC were proposed by Torbay, seconded North Devon.**