



**ASWMC Council Meeting Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 at 2.45pm**

Present – as for the SGM

1. Apologies – as for the SGM
2. Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011
3. Matters arising from those minutes - none
4. General Secretary's Report

John Rogers has been appointed RLO for Wiltshire from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, confirmed by Simon Fowler at the MSA. His contact details will appear on the MSA website.

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

Chairman : The ASWMC proposed to the MSA the introduction of a Junior Sprint & Hill category. Was discussed at Sprint & Hillclimb Sub Committee and voted on, the vote went against continuing.

Rally review – was to have been discussed at Regional, PP couldn't attend so issue will be on agenda for next meeting in May

At the end of last year MSC passed a regulation change to introduce “taster events” for those in D4.5.

There was an issue with fuel at single venue rallies, there was a suggestion refuelling was banned at events under 40-50 miles. This was voted on by Regional and rejected 8 – 5, so it has been dropped.

MSA Club seminars – 60-70% of attendees were first timers, which is encouraging.

The MSA have called this year the “year of the club”. Payments under the Club Development Fund have been doubled to a maximum for £5,000 with the possibility of up to £20,000 for special projects in partnership with clubs matching this.

Wetsuits have been causing some problems at events. There is no regulation forbidding the wearing of things over the approved fire retardant overalls so people wearing wetsuits over overalls should not be prevented from running.

6. Treasurer's Report
7. Championship Co-ordinators', Training Officer, and Forestry Liaison Officer's Reports

Autocross – PP read out TW report (attached)

Autotest, U21, All-Rounders – PP read out NA report

Rallies – Road and Sealed numbers are stable, Loose championship registrations are 50% down. May have to consider suspending Loose championship in future years if number don't pick up

Speed – Hillclimb to start at Wiscombe 28/4, calendar as posted. Registrations up as at this point last year at 97. Sprint championship started at Combe, which was oversubscribed and some contenders didn't get entries. Calendar has changed –

Newquay have withdrawn Portreath from the calendar as the suitable tarmac is not available for motorsport use. BPMC have withdrawn the August Combe. 64 contenders which is lower than last year at this point..  
PH reported on registrations.

## 8. Any Other Business

Silverton - Class structure in Sealed championship, consider if a separate class for WRC cars to separate them out from Group N, as the WR cars are now becoming affordable.

Concern expressed about the loss of venues. PP explained that we have an Executive member dedicated this task, explained about Boconoc, Merryfield, Yeovilton, Lyneham. Question was asked about Imber (Salisbury plain) being returned to motorsport use. HW said he would talk to the former clerk of the Imber.

The move from one day to two day rallies was mentioned and consequent increase in costs. Vic Fancy (Woolbridge MC) said they ran 85 at Bovington and the feedback was positive, also said it made it much better from an organiser's perspective, in terms of construction and destruction of the course and guarantees good mileage. HW asked if there was a possibility of two one day events, like some Hillclimbs.

The cost of some Loose Rallies such as the Sunseeker was mentioned and the comparative entry levels vs. the Somerset. HW said that there was a concern over mileage on the Somerset.

PP raised the matter of the Association helping clubs. One proposal is assisting clubs and Probationary Clerks financially with mileage costs as some events outside of their own club must be attended. Claim to be countersigned by the clerk of the course for the event the Probationer attended, provided that the person actually acted as an assistant clerk.

HW suggested that Clerks should be able to claim expenses, just as other licensed officials do.

HW – Rally forum proposed for 28/10 after the AGM with (attendees), free, here at the Hartnoll. Dave Pearce to act as host. Open to anyone from any club to attend.

CSMA (Southern) – proposal that they would ask their members if they are interested in marshalling at events and make that available to clubs looking for marshals.

VF said that a retiring clerk could not act as a marshal on Rally GB without doing the full training, despite possibly having trained the marshals in the first place. Problem could be insurance – competence and training.

Meeting closed 4.05pm

Note to all clubs:

MSA representation at ASWMC council meetings this year will be as follows:

12<sup>th</sup> August – John Symes, MSA Technical Director

28<sup>th</sup> October – Cheryl Lynch – MSA Race, Kart and Speed executive

Attached reports:



## **SOUTHERN COUNTIES AUTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP – 2012**

### **APRIL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

Firstly, my apologies for not being at the meeting due to a last minute unforeseen family matter.

The Autocross season kicks off with the Weston MC Sandocross in two week's time on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. To date I have received names of 20 registered contenders plus I believe that there are at least two more to be added. I have no doubt that there will be more signing on before the start of the Sandocross.

I am very pleased to inform Council that we have a full calendar of 16 events that will be run over only 10 weekends. The 2-Round weekends seem to be the preferred way of running the Championship by reducing travelling costs etc.

I am very pleased to welcome Farnborough District MC back into the Championship after many years away. FDMC have teamed up with Southsea MC to share the venue at Meon and we will therefore have the Syd Taylor Memorial Autocross on the 11<sup>th</sup> August and the Barley Mo Autocross on the 12<sup>th</sup>. One other change is the move from middle September to end of September for the South Hams MC 2-day event.

<b>April 15th</b>	<b>Weston MC (Sandocross)-</b>	<b>1 Day</b>
<b>April 29th</b>	<b>North Devon MC</b>	<b>- 1 Day</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>South Hams MC</b>	<b>- 2 Day</b>
<b>June 30<sup>th</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Exeter MC</b>	<b>- 2 Day</b>
<b>July 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weston MC</b>	<b>- 2 Day</b>
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>North Devon MC</b>	<b>- 2 Day</b>
<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Southsea MC</b>	<b>- 1 Day</b>
<b>August 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Farnborough DMC</b>	<b>- 1 Day</b>
<b>August 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Witney MC</b>	<b>- 2 Day</b>
<b>Sept 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>South Hams MC</b>	<b>- 2 Day</b>

Comments have been made to me regarding the entry fees. The Weston event has been pitched at £65 - £5 increase on 2011 – to cover additional costs. In my opinion £60 - £65 is not excessive for a good day of motor sport and Autocross still remains one of the better value for money types of motor sport available to competitors. However I would be interested to hear if there are any strong views bearing in mind that no club can afford to run events at a loss and with entries being left so late, organisers have no choice but to cost an event on probably half the entry limit. If competitors

committed themselves to entering in good time on all types of motor sport, they might be surprised at the result.

It is my intention to attend as many of the events as possible on at least one of the two days but my apologies in advance to South Hams' May event as I will be in Canada.

I look forward to seeing a good turnout at the Sandocross and I'll be there with Championship Registration forms ready to sign up the latecomers.

*Tim Walton*

31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

## **REIS ASWMC Car Trials championship.**

The 2012 championship curtain raiser was Woolbridge Motor Club's Golden Springs trial at the splendid Hogcliff Hill venue near Dorchester on March 4th.

Two ASWMC contenders competed in the wet and dauntingly slippery conditions which resulted in some cricket like scores!

Even supreme trials expert Barrie Parker, (Toyota MR2 ?) the overall winner, amassed 148 points, with only three cleared sections (from 32) all day, so that our Chris Judge, (Nissan Micra?) 3rd in class 1 with 246 points and 2011 champion David Robinson, in the Reliant SS. 2nd in class 3 with 257 points were by no means outclassed, despite some seriously competitive national contenders in the championship class.

This makes David the championship leader by just one point from Chris.

We hope some new contenders will be tempted to support round 2, Bristol Pegasus M.C.s splendid Cross Trophy trial on 22nd April at Lower Grove Farm, Dundry, a delightfully scenic venue high above Bristol and the Severn Estuary. I can promise an enjoyable day's sport

### **REIS Autotest Report**

Registrations stand at 14, with four of those new to the ASWMC Championship.

The opening round at Plymouth did not run, not aware of the reasons as I have not had any replies to my emails I sent to them. The Foxley Autotest is running today, although I will not be there to sign anyone up, the ones that are eligible I should be able to get re-signed for this season, via other means, support on this event is again poor with only two ASWMC competitors on the provisional entry list. Hopefully by the Bath event on April 15th a few more will be turning out.

There is a doubt about the NDMC event running as I am unable to be there, but I am trying to get some other people on board to run it in my absence.

Fingers crossed the rest of the season will run as planned and I will be out and about for the second half of the season.

### **REIS Under 21's Championship**

No results yet to compile and only 7 registrations, although I expect this to pick up when the Autocross season kicks off.

### **REIS All-Rounders Championship**

11 Registrations so far which is an improvement on 2011, no results compiled yet as not that many events have run.