



**Scottish
Association of
Motor Sports
Clubs**

**Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting
Tuesday 18th September 2018
Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling University,
Bridge of Allan, FK9 4LA**

Meeting opened 19:35 Closed at 22:00

Attendance

Chairman	Peter Weall
Vice Chairman	Grahame Douglas
Secretary & Website Manager	Lock Horsburgh
Treasurer	Keith Butler
Calendar Manager	Raymond Mann
MSA Council Rep	Sandy Denham
Medical Committee	John Harrington
Race Committee	Sandy Denham
Timekeeping Committee	Ian Sharp
Autotest Co-ordinator	Bill Creevy

Road Events Co-ordinator Dave MacKintosh

Delegates from the following member clubs:

Aberdeen DMC	Mull Car Club
Border Ecosse Car Club	RSAC Motorsport
Caledonian Classic	Saltire Rally Club
Coltness Car Club	Scottish Motor Racing Club
Condor MC	Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club
Dunfermline Car Club	Scottish Sporting Car Club
East Ayrshire Car Club	SHR Club
Glenrothes Motor Sport Club	Solway CC
Isle of Skye Rally Club	Stonehaven & District Motor Club
Jim Clark Memorial Motor Club	

Guests

SMS Development Manager	Rory Bryant
SMS Development Officer	Gillian Sefton
MSA Timekeeper	Stan Thorogood, Jim Reid

Apologies

President	John Cleland
Vice President	Bruce Lyle
Karting Rep & Judicial AP	Rod Taylor
Race Coordinator	Mike How
Stage Rally (SRC)	Gordon Adam
Sprint and Hillclimb Sub-Committee	Vernon Williamson
Sprint and Hillclimb Co-ordinator	Tim Thomson
Student/Young Person Coordinator	Andrew Chapman
Training Coordinator	Rupert Hine

From the following delegates

63 CC & NESMC	Andrew Little
Coltness	John More
Grampian AC	Paul Rhodes
Hawick & Border Car Club	Clayton Lackenby
Highland	Tracy Smith
Knockhill	Stuart Gray
Monklands Sporting CC	Colin McLatchie
Mull CC	Diana Baines
Saltire Rally Club	Graham Couser
Scottish Land Rover OC	Bobby Muir
Scottish Motorsport Marshals club	Rod Howat
Scottish Sprint and Hillclimb Championship	Tim Thomson
South of Scotland CC	Willie Keaning
SRC Car Club	Gordon Adam



Strathclyde University MSC

Andrew Chapman

From Guests

General Secretary of MSA
Journalist

Simon Blunt
John Fife

Ref	Welcome:	Action
1 a.	Peter Weall chaired the meeting and welcomed club delegates and guests. Unfortunately Simon Blunt, General Secretary of the MSA, was unable to attend due to illness.	
1 b	<p>Minutes The minute of the Meeting on 20 June 2018 was approved, Proposed by Condor MC and seconded by Scottish Sporting. On website at Minutes of 19/06/2018</p> <p>Note that most of the documents referred to in these minutes can be found online at SAMSC Proceedings 2018/09.</p>	
1 c	<p>Outstanding Actions See separate document Actions updated after 18/09/2018 meeting</p> <p>1506/06 Keep Key Info contacts up to date.</p> <p><i>2018 09 update: Clubs should continue to ensure the Association Secretary has the correct details. Note that to comply with GDPR, personal details of Club officers are no longer shown on the SAMSC website but it is still important for the Association to have this information.</i></p> <p>1606/01 Working group on marshal recruitment and retention.</p> <p><i>2018 09 update: It has not yet been possible to arrange this meeting but it will be done as soon as practical.</i></p> <p>1711/04 SACC member clubs are asked to consider running 'local' marshal training events, either as a single club or joining with others. Whilst the available training resource is limited, the team will try to support the delivery of as many of these as they are able. Clubs should contact SACC training manager, Rupert Hine with any requirements as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>2018 09 update: Five clubs have put in requests but other clubs and events should consider doing so.</i></p> <p>1711/05 Association championship for Targa Rallies?</p> <p><i>2018 09 update: See elsewhere regarding the discussion about a trial change to D4.5.4. While this will not at this stage apply to Road Rallies (and thus not Targa Rallies) there is still an aspiration to look into how this might be brought about and the action will remain open meanwhile.</i></p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>Grahame Douglas</p> <p>All clubs</p> <p>Pete Weall</p>



1711/06 JockMoonGate – Fining a marshal £1000 -will that help marshal recruitment/retention? Peter Weall to write to MSA.

Discussion – Problems with marshals upgrades. Seems that applicants get locked out of the system after a couple of login attempts but the system does not tell them that. The few who phone MSA for help are told “I have unlocked your account, try again”, but probably most don’t phone, just keep trying for a while then give up in disgust.

Also, MSA website still has a document that explains the marshals first upgrade requirement as 5 days of marshalling and one day of training. But that is not what the licensing dept actually require – want 8 specific training modules, which cannot be completed in less than two full days. Whether one day or two days/eight modules, the different documents published by the MSA should agree with each other. This has been a problem since at least 2016.

Pete Weall

2018 09 update - Carried Forward.

1806/01 SMRC had suggested a sliding scale of club membership fees, depending on number of members of the club.

Keith
Butler

2018 09 update – Carried forward.

1 Provisional 2019 dates to Calendar Manager ASAP

All Clubs

2018 09 update Some progress but many gaps. Carried forward.

1806/03 Disability Motorsport Scotland trying a crowd funding scheme to raise £5,000 for a second adapted vehicle to introduce people to motorsport.

All clubs

2018 09 update SMS working with Disability Motorsport Scotland to create a more robust development plan, which would lead to a better platform for fundraising.



1 d	<u>Chairman's Report</u> Peter Weall's report is available on the website, includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hugh Chambers appointed CEO of MSA• Pete Weall appointed vice chairman of Regional Committee• Tom Purves stepping down as chairman of SMS.• Nominations wanted for Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year• Isle of Man round of BRC cancelled – perhaps illustrates the demands and pressures on the volunteers, upon whom the sport depends. Perhaps there are too many events for the finite pool of volunteers? Organisers, doctors/paramedics, timekeepers, marshals.• Closed Roads – Transport Scotland focus on getting legislation to run Jim Clark and Mull in 2019 – need to start application process 6 months before the event, but can start on the assumption that the law will be in place in time for the event to run.•	
1 e	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> is online Keith Butlers has 3 points as updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The deficit is coming down, should be less than predicted.• All Clubs have paid for 2019 except Strathclyde.• The high value transactions in the accounts are for training, but they have little impact on the association because costs are more or less all reimbursed by the training trust.	
1 f	<u>Calendar Manager's Report</u> The Rally Championship Steering Group which meets to sort out dates for the next year is demanding dates for next year, will clubs please send their dates to Raymond ASAP.	All Clubs
1 g	<u>Secretary's Report</u> The secretary's report is available on SAMSC site , and was distributed by email. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correspondence from MSA showing that there is no other regional association with a training programme comparable to SAMSC – a testament to the excellent job being done by Rupert and his team.• Upcoming Event/Stage Safety Officer training, and Stage Commander Refresher workshop for existing working stage commanders, whether MSA graded or not. (Two day courses for new/aspiring stage commanders will be run next year).• Privacy Notice – any comments/corrections?• Invitation to a lecture about the application of motorsport technology to future road cars. In Edinburgh 3rd October by a senior Williams engineer.• Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Resolution to register the association with the MSA for 2019 was proposed by RSAC and seconded by Glenrothes MSC, and passed by acclamation.	



2	<u>MOTOR SPORT DEVELOPMENT</u>	
2 a	<p>SMS Development SMS News update Sept 2018 published on SAMSC site. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Roads Motorsport • Tom Purves to step down as Chairman • Scottish Road Car Series • SMRC Volunteer Leadership Programme • Volunteer Pathway Resources • Introduction to Coaching Course • SMS Academy • Student Motorsport • College Event • MSCC Host Cycling Taster Session at Forrestburn <p>Rory reported he had a meeting scheduled at Sport Scotland tomorrow, halfway through the term of the initial agreement, to review progress towards targets. Simon Blunt would be unable to attend, but Sandy Denham would represent MSA, SACU would also be represented.</p> <p>SMS Race Marshal Pathway distributed and online. Created a pathway to show training needed for progression. Sent to Alan Page MSA Training Exec, for review. Rory believes this should be an online resource. Many of the questions asked after training modules are about upgrade procedures.</p> <p>Student Challenge event – building a website, student management team has been formed, first event to be run at Knockhill soon by GMSC.</p> <p>Club Development Day. Content to be circulated soon, but any requests from clubs welcome. Pete – really good session last year, but would like more clubs to be there this year.</p>	
	All clubs – any topics you would like covered at Club Development Day? Inform Rory.	1809/01 all clubs
	All clubs asked to consider sending one or two delegates to club development day	1809/02 all clubs
3	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
3 a	<p>Motor Sports Council Met on 4 September, attended by Sandy Denham.</p> <p>“A robust meeting”. From Scottish perspective we appear to be stronger than ever, more innovative than ever, and presenting more information and developing initiatives that the governing body want to buy into. Congratulations to Rory and Gillian on their efforts, and to everyone else for their contributions.</p> <p>Delighted at plan to extend life of safety equipment – a strong presentation by John Ryan supported by Dave Lapworth. This is good for the sport; and it’s a common sense change, not cost driven. Expect more changes based on common sense.</p>	



	<p>Date changes for championship rounds – move to a requirement for approval from a percentage of registered competitors, but a lot less than 100%.</p> <p>New CEO Hugh Chambers introduced himself – spent time at Prodrive in the era of BAR Honda, then Sky cycling team, World Sailing, and his father used to be BMW competitions manager. Became clear that he intends to change motorsport from the grass roots level to the top.</p> <p>Rory's Road Car Series has been very well received down there, Jonathan Palmer has asked for details.</p> <p>There will be an extra out-of-band Council meeting for 12 December, because board meetings will make important changes that need to be approved before start of 2019.</p>	
	<p>MSA Committee Reports Mostly distributed with agenda, and online in SAMSC Proceedings 2018/09.</p> <p>a) MSA Regional Committee met 15 Aug. SAMSC delegates Regional report distributed and is online. Proposed two year trial, subject to Council approval, change D 4.5.4 to allow clubman events to count as rounds of a Regional Association championship without requiring competitors to hold any licence. This to include Navigational rallies with up to 20 competing cars. [Later Council discussed it, thought there would be some loss of revenue, but it would increase participation. Approved by Council, effective 1 Jan 2019.]</p>	
	<p>1809/03 Chairman to clarify whether the D4.5.4 change will take effect 1/1/19</p>	<p>1809/03 Pete Weall</p>
	<p>1809/04 Further to the discussion about the D4.5.4 trial, the Autotest Co-ordinator was asked to consider the reintroduction of a Regional Autotest Championship recognising that participation in this discipline remains strong in some parts of our region.</p>	<p>1809/04 Bill Creevy</p>
	<p>1809/05 Linked to the action to consider a SAMSC Autotest championship, all clubs in Scotland are asked to keep Bill Creevy informed about events run by their club so that he can build a better picture of this discipline across the Association.</p>	<p>1809/05 All clubs</p>
	<p>1809/06 Also, further to proposed D4.5.4 trial, the chairman asked Co-ordinators to establish baseline entry for 2017 and 2018 in order that we can report to the MSA on the impact of the planned two year trial.</p>	<p>1809/06 Dave Mac-Kintosh, all coords</p>
	<p>b) Autotest Committee – nothing to report. c) Cross Country Committee met 26 July. No info. d) Historic Committee met 31 July. No info. e) Judicial Committee meets tomorrow 19th Sept, Rod Taylor will be there. f) Karting Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting; Rod Taylor says “Karting is on its knees – there is nothing good to say.” g) Medical Committee – John Harrington says working to beef up questions on medical questions on licence applications, esp juniors.. h) Race Committee met 25th July, Sandy says nothing of great interest to this group. i) Rallies Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting. j) Safety Committee met 20th June. Pete Weall's Report is online. Worries about Junior Ginetta racers going well over max speed of 100, did not</p>	



	<p>support raising the speed limit, cars must be restricted by some means. New rules about additional roll cage members will now not apply to older cars.</p> <p>k) Speed Events Committee met 18 July</p> <p>l) Sprint and Hillclimb Subcommittee met today – Vernon Williamson's report . received by text from Heathrow and read out to the meeting:</p> <p>The meeting discussed a number of issues including new Road Car regs so that Road cars are more clearly defined, allowing potential relaxation of the safety regs in certain areas, e.g., compulsory MOT would allow clearer risk assessment, relaxation of driver PPE in std class approved. Electric vehicles were moved on with draft training regs, Option of alternatively using rally clocks for timing at sprint and hills to give faster line up. The rejection of 14 year old by council discussed and the changes needed reviewed. MOT requirements will be covered in new road car regs review above. Venue (track) licence inspection will now only be done at live events giving a more accurate inspection of the whole venue. Track controllers will be reviewed and their training qualifications defined Start line Marshal PPE equipment will be reviewed next year, The number of events a clerk is required to do in a 24 month period is being reviewed.</p> <p>These are the highlights. Vernon Williamson</p> <p>m) Technical Committee – met 27 June. Pete Weall's Report is online. Did not support proposals to extend the life of FIA homologated seats and belts in stage rallying.</p> <p>n) Timekeeping Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting.</p> <p>o) Trials Committee met 10 July.</p> <p>p) Volunteer Officials Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting</p> <p>q) Marshals Panel?</p> <p>r) Training Working Group?</p> <p>s) Rally Championship Steering Group – see Minutes online Does it have a constitution? John Parker represents SRC. STRC? RCSG and MSA are pressing for STRC dates. Fergus Gray – STRC approached SRC for dates in June, STRC cannot finalise their calendar till SRC dates are known; similarly have to work with/around overlapping north of England championships which share some of the events. As always, changes at higher levels of the sport cause lower level clendars to be rearranged, and many tarmac events depend on access to MOD land.</p>	
	<p>1809/07 Chairman to write to the RCSG to reinforce the issue about being unable to confirm event dates so far in advance, especially those on MOD property.</p>	<p>1898/07 Pete Weall</p>



<p>4</p>	<p>Co-ordinators Reports</p> <p>a) Communications – vacant. Any volunteers?</p> <p>b) Training Rupert Hine's coordinator's report and Training Programme Mid-year Report. A full programme of training is being run, but we are only reaching a 9% of the registered marshals. Lack of support and input from clubs and events. Tell Rupert your training needs for the 2019 programme, for you personally, for your club, for your event.</p> <p>c) Marshals - No report.</p> <p>d) Student and Young Persons – Andrew Chapman's Report is online. Student Motorsport Scotland set up, activities planned for Freshers Week.</p>	
	<p>1809/08 There was a positive report to the meeting by the Student/Young Person Co-ordinator and Gillian from SMS also spoke about the current 'Freshers Week' activity. There are thought to be a number of colleges and universities with motorsport groups and all SAMSC clubs, especially those with a geographic base, were asked to liaise with Gillian and/or seek to make direct contact with their local institution.</p>	<p>1809/08 All clubs</p>
	<p>e) Web Site – Webmaster's Report. Website migrated to new server despite "help" from web hosts support. Old web address and email addresses finally expired last week. Privacy Policy is online, comments and suggestions welcome. Ongoing maintenance of dates, contacts, regs, reports.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Discipline Co-ordinators Reports</p> <p>a) Autotest – Bill Creevy – big boost from Road Car Series – 25 competitors. Need communication with/from clubs about current autotests, entry levels etc.</p> <p>b) Cross Country – sit. vacant. Any volunteers?</p> <p>c) Road Events – Dave MacKintosh's Report</p> <p>d) Race – Mike How's report says entries down this year. Introducing Citroen C1 cup next year, budget £6500 for season, to attract new competitors. SMRC to employ a business development manager.</p> <p>e) Sprint and Hillclimb – no report</p> <p>f) Stage Rally SRC – Gordon Adam's SRC report is online. Entries slightly down on 2017. Championship was won on the last round by Andrew Gallacher and Jane Nicol Stage Rally STRC – no report</p> <p>g) Karting – Rod Taylor sent apologies, and said nothing to report.</p>	



7	<u>Matters from Clubs</u>	
7 a	<p>Regional Timekeepers: Scottish Hill Rally club proposed Vicky Lang be added to the list of Regional Timekeepers. Proposed by SHR, seconded by Mull CC and duly passed. Ian Sharp suggested that we should review the list, it was agreed we should distribute the list with the minutes and discuss it at the November meeting.</p> <p>The list as last updated June 2015 and with Vicky added, is now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ian StuartHeather SheridanStuart FlemingLock HorsburghAlan SharpDavid HoustonEdith HoustonRobert GreenRodney GowansNorman GowansRuth PeacockVicky Lang	
	<p>1809/09 In agreeing the nomination from SHRC to the Regional Timekeeper List, the meeting noted that it was some time since this list had been reviewed and asked that a copy of the current list be sent out with the minutes and reviewed at the next meeting.</p>	1809/09 Lock Horsburgh
7 b	<p>Scottish Ambulance Service:</p> <p>Concern that SAS is unwilling to send an ambulance to RV point and accept transfer of a casualty from a rally Rescue unit;</p> <p>Ron Cowan – SAS wanted to charge for providing an ambulance at Machrihanish, would not accept transfer of casualty for journey to hospital.</p> <p>Horse events and football are having the same problem. Solway Coast rally hired an SAS ambulance, cost £3900.</p> <p>Similar problems have been encountered in England.</p> <p>What would happen in the event of a major accident, rally resources overwhelmed? Would the emergency services refuse to turn out?</p> <p>Sandy – this was brought up at Council. Kate Adamson is working on it. Note however that SAS is independent of England.</p>	
	<p>1809/10 Rory Bryant was asked to investigate through his contacts if this reluctant ambulance issue was impacting on other sports.</p>	1809/10 Rory Bryant
8	AOCB	
	<p><u>Meeting closed 22:00</u></p> <p><u>Future meetings: 20 November 2018</u></p>	