



**Scottish
Association of
Motor Sports
Clubs**

Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2018

**Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling University,
Bridge of Allan, FK9 4LA**

Meeting opened 19:34 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
Vice President	Bruce Lyle
Race Committee	Sandy Denham
Autotest Co-ordinator	Bill Creevy
Stage Rally (SRC)	Gordon Adam
Stage Rally (STRC)	Trix Grant
Training Coordinator	Rupert Hine
Road Events Co-ordinator	Dave MacKintosh

Delegates from the following member clubs:

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

Guests

SMS Development Manager	Rory Bryant
MSA Timekeeper	Stan Thorogood
Journalist	John Fife
Disability Motorsport Scotland	Colin Duthie

Apologies

President	John Cleland
Karting Rep & Judicial AP	Rod Taylor (at WSKC AGM)
Race Coordinator	Mike How
Medical Committee	John Harrington
Sprint and Hillclimb Sub-Committee	Vernon Williamson (at Speed meeting)
Sprint and Hillclimb Co-ordinator	Tim Thomson
Student/Young Person Coordinator	Andrew Chapman

From the following delegates

63 CC & NESMC	Andrew Little
Caledonian Classic	Jim Paterson
Jim Clark Memorial Motor Club	Bob Pawson
Highland	Tracy Smith
Knockhill	Stuart Gray
Monklands Sporting CC	Colin McLatchie
Scottish Land Rover OC	Bobby Muir
Scottish Motorsport Marshals club	Rod Howat
Scottish Sprint and Hillclimb Championship	Tim Thomson
Solway Car Club	Norman Gowans
Strathclyde University MSC	Andrew Chapman

From Guests

SMS Development Officer	Gillian Sefton
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Ref	Welcome:	Action
1 a.	Peter Weall chaired the meeting and welcomed club delegates and guests.	
1 b	<p>Minutes The minute of the Meeting on 18 September 2018 was approved, Proposed by Scottish Sporting and seconded by Condor MC. On website at Minutes of 18/09/2018</p> <p>Note that most of the documents referred to in these minutes can be found online at SAMSC Proceedings 2018/11.</p>	
1 c	<p>Outstanding Actions See separate document Actions updated 19/11/2018 (before this meeting)</p> <p>1506/06 Keep Key Info contacts up to date.</p> <p><i>2018 11 update: Clubs should continue to ensure the Association Secretary has the correct details esp. Secretary and Treasurer, and esp. after AGM changes.</i></p> <p>1606/01 Working group on marshal recruitment and retention.</p> <p><i>2018 11 update: Plan 95%, expected by end of year.</i></p> <p>1711/04 Member clubs are asked for input on training requirements, to training manager, Rupert Hine with any requirements as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>2018 11 update: Six clubs have put in requests, in training plan for next year.. Now past closing date. Action Closed.</i></p> <p>1711/05 Association championship for Targa Rallies?</p> <p><i>2018 11 update: Chairman would be keen to run an Association Targa championship, but competitor mindset seems to be that they will not pay for a licence (though they are willing to join multiple organising clubs to do Clubman events), and the two year experimental relaxation of licence requirements for autotests, navi rallies, etc., does not include Targas. Carried Fwd</i></p> <p>1711/06 JockMoonGate – Fining a marshal £1000 -will that help marshal recruitment/retention? Peter Weall to write to MSA.</p> <p><i>2018 11 update – Still concern about wording in marshals registration form; but no movement from governing body; we still seek closure? Carried Forward.</i></p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>Grahame Douglas</p> <p>Pete Weall</p> <p>Pete Weall</p>



- 1806/01** SMRC had suggested a sliding scale of club membership fees, depending on number of members of the club.
2018 11 Executive have considered this, and don't think it is workable. How do you measure it, at what time in the year? Closed All Clubs
- 1806/02** Provisional 2019 dates to Calendar Manager ASAP
2018 11 update Some progress, some gaps. Carried forward. All clubs
- 1806/03** Disability Motorsport Scotland trying a crowd funding scheme to raise £5,000 for a second adapted vehicle to introduce people to motorsport.
2018 11 update DMS are applying for membership, Colin Duthie will speak in support . Leave this till after we have considered the application. Carried forward.
- 1809/01** Club development day 3/11/18, Rory asked clubs for any topics they wanted covered.
2018 11 updated – Rory said nothing received. Closed
- 1809/02** Club development day 3/11/18, all clubs asked to consider sending delegates.
2018 11 update – Action closed as event is past. Closed
- 1809/03** Regional Committee report about the trial change to D4.5.4 in relation to the licence requirements for Regional Championships. PW to check that this does in fact include Navi rallies.
2018 11 update – Confirmed that it includes navigational, and will start in 2019. Closed
- 1809/04** Autotest Coordinator was asked to consider a Regional Autotest Championship, taking advantage of revised D4.5.4
2018 11 update – Bill Creevy will speak about this later. Closed Bill Creevy
- 1809/05** All clubs were asked to keep Bill informed about their Autotests events, to assist in planning. Regional Committee report about the trial change to D4.5.4 in relation to the licence requirements for Regional Championships. PW to check that this does in fact include Navi rallies.
2018 11 update – Confirmed that it includes navigational, and will start in 2019. Closed All Clubs
- 1809/06** Coordinators asked to set baseline entry levels, so that we can assess whether the D4.5.4 helps to attract more entries.
2018 11 update – Done Closed Dave MacK and others



1809/07 The report of the Rally Championship Steering Group meeting led to the Chairman being asked 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.

2018 11 update: Chairman duly wrote to Mike Broad, chairman of RCSG, and has had two lengthy conversations in response, albeit nothing in writing. The difficulty of forward date planning, especially for certain venues, was acknowledged as was the co-relationship, in terms of date planning, with events on the World and British Championship stage. The primary purpose of the RCSG is to try to avoid and/or resolve date conflicts which might in turn impact on resource availability including, but not restricted to, Safety Delegates and, eventually, the MUK tracking system. With this in mind, clubs are asked to try, as far as reasonably possible, to have at least an idea of dates looking up to 24 months forward. Specifically, the next two RCSG meetings are set for 19th March and 21st May 2019 to consider dates for 2020 ahead of the deadline to get 2020 forestry applications in by 1st June 2019.

Discussion: important to realise that not only events on military land have problems with agreeing a date, and then with abrupt cancellations; this happens on private land, where the "real" motorsport is a sideline to other commercial uses. You can have your date agreed a year in advance, then cancelled at a couple of weeks notice, because some other body – a film crew, a car magazine, the council roads department, Mercedes Benz – gazump you.

*PW – hard to see any hope of progressing this. **Closed***

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.

*2018 11 update: Now past. **Closed***

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.

*2018 11 update – List sent with Minutes, and updated to MSA. **Closed***

1809/10 An item from the Regional Committee report was discussed under AOCB relating to the provision of casualty transfer from events using the Scottish Ambulance Service. Rory Bryant was asked to investigate through his contacts if this issue was impacting on other sports.

*2018 11 update – Working party has met twice, a draft letter near final – PW to send it. **Carried forward***

Lock
Horsburgh

Rory
Bryant

Pete Weall



1 d	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>Peter Weall's report is available on the website, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rory Byant leaving SMS for a new job with SMRC. Thanks to Rory for great contribution over last 5 years.• Club Development day ran, good material well delivered, but only 13 clubs – 2 and 4 wheel - represented. Interesting presentation from Gillian about building partnerships, and about benefits of sport on mental as well as physical health.• Closed Roads – Cautious optimism. Transport Scotland are focused on getting legislation to run Jim Clark and Mull in 2019. Will go out for consultation very soon, legislation soon after that.• Vnuk may be heading towards a favourable resolution, EU saying motorsport should be exempt.• Hugh Chambers officially started as CEO of the governing body on 1st November, but has probably been beavering away for a while• MSA rebranded as Motorsport UK• Strategy document sent to all officials and licence holders seems to borrow from SMS work?• Several resignations of senior staff – Alan Page, Kate Adamson, Simon Blunt, Ben Taylor of IMS.• New appointments – Colin Clark (ex Prodrive) as commercial director, a role that didn't exist previously.• Some questions about purchased MSA clothing, would it be replaced? FOC? Same about marshals tabards. Expected that dual branding will persist for at least a year.• Chairman – what should the Association look like in this new era? New direction? Consult with members?	
1 e	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> is online Keith Butler has 3 points as updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of 12th Nov, all Clubs have paid for 2019 except Strathclyde Uni.• The biggest costs are for training, which is more or less reimbursed, but until the event actually runs we don't know what it will really cost us – depending on number of attendees.• Everything else is fairly predictable/manageable.	
1 f	<p><u>Calendar Manager's Report</u> Now got dates from 4 or 5 clubs, and championships. No clashes yet.</p>	All Clubs



<p>1 g</p>	<p><u>Secretary's Report</u> The secretary's report is available on SAMSC site, and was distributed by email. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership application from Disability Motorsport Scotland. Colin Duthie spoke in support of the application, and told us something about the club's activities. <p>DMS is a registered Scottish charity, and Colin Duthie is a Trustee. Runs adapted cars in track days, etc, raising funds for another car. Working on a training programme, met Rupert at the recent club development day. Offer to support other clubs with disabled members. Intend to register as a Motorsport UK affiliated club.</p> <p>Membership application was accepted with effect from 1/1/2019, having been proposed by Glenrothes MSC and seconded by Scottish Motor Racing Club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed regulation changes are still open for consultation – see page 2 of Secretary's report and get your response in if unhappy.	
<p>2 2 a</p>	<p><u>MOTOR SPORT DEVELOPMENT</u> SMS Development Manager Rory Bryant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This would be his last time here in his current role. SMS will be recruiting for a replacement. Next year will be an important stage in the project, sport Scotland's priorities have changed a little. Review meeting shortly.• Need to focus on membership. Have figures for licence holders, and accredited marshals, but poor data on club membership.• Club Development Day – somewhat disappointing attendance. Based on feedback from those clubs attending, might run some smaller events during the year to focus on specific issues, e.g., social media.• Case study of the Scottish Road Car Series, worked within the rules but made it easier and a lot less confusing for novices; attracted trackday petrolhead types who have never been involved in "regulated" motorsport. 70-80% of competitors were newcomers. Very favourable response to a feedback survey. <p>SMS News update Nov 2018 published on SAMSC site. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMS Academy – successful applicants announced at Knockhill on 17 Oct. 20 promising drivers and riders• Scottish Road Car Series showdown 21 Oct at Kames, featuring our president John Cleland in an SMRC Citroen C1, also Colin Duthie of Disability Motorsport in a C2.• Student Challenge – New Student Motorsport Management Team ran their first event 29 Sept at Knockhill, autotest and Karting for 23 students from 3 universities. See Scottish Student Motorsport website <p>Chairman thanked Rory for his contribution over the last five years, to a round of applause.</p>	
	<p>1811/01 Clubs to supply membership numbers for SMS survey.</p>	<p>All clubs</p>



3	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
3 a	<u>Motor Sports Council</u> Has not met since last Association meeting.	
	<u>MSA Committee Reports</u> Mostly distributed with agenda, and online in SAMSC Proceedings 2018/11 . Many committees have not met since the last SAMSC meeting. a) MSA Regional Committee Has not met since last Association meeting.	
	<p>b) Autotest Committee Has not met since last Association meeting.</p> <p>c) Cross Country Committee See Rupert Hine's report Rupert Hine drew attention to the proposal on vehicle weights applied dependent on engine capacity There is much disquiet about this proposal in the clubs. Open for consultation till 06/02/19. Concern about delayed tender for British Cross Country Championship; depressing entries?</p> <p>d) Historic Committee Has not met since last Association meeting.</p> <p>e) Judicial Committee met 19th Sept, no report.</p> <p>f) Karting Committee has not met. Rod Taylor sees</p> <p>g) Medical Committee 11 Oct. – no report</p> <p>h) Race Committee met October, Sandy says proposal to change requirement to get 100% written agreement to change a championship regulation.</p> <p>i) Rallies Committee met last week, Fiona Moir took 36 hours to get home from it, but has submitted her Rallies Committee Report . Highlights are: Championships (changes to regs after publication) - a "majority" response will now be acceptable (clarification on "majority" is awaited but somewhere around 75%) Nil response will indicate acceptance. Introduction of Co-driver "BARS" test - this is going to be a long term development - don't expect progress for a couple of years as it's a lot more complicated than it would at first appear. Tracking - report currently with Technologies Sub-Group. Don't expect any progress soon.</p> <p>Russel Blood was worried that tracking was a requirement in the Scottish report. Could be a snagging point. Lock asked, does it specify a hi-tech 4G system with lights on the dash, or just some method of tracking? Raymond Mann – what's this "Technology Sub Group"? Who is going to make a decision? Rallies Committee? Rally Future?</p> <p>j) Safety Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting</p> <p>k) Speed Events Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting</p> <p>l) Sprint and Hillclimb Subcommittee has not met since last SAMSC meeting</p> <p>m) Technical Committee – has not met since last SAMSC meeting</p> <p>n) Timekeeping Committee has met in October, Ian Sharp says discussed calibration certificates, nothing of great import.</p> <p>o) Trials Committee has not met since last SAMSC meeting.</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 – met 6 November?</p>	



	1811/02 Chairman to write for clarification of progress on tracking system and who makes the decision.	1811/02 Pete Weall
4	<p><u>Co-ordinators Reports</u></p> <p>a) Communications – vacant. Any volunteers?</p> <p>b) Training Rupert Hine's Training Report Radio training in Jan, marshals pre-Snowman, and on Mull. Sees problems: (1) how to motivate volunteer trainers when courses are under-subscribed, with lack of interest from clubs and events. (2) Effect on marshals if they get the idea that clubs and events are not interested in them, and do not value their efforts. (3) Sending back money that was meant for training, unspent because of lack of interest from clubs. Rupert does not write directly to marshals etc, he sends text to MSA and they mail it out to registered marshals. That misses unregistered ones, who are most in need of training. Many active marshals have no club, many have no card. Rupert has two different sets of needs to be met. Needs of the volunteers, for personal development. Needs of the events, the roles that have to be filled. No good training more radio ops if we have no timekeepers.</p> <p>c) Marshalling - No report. Pete Weall – we have finally delivered the “money can't buy” experiences to the marshals who won them two years ago. One is here tonight, Stewart Paton who has just returned from a run through a stage in Wales with Sebastien Ogier, who then went and won the World Rally Championship. Stewart is running a marshals social in the New Year, PW offered SAMSC money to support it. Stewart replied that it was self-financing, 25 people at £15 a head; but some prizes to distribute would be welcome. Gordon Adam and Sandy Denham said SRC and SMRC would contribute.</p> <p>d) Student and Young Persons No report (but see SMS news)</p> <p>e) Web Site – Webmaster's Report Includes discussion of intermittent bouncing of our SAMSC News mail, intermittently affecting around 1% of users; why those users in particular? With some tips that may help to pacify your spam filter.</p>	
5	<p><u>Discipline Co-ordinators Reports</u></p> <p>a) Autotest – Bill Creevy – poor response from clubs, only 4 have been in touch. Discussion of how a championship might work, over the whole of Scotland; date clashes, because autotests are run on weekends without big rallies 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</p> <p>e) Sprint and Hillclimb – no report</p> <p>f) Stage Rally SRC – Gordon Adam's SRC report is online. Stage Rally STRC – Trix Grant's STRC report</p>	



	<p>Junior 1000 Ecosse – Jr 1000 report A very close finish, after 100 stages during the year, the Championship was settled on the last stage of the last event, Lewis Haining winning from Johnnie Mackay by six seconds, and Andrew Blackwood third. The three now move on to senior rallying.</p> <p>g) Karting – Rod Taylor sent apologies (own club AGM, important decisions to be made for the club's future). Said he hoped the new Motorsport UK structure would be a breath of fresh air.</p>	
7	<u>Matters from Clubs</u>	
7 a	<p>Alastair Gray of SMMC asked what progress has been made towards the Marshals Incentive Scheme?</p> <p>None – apart from finally delivering the prize experience to Stewart Paton & Wilma Davidson.</p>	
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>“D 12.11 Every entry form sent out by the Organisers shall be accompanied by a copy of the relevant SRs.”</p> <p>Concern that this doesn't happen with electronic entry systems which don't even offer SRs (though there have been exceptions). How can clubs ensure that competitors get a set of regs as well as the entry form?</p>	
	<p><u>Meeting closed 21:50</u></p> <p><u>Future meetings: 19 March 2019</u></p>	