

Minutes of the 31st Annual Sporting Meeting held at Stone on Saturday 17th November 2012

Introduction

36 people signed the register.

Pete Clews (PC) welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from John Minns, John Blower, Kim Allen, Steph Wilkinson, Chas Reynolds
Kim and Steph also sent greetings from Orkney.

Chas' note of apology also held his resignation as Eligibility Scrutineer.

Minutes from 2011

The minutes were accepted as a true record. proposed by Dave Hodgson, seconded Tony Quinn and voted unanimously.

Matters Arising

Alan Lazenbury (AL) asked if PC was satisfied with the outcome of the events concerning the Prescott Bike Festival and Opening Run, and PC confirmed that yes we were.

Mike Guess (MG) asked if the Chairman was still in favour of our affiliating to the MSA. PC confirmed that there were too many problems to do so but that, although they had thought it was sorted, it has appeared as an agenda item for the next CCM. It would be impossible to organise an ACU race at an MSA event if we are affiliated to the MSA so it is out of the question. MG thought that the CCM was leaving it to the sporting meeting to resolve and report back to the CCM and that was why it was an agenda item. However PC referred to the CCM minutes which stated clearly that we were NOT to pursue it any further. For the avoidance of doubt Dave Hodgson proposed and Chris Harfield seconded a vote which was carried unanimously against the affiliation to the MSA. Steve Lister (SL) asked if it would be possible to do a small piece for the Bulletin explaining the situation.

Competition Secretary's Report

PC reported that it had been a very good year and thanked everyone for their support. He had been pleased with the very positive reaction received from organising clubs. He singled out the following people for particular thanks - Phil and Lesley Reaney of the VMCC who had stepped in as officials at short notice, Steve Boughey, our normal Clerk who is once again taking the course and should be available for us next season, Phil Bridge and Dave Hodgson for their scrutineering, Gerry Daine who did Chief Tech. at Cadwell, Dennis Rushton for his brilliant photos, Steve Lister for his advice and trophies, Alistair Rew for his work on financial matters and the volunteer marshalls including Jonathan Garside, Jim Baker, Bob Towell and Bob Cope for the efforts at our Curborough event.

He went on to give a resumé of the Challenge Series, comprising 6 rounds, starting with Loton hill climb which had an excellent entry of 19 out of a maximum of 20. Mallory Park followed with 13 entries including Matt Orford and David Poplar both racing for the first time, and another hill climb, this time at Prescott secured another 19 entries. Cadwell Park had a slightly disappointing 15 entries but was a profitable meeting due to the funding from the MTWC. Another club funded event at Curborough received 46 entries including a couple of first timers, Joe Pike and Martin Bayliss. The final event was a race at Darley Moor where we had enough entries to get a race of our own rather than have to run with sidecars. Thanks to Cathy Quinn for excellent cakes provided at that event.

The results of the Challenge Series were attached with the minutes, Hamish outclassed everyone to win the racing class easily, whilst in Touring Modified there was a very close battle between Matt Orford and Tony Quinn. PC congratulated Matt on doing so well in his first year of racing. The Standard Class was won by Chris Harfield (CH) and PC hoped that Chris might be tempted to do all six rounds next season.

PC then apologised that he had made a mistake in recording the points for the standard class and would make sure that the new points were published shortly. CH also told PC that Trevor and James Gill had been listed incorrectly as JG was Standard Class and TG Touring Modified. PC will rectify.

PC then went on to thank the main club for financing the two events at Curborough and Cadwell, both of which can be considered CLUB events and he reported that the CCM voted to continue with their support for 2013 with £1500 for Cadwell and £500 for Curborough. The raffle at the Sporting Dinner does pay for most of the weekends expenses.

Finally PC said he wanted to single out three areas of racing for particular comment - firstly the VMCC events where Bill, Greg and George Gould race regularly outside of the Challenge Series. Secondly the VSCC events where Sue, Gary, Duncan and Bob continue to put on a superb show. Sue had won the Ladies trophy for the sixth consecutive year this year. He asked for it to be minuted that the MTWC should be very proud of the racing achievements within the club.

Finally PC mentioned the international events which members had attended this season including Assen, Grossglockner (which had been cancelled due to an accident), Schwanenstadt and Arosa.

There was a round of applause for Pete.

Financial Matters

Alistair Rew reported that the money from the club had helped a great deal and he congratulated PC on setting the entry fees at a perfect level to achieve financial stability. There is just under £4K to carry forward which is very solid.

CH queried the beginners subsidy mentioned in the figures and PC explained that he would receive a cheque today. This scheme needs more publicity to encourage new starters.

Alan Lazenbury (AL) asked how communication was between AR and John Scruton. AR felt that it was one way as he never had any contact from JS. AR advised AL that he issued an interim set of accounts as the club accounting year spans over two seasons of sport.

M Guess proposed and Gary Caroline seconded the acceptance of the accounts and this was voted unanimously.

ACU Matters

John Blower was not at the meeting. He is still our ACU rep although he has resigned as Chairman of the Non Territorial Board at the ACU. PC felt that he seemed slightly better last time he had visited.

PC and Brian Clutterbuck attended the previous meeting at the ACU. PC is happy to attend on a temporary basis until JB feels better and BC is pushing for us to have an active rep.

There is a new scheme for on-line licencing and everyone has been issued with a unique number to facilitate this. Eventually we may be able to enter events on-line but details are still to be sorted.

The tea break was preceded by a small presentation of awards that had been carried over from the AGM at Malvern.

Phil Bridge was presented with the F type concours award from the Opening Run and Danny Hodgson was presented with the group enthusiast award for YND group.

Scrutineering Matters

Both Dave Hodgson and Phil Bridge said that generally they were happy although they stressed the need to present cars for scrutineering in a clean state. PC thanked them both for their hard work.

Election of Officers

1. Competition Secretary

PC had already been appointed by the AGM at Malvern but he received a strong vote of support from the floor.

2. Assistant Comp. Sec.

This is a post held by JB but Sue Clews has been carrying it out unofficially as we hope JB will return to it.

3. Eligibility Scrutineer

Chas Reynolds has resigned to spend some more time on his Keift. PC had two offers, one from Jonathan Garside and one from Dave Hodgson and they decided to do the job together for a more balanced view. PC will get JG a machine examiners licence from the ACU. JG will do the paperwork and admin. and both will carry out inspections.

Proposed M Guess Seconded Steve Boughey and voted unanimously to accept.

4. Finance Officer

AR is happy to continue and was unanimously voted to do so.

2013 Season

We only have a few definite dates so far, The challenge will comprise Hagley Loton, Vie en Bleu Prescott, VSCC Cadwell and Curborough.

There was some discussion about the remaining challenge rounds and it as left to PC to resolve dates but ideally the late VMCC Mallory and the VMCC Darley Moor as the remaining challenge round events.

Proposals

There were none, and there has been no effect from last year's proposals.

Any Other Business

Bob Haynes asked if any further action had been taken to add the new three wheeler to the sporting formula but PC confirmed that nothing had been done as the car was not eligible to compete with the ACU due to its capacity and with the MSA because it was a post 1941 three wheeler.

There have been publicised problems with the front suspension which would be a little worrying for racing. Jim Baker told the meeting that he had been to a number of race meeting this year and he wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful display. He thought the racing was great.

Chloe Pilbeam asked if the Sportsman of the Year Trophy could be re-named the Sports Person of the Year!

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.