

ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL SOUTHERN MOTOR CLUBS

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Minutes of General Council Meeting on 1 June 2011 at Oak Park Golf Club, Heath Lane, Crondall

	<p>Present Steve Castle - Chairman & Training; John Oliver – Secretary; Colin Reid - Car Trials Coordinator; David Whyman – Speed Championship Coordinator; Mike Hall – Hants. RLO; Richard Field - Defence Estates Liaison. Also representatives of the following member Clubs: - Cranleigh MC, Dolphin MC, Falcon MC, Farnborough DMC and Southsea MC</p>
1.	<p>Chairman's Remarks Steve Castle welcomed all present to the meeting but was disappointed at the poor attendance. The Association is the focal point for discussion on regional issues and the conduit for clubs to communicate with the MSA on any issues they may have. Accepted that the sport was not "buoyant" at the moment with attendances at events generally down.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence Phil Collings – Vice-Chairman; Tony Pettie - Treasurer; Peter Cox – Autotest Championship Coordinator; Theresa Fossey – Stage Rally Championships Coordinator; Alan Spratt – Training Officer; Barry Guess – Exec. Member. Borough 19 MC, Bournemouth MC, Brighton & Hove MC and Chelmsford MC</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 7 February 2011 These had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting. It was Proposed: Sutton & Cheam MC, Seconded: Dolphin MC that they be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.</p>
4.	<p>Matters Arising From Those Minutes Not Covered Elsewhere No matters arising.</p>
5.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) There had been no applications from clubs to join the Association.b) There had been no communications from the MSA. (NOTE – subsequent to the meeting, details have been received regarding "Women in Motorsport", "Club of the Year" and "Marshal of the Year". Details attached as appendix)c) Newsletters had been received from Blackpalfrey, Sevenoaks, Southsea and Tavern MCs. Minutes had been received from the Eastern Association of Motor Clubs.d) An information pack + DVD had been received from BARC (SW) regarding Gurston Hillclimb.

6. **Championship Secretaries' Reports**

a) **Autocross**

In the absence of the Championship Co-ordinator, no report was forthcoming.

b) **Autotest**

In the absence of Peter Cox, it was reported that the 2011 Championship was going reasonably well with no big changes so far in numbers – but we haven't started the grass events where we hope to see somenew entrants at the new Clubman status events.

c) **Speed**

David Whyman reported a disappointed start to the season – the Speed Forum had attracted approximately half the number of the first Forum in 2010.

There are 45 Speed & 23 Hillclimb contenders to date (47 Speed & 32 Hillclimb in 2010) of which 10 are regular competitors.

d) **Stage Rallies**

In the absence of Theresa Fossey it was reported that so far 5 events have taken place stretching from Brands Hatch to TSH in Cornwall and all events have been fairly well attended by ACSMC crews.

Alan Thistlethwaite in the Aston Martin is currently leading the Drivers Championship with previous multiple Championship winner Paul King in 2nd place. Jason Riggs is 3rd overall in his almost standard Pug 205. There are 33 registered drivers this year.

Mick Klein co-driving in the Aston is leading the co-drivers Championship with Alicia Miles 2nd and Jon Shearing 3rd. There are 32 co-drivers registered.

I am currently sending out points updates and event banter generally within a week of the event so everyone knows what is going on.

Abingdon is the next Championship event and as always it is very well supported unlike Caerwent. I am surprised by this as it is such a popular venue but maybe it appeals to a different market.

We have quite a long Summer break with nothing in July or August this year due to the loss of Colerne Airfield and the summer use of Keevil Airfield. I just hope more venues are found for the summer months next year.

Sadly I have to announce that this will be my last year looking after the Championship as I have recently been promoted at work and I will be looking after the Finance Teams in Europe and Asia as well as the UK so I will be travelling quite a bit more than I do at the moment.

When I send out my post-Abingdon update I will let all the current Contenders know that I intend to stand down and see if there is any interest from within the Championship to take over.

e) **Trials**

Colin Reid reported that everything was "ticking-over" much as previous years in respect of contenders and events. The next event was the Kidderminster CC event.

The Inter-Association event will be the Wye Valley, run by Ross DMC, but we will not be entering a team (current rules allow a team to include 2 past champions out of the team of 3 and this has benefitted another Association)

	<p>f) General There was a discussion on the possibility of starting an Autosolo Championship. Several clubs in the Association regularly run Autosolo events and it is an obvious starting point for newcomers to the sport. It was agreed to review the possibilities.</p>
7.	<p>Liaison Officers' Reports Military Land Richard Field reported that the situation was as normal. No new venues had been identified but there was the possibility of losing some to development projects.</p> <p>a) Route Liaison Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dorset – In the absence of the RLO, no report was forthcoming. ii) Hampshire – Mike Hall reported that there had been 29 events referred to him so far this year – slightly up on last year – but they were primarily touring assemblies. Many clubs are running 12-car events but these tend to be stand alone and competitors are not upgrading to higher level events. iii) Surrey – In the absence of the RLO, no report was forthcoming. iv) Sussex - In the absence of the RLO, no report was forthcoming. v) Thames Valley - In the absence of the RLO, no report was forthcoming. vi) Wiltshire - In the absence of the RLO, no report was forthcoming. <p>b) Other Forestry Liaison Officer – In the absence of the FLO, no report was forthcoming although it was noted that the Rallye Sunseeker had run without problems and the Tempest planning was ongoing. MSA Longcross (Crest Nicholson) Liaison – Understood that the situation at Longcross was ongoing due to filming commitments and it was unlikely there would be any availability for motorsport events in 2011.</p>
8.	<p>Training Steve Castle reported that planning was ongoing with a priority to rally marshalling.</p>
9.	<p>Miles Booker, MSA Miles explained that he was responsible for the operation side of MSAs activities – e.g.- licencing /commercial management / operations.</p> <p>Current projects involved in include improving the events calendar / fixtures database so that clubs could access directly to set event dates / permit applications / permit payments, etc. Also working on revised marshals database – press release expected soon – where by marshals would register annually and be issued with a photo-card similar to the competition licence. When asked, advised that it would not be directly accessible by clubs.</p> <p>To date this year, speed licences issued but off-road, karts & rally licences down. Race licences slightly down.</p> <p>The new rule change process appears to be working well but clubs need to promote the MSA website as a means of competitors obtaining information on motorsport issues.</p> <p>Miles was thanked for his attendance and for explaining developments presently in hand.</p>

10.	<p>MSA Regional Committee</p> <p>a) Report of Last Meeting Steve Castle advised that items referred to the meeting of 23 February (not 25 May). i) – clubs reminded to make members aware of the MSA website. ii) – Propose that there be Economy Runs in each Association area – noted that Cirencester CC already run one in our area. iii) – Rally Review – looking at possibility of “lifing” on seat belts to be 10 years; 7 years on seats. iv) – Associations requested to nominate representatives for the “Women in Motorsport Group”. v) – Speed Events Committee looking at possibility of amending “Sports Libre” category. vi) – Rally Committee redrafting service area requirements and proposing that RED flags be replaced with YELLOW.</p> <p>b) Matters to be raised at next meeting It was requested that the MSA confirm their thinking on Autosolo events since they are seen as a starter into motorsport and a stepping stone to speed or autotest events. Autosolos are low cost / low speed events to encourage newcomers. Also suggested that the safety requirements for standard road-going cars be amended to ease competitors into this category.</p>
11.	<p>Treasurer’s Report In the absence of the Treasurer a report was given that :-</p> <p>a) We currently hold over £15,000 in various accounts.</p> <p>b) 2011 levies were requested a month ago and are coming in. 31 clubs had already paid in January via their existing Bank Standing Orders. He has included Bank Standing Order Forms with the request letters should other clubs prefer this method. It saves them and me work and cost of Requests, Reminders, etc. Apart from saving costs it also means we receive them near to the beginning of each year. I am pleased that more Clubs have decided to use this payment method for this and future years.</p> <p>c) Borough 18 MC – As reported at the last Council Meeting, all payment requests, chasing letters and e-mails had been ignored for some years. As proposed at that Council Meeting, Recorded Delivery letters were sent to the two addresses listed with MSA and ourselves, advising them that unless payment of past Levies was received within 14 days it would be proposed that they no longer be considered members of our Association. These letters were delivered but there has been no response. (NOTE – in response to the Notice/Agenda for this meeting (1 June 2011) being circulated, the Secretary received an e-mail from the club claiming that they had received no correspondence recently and had not been a member for at least 10 years).</p>
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>i) The Chairman advised the meeting that we had received a request from Bryan Hull of Craven MC requesting the Association’s support his nomination to the Rallies Committee. It was agreed that the Association support his application.</p>

	Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked those who had attended the meeting and again expressed his disappointment at the low turn-out.
13.	Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting Thursday, 13 October 2011 – Council Meeting Venue to be confirmed

The Meeting Closed at 10:30 pm