



Scottish  
Association of  
Car Clubs

**Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling University,  
Bridge of Allan, FK9 4LA**

**Meeting opened** 19:30 **Closed at** 22:00

**Attendance**

Chairman	Peter Weall
Vice Chairman	Grahame Douglas
Secretary & Website Manager	Lock Horsburgh
Calendar Manager	Raymond Mann
MSA Council	Bruce Lyle
Autotest Coordinator	James Stephen
Race Co-ordinator	Mike How
Road Events Coordinator	Dave MacKintosh
Stage Rally Co-ordinator STRC	Trix Grant
Race Committee	Sandy Denham
Training Co-ordinator	Rupert Hine

**Delegates from the following member clubs:**

Aberdeen DMC	Royal Navy+Royal Marines
Border Ecosse Car Club	RSAC Motorsport
Coltness Car Club	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
Hawick & Border Car Club	Scottish Hill Rally Club
Isle of Skye Rally Club	Stonehaven & District Motor Club
Mull Car Clu	Strathclyde University
NESCRO	

**Guests**

Rory Bryant – SMS Development Manager  
Gillian Sefton - SMS Development Officer  
Stan Thorogood - MSA Timekeeper  
David Barlow – Jr 1000 Ecosse Challenge

**Apologies**

President	John Cleland
Treasurer	Gerry Potter
Speed Committee	Vernon Williamson
Stage Rally Co-ordinator	Gordon Adam
Sprint & Hillclimb Coordinator	Tim Thomson
Karting Rep & Judicial AP	Rod Taylor
Medical Panel	John Harrington
Rallies Committee	Dave Weston
John Fife	



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63 CC & NESMC

Andrew Little

British Motorsport Marshals

David Law

Border Ecosse

Steve Wolfe

Buchan Off Road Drivers Club

Alan Johnstone

Caledonian

Brian McErlean

Coltness

Jim Paterson

Hawick + Border

John More

Highland CC

Clayton Lackenby

Knockhill MSC

Fiona Moir

Machars

Stuart Gray

Monklands

Roger Anderson

Scottish Land Rover

Colin McLatchie

Scottish Sporting

Bobby Muir

Skye

Julian May

Solway

Rhuiridh Campbell

SRC

Norman Gowans

Wigton MC

Gordon Adam

Graeme Forrester

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Welcome:</u>	<u>Action</u>
	Peter Weall chaired the meeting and welcomed club delegates and guests.	
1709/01	<u>Minutes</u> The minute of the Meeting on 20 June 2017 was approved. Border Ecosse/Saltire On website at <a href="#">Association Admin -&gt; Proceedings 2017</a>	
1709/02	<u>Outstanding Actions</u> See separate Actions document  Key Info - progress made, keep it up.  RDO situation – we are still unhappy that Scotland is getting a raw deal, but stuck with the situation. Another banging head against wall job. Asked Suze Endean how can a club get support that previously would have come from Alison? Suze says clubs should approach her at MSA if Rory and Gillian can't help. Other regions also unhappy at the extent to which GoMoSp support has been cut – though cut less than in Scotland.	

1709/03

**Chairman's Report**

Peter Weall's report is available on the website.

**Breaking news:**

In addition to the written report, Pete provided an update on some additional matters and also drew particular attention to some of the items covered.

The chairman congratulated the SACC A team (Jock Armstrong, Mark McCulloch & Andrew Gallagher) on winning the Inter Association stage rally at the recent Galloway Hills rally. The SACC B team (David Bogie, Shaun Sinclair & Donnie McDonald) were 2nd. He also thanked the event for stepping in to run the Inter Association event for 2017 when the previously listed Association were unable to find a suitable event.

Pete repeated his previous concerns that SACC clubs are stretching resource too far with so many events. This view has been shared recently by John Fife in his online blogs.

Further to his written report, Pete had received a briefing from MSA General Secretary, Simon Blunt, on the current situation regarding the FAI the purpose of which is to determine how the deaths happened, what, if anything, could have been done differently and what steps could be taken to avoid similar accidents in future.

Verbal evidence was given at the Inquiry by 107 witnesses with a range of backgrounds including spectators, marshals, competitors, first on scene responders, police and ambulance crew, stage set up teams, event officials, organising club officials, and the MSA.

In the view of Simon (and echoed by Pete), the evidence described well organised events run by volunteers to a high standard. The depth of experience of these volunteers and their commitment to event safety, was a strong theme. The evidence of how the incidents were handled was also positive in terms of how quickly the responses were mobilised and how well they worked. The Inquiry also heard a huge amount about the behind the scenes planning and operations of events which most people never see.

As is often the case, with the benefit of hindsight, some things were identified which could have been done differently. Some of these, may develop into recommendations from the Inquiry for further consideration although the Inquiry noted how much has changed since the accidents driven by the organising clubs, then by the Scottish Government enquiry, and more recently formalised into RallyFuture.

On the subject of media coverage of the Inquiry, and recognising the role of the media is to report a story, most reporting was thought to be fair and reasonable albeit with some sensationalism and occasionally reporting parts of witness statements wildly out of context. Pete added his own comment that the daily press reports were typically no more than five sentences covering five hours of evidence. Some people within our sport focussed on points of detail, such as references to "racing" not "rallying", and to "spectators" even though one of the deceased was a photographer. While these points are technically correct, the terminology does not lessen the need to learn lessons from what happened. Simon stressed that the MSA was limited in what it could put out in any press releases during the Inquiry, and it will only provide detailed comment when the final report is published.

	<p>The Inquiry will reconvene on Thursday 28 September to hear closing submissions. This is likely to be extensively covered by the media. The Sheriff will then go away to consider his finding and any recommendations he may make. The MSA expect the judgement to be released around the end of the year but thoughts are already turning to likely themes of recommendations the Sheriff may make.</p> <p>As mentioned in both the Regional Report and the Council Report, work has progressed well on the Rally Tracking System with the MSA preferred supplier who are able to provide a working system using existing cell phone infrastructure but work on mapping and proposing a solution to the geographic gaps in that infrastructure is ongoing.</p> <p>Pete drew attention to the fact that the MSA continues to focus on volunteers with new initiatives like the monthly prize draw. He asked all member clubs to encourage their own members to renew their marshal registration as soon as possible. The MSA is keen to get as many of these done as possible before the focus turns to competition licence renewals. He mentioned the batch of renewals already sent in that had missing car stickers. Anyone affected should contact the MSA.</p> <p>The importance of motor sport events to a local community can be measured using Economic Impact Surveys. Clubs are encouraged to consider using these as part of their event planning.</p> <p>Regular items to remind clubs and their members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send any volunteer stories to the MSA for the MSA newsletter</li> <li>• Consider putting forward nominations for Club and Volunteer of the Year</li> <li>• Keep in mind the MSA development fund and look at the guidelines on the MSA website</li> </ul>	
1709/04	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b> Report distributed by email and on website. Raymond wondered whether we really need all that 8K in the bank? Should we do something with it?</p>	
1709/05	<p><b><u>Calendar Manager's Report</u></b> Get your dates in for next year, and published on the website, and notify changes, so we can try to avoid clashes. Will be particularly important avoid clashes between multi-venue stage rallies, which will require the tracking system. Only two events can be covered in any given weekend.</p>	<b>All Clubs</b>
1709/06	<p><b><u>Secretary's Report</u></b> Issued with the Agenda, and available on SACC site.</p> <p>Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year nominations required by end October. Co-drivers required for MSA Academy. Application to renew SACC's registration with MSA – proposed Glenrothes, seconded Saltire.</p> <p>Membership application received from Royal Navy and Royal Marines MSA proposed by Glenrothes seconded Dunfermline, and therefore accepted.</p>	<b>All Clubs</b>

	<p>4 Two Motorsport have resigned from SACC, having failed to run any events at Lochgelly. Venue is available, is being used as a test venue by HERO, for example.</p> <p>55 Car Club are not MSA registered and have not paid SACC subs for next year, but have not formally told us they are done. The limited company still exists..</p>	
1709/07	<p><b><u>Motor Sport Development</u></b></p> <p><b>SMS Development - Rory Bryant – bulletin published.</b> Scottish Car Show stand successful. SMS stand at Ignition in Glasgow again, over 700 passenger rides for public. New people put in touch with clubs.. SMS Academy launched. Gillian working closely with Kinngdom Off-Road motor bike club in Fife, obtained an additional £18K investment from sportScotland for a part time coach. Target to increase membership from 40 to over 300 over next 3 years.</p> <p>Club Development Day to run 26 November, Probably Stirling area Plan to work closely with 8 clubs next year.</p>	
1709/08	<p><b><u>MSA Committee Reports</u></b> Distributed with agenda/online</p> <p>(a) MSA Regional Committee – report by PW issued</p> <p>(b) Speed Committee – report from Vernon Williamson – Includes methanol fuel requires additive to make flame visible in event of a fire; Recommendation to reduce minimum age for sprints to 14 (saloons up to 1400cc) has not been accepted. Electric and hybrid cars – expect updated requirements.</p> <p>(c) Race Committee – Sandy – nothing to report from Race Committee,</p> <p>(d) Judicial – nothing to report</p> <p>(e) Cross Country Committee -no meeting</p> <p>(f) Medical Advisory – no meeting</p> <p>(g) Technical Advisory – no report</p>	
1709/09	<p><b><u>Motor Sports Council</u></b> Report from Bruce Lyle distributed and on website FIA Fire extinguisher regulations to be adopted from 2019, but existing systems will be accepted until 2022. Rally tracking system is currently not workable.</p>	
1709/10	<p><b><u>Co-ordinators Reports</u></b></p> <p>(a) Communications – post vacant. Any volunteers?</p> <p>(b) Marshalling - No report.</p> <p>(c) Student and Young Persons – report published. Since then Edinburgh have run successful karting event for freshers, Strathclyde's is tomorrow night..</p> <p>David Barlow – Jr 1000 running a training day at Knockhill 21/10, alongside Knockhill commercial taster event, to spread the word and attract new recruits. to attract public Marshals training course at same time.</p>	



	<p>(d) Web Site – Ongoing maintenance</p> <p>(e) Training. Rupert Hines report issued with agenda. Planning next year, about to start bidding for money. Need to be sure that we cover what is needed by the volunteers and the clubs. Have run a training survey, good response covering all disciplines. People want local training, which is a big challenge for small team. For complicated, expensive stuff – incident and fire – at five venues. Need feedback from clubs about needs. Intend to publish dates at end of this year, then try to stick to them.</p> <p>Need more instructors.</p> <p>Concerned about number of people who resent, and will not engage with, the new grading requirements.</p> <p>Word about upcoming training events is not reaching all the marshals.</p>	
1709/11	<p><b><u>Discipline Co-ordinators Reports</u></b> distributed with agenda and on web</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autotests – Bill Creevy got use of the bus museum between Knockhill and Dunfermline. To run Andy Wilson test next year as Nat B event.</li> <li>• Cross Country</li> <li>• Road Events– Dave MacKintosh’s report published, including championship status after five events.</li> <li>• Race – Mike How’s report published. Entries were down, some meetings lost money. New roadgoing class to be introduced next year.</li> <li>• Rally Time Trial –Gerry Potter’s report published. Gerry felt that the RTT championship had not been a success, most competitors did their local event, but were not interested in travelling to other championship rounds. Therefore he did not recommend running the championship in 2018.</li> </ul> <p>Skye had just run their event on the mainland, at Cannich (12 miles from Drumnadrochit) on private land, not FC. Rumoured 35 entries turned into 24 starters, but felt to be a success. Owners of venue are motorsport enthusiasts, talk about developing the venue, extending the road, surfacing a service area. Potential to run more events there, might build up interest?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage Rally STRC has 103 registered competitors. An additional (non-STRC) event to run at Knockhill 3<sup>rd</sup> December, a round of the Motor Sport News Circuit stage rally championship.</li> <li>• Karting – entries down, nationwide Recent event at Larkhall had 90 entries, a few years ago would have been 120-150.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>Tony Fletcher, of Ballater, a member of SMMC and a hill climber, recently deceased. Funeral Thurs 10:45 at Aberdeen Crem.</p> <p>Alison Clark talking to Maggie Barrie, Motoring Editor of Daily Record, fancied doing a rally. Arranged for her to have a ride in a couple of serious cars at Crail. Might get some more articles about grassroots motorsport published.</p>	