

**British Rally Marshals Club.**  
**Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Date:-26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**Location: - Twycross Village Hall.**

**Present: -**

Chairman-Jon Cordery, Secretary-John Jones, Derek Murphy, Eddie Brammer, Phil Smith & Mike Grantham.

**Time: -** 14:00.

**Apologies for Absence.**

Bob Wright and Robert Coursey.

**Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM (20/11/15).**

Approved: - Jon Cordery. Seconded: - Derek Murphy.

**1. Chairman's Annual Report.**

The year started early for members of the BRMC attending the Autosport International show at the NEC Birmingham in January; where we had a stand. Plans are already afoot to attend the 2018 show and we can be found on Stand 7166 in Hall 7.

The Fatal Accident Inquiry into the unfortunate incidents on the Snowman Rally (2013) and the Jim Clark Rally (2014) was published in November and is 182 pages long covering all aspects of what happened. The FAI was not about apportioning blame it was about finding out what happened and what went wrong on those two terrible days. It will take some time for the sport to absorb what is covered by the report. The Sheriff made 12 recommendations and 11 matters for consideration and whilst some of the recommendations are already covered by Rally Future they will no doubt be reviewed by the MSA in due course.

Once again, the Club was well represented on Wales Rally GB with Scott Fitzpatrick and Ian Evans and their teams organising Aberhirnant and Alwen stages respectively. As well as other members covering a variety of duties that are required to make the event a success. Congratulations to Elfyn Evans who made history by becoming the first British driver to win Britain's round of the FIA World Rally Championship in 17 years, and the first Welsh driver ever to win any event on the globe-trotting WRC calendar. Just remember that the 2018 event is at the beginning of October, as GB has changed places with Spain.

Training has been a high priority for the Club again with 164 people being trained at 4 venues across the Midlands and Wales. 2018 hopefully sees the Club returning to the University of Wolverhampton – Telford Campus, Derby University, Oxford Brookes University Oxford and Llandrindod Wells. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Motorsport Departments at the Universities concerned for their continued support and John Jones for organising these days.

Next year will see the first closed road rally in England, the **Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton** which will take place on the Sunday 22nd April 2018 and I wish Chelmsford Motor Club all the very best for a good event. Hopefully it will not be long before the Welsh Assembly enables the necessary legislation to allow

closed roads in Wales and now that the FAI report has been published the process can commence in Scotland enabling the Mull Rally to run again in its traditional format as a closed road event.

Once again, the knowledge and enthusiasm of club members has also been recognised by organising clubs across the country by selecting them to be senior officials of their events, congratulations to all those members concerned.

On a final note I would like to thank all my Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year.

## **2. Secretary's Annual Report.**

### **Training**

A total of 164 people were trained over the four days with a further 87 at Wales Rally GB training events we helped organise.

I hope everyone has received their marshals pack and 2018 sticker from the MSA.

Funding requests have been submitted to British Motor Sport Training Trust (BMSTT) for 2017.

These are:-

- Telford 25/02/2018
- Derby 18/03/2018
- Oxford 08/04/2018
- Llandrindod Wells 19/05/2018

We are informed that the MSA will be taking on the running of Stage Commander and Safety Officer training in 2018.

### **Grading**

We are continuing to work with the MSA to try and improve the grading scheme. There is still no method in place to notify the club of any upgrades. However, I am continuing to discuss this with the MSA. Unfortunately when this information is available we have nowhere to record it as the BMMC data base does not give us a functioning option to record BRMC grading information. Our membership officer and I have been trying to resolve this for the past couple of years, still with no success.

The maintenance of grades check carried out by the MSA last October seems to have had a positive reaction with many more people asking for signatures. We do need to encourage people to know where they require signatures and have the PRC filled in correctly to speed up sign procedures. Guidance notes are now available on the our web site

### **Web Site**

Our Competition Secretary now has access to the calendar to input information.

As mentioned previously there are some areas that are outdated, such as the information on the grading scheme and much of the wording in the About Us section. Some assistance in bringing the content up to date would be appreciated.

### **Registration**

The club has been registered with the MSA for 2018.

### **3. Treasurers Annual Report.**

Due to the creation of the post of National Bookkeeper for the BMMC there is no separate report. All accounts are now included in the BMMC balance sheet. This is available on request from the BMMC Treasurer.

### **4. Election of Officers.**

Under Rule K3.3 and 3.4, the National Secretary post is vacant for which John Jones seeks re-election.

**Proposed: - Jon Cordery SM1013**

**Seconded: - Bob Wright NE095**

No objections came from the room; John was duly elected.

### **5. Members Propositions.**

None were received.

**The Meeting closed at 14:50**