

**AGENDA OF GLENROTHES MOTOR SPORT CLUB LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*Date: 13th March 2018, 19:30*

*Venue: St Clair Tavern, 2 St Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, KY1 2QE*

**Present**

Steve Brown (SB)	Bob Irvine (BI)	Matt Reid (MR)
Bill Creevy (BC)	Stuart Millar (SM)	Kevin Thomson (KT)
Richard Crozier (RC)	Gordon Milne (GMi)	Martin Watterston (MW)
Ian Forgan (IF)	Graham Murray (GMu)	
Brian Heggie (BH)	Robert Ness (RN)	

**Apologies**

Alex Burns	John Rintoul
Ellya Gold	
George Hay	
Jean Hay	
Alan Kirkaldy	

**1. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting**

Approved. Proposed GMi, seconded GMu

**2. 2017/2018 Annual Reports**

**- President's Report - Ian Forgan**

Presented by RN, owing to IF's belated arrival.

Since previous AGM last April, the club has run 11 MSA permitted events.

In celebration of the event's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the club ran a multi-venue Kingdom Stages Rally for the first time in +20 years, which the vast majority of participants seemed to enjoy. This despite a challenging event with high (>50%!) attrition, perhaps owing to the summer heat and our first use of "interposed" back-to-back stages, taking its toll on cars. The club's first use of Leuchars was warmly received, drawing favourable comparisons to ADMC's use of the venue just 3 weeks earlier. During event debrief it was agreed that if we are to do a similar format again, to do so biennially at most, owing to strain on resources and the organising team.

As an added upshot, the Kingdom Junior Stages saw junior competitors enjoy having Crail to themselves for the bulk of the morning, running the entire event within approximately 3 hours.

This theme of innovation continued to November's Crail Stages Rally, where we ran a stage in darkness for the first time in recent memory. This was met with mixed reviews - we tried our best to increase delineation of the stages, but ran out of cones, and also probably require reflective flicker tape on arrows. Lapping also became problematic, with crossing headlight paths and traffic - should we repeat this attempt in the future, we could investigate running non-lapped stages, or could run same layout as the preceding stage to improve competitor stage familiarity. Otherwise the event ran well, and it was an achievement to manage 7 stages, even if the target of 8 was not quite reached - looking at running an odd number of stages may be something to look at for the future.

The Aquarius Navigational Rally and supporting Clubman event in January ran well, with one of its strongest entries in the past 6 years, and a popular route based deeper into Fife, with a start in Cupar rather than Kinross.

We also ran 4 autotests/PCAs - a demonstration at the Scottish Car Show at Ingliston in July, along with three events at Knockhill, these being a follow-up Training Autotest, and a Junior Jamboree and March Hare primarily aimed at junior drivers. These were complimented by 2 AutoSOLOs, with one again at Knockhill, albeit with a reduced entry vs the previous year, and another new venture at Leuchars in October. The latter being run in conjunction with a Supercar Scotland event, which went well, and saw us asked back for 2018.

**- Treasurer's Report - Gordon Milne**

Accounts received from Paterson Boyd & Co. The club's financial year finishes at the end of Jan, therefore the accounts presented this evening are for the period Feb '16 - Jan '17.

This was a successful period, with turnover up, owing to 2016 being the first time we ran Condor - income for

the year of ~£55,000 (entries & membership fees), with a surplus of ~£7,500. This despite us securing TV coverage for the Summer Stages Rally in '16, which bore an additional cost. We ran 2 single-venue events at Crail (both with full entries), along with the Memorial Garden Stages Rally at Condor, the Aquarius Navigational Rally, and a compliment of autotests.

MR enquired that MSA permit fees of ~£15,000 were quite high, with GMi pointing out that this is owing to us having ran more events, We also received an ~£3000 insurance rebate, owing to a low and the MSA trumpeting its record year for club rebates. This sees us having had 3 consecutive years of rebates, which make quite a significant difference to our bottom line.

Though it will be the 2019 AGM before the '17-'18 accounts are presented, GMi advised a heads up that this period will see a loss. This is owing to

- \* Expenditure of a 4-figure sum on venue repairs at Condor
- \* Reduction in entries for the multi-venue Kingdom Stages Rally
- \* Kingdom Stages Rally fleeces to marshals of £1200-1300, which seems a worthwhile investment as have been well received
- \* Procurement of signage / stage furniture for Kingdom Stages Rally to enable us to successfully run two venues at once
- \* £2000 of cones

GMi reports a healthy net cash balance in an interest bearing fund, which enables us to take more risks and be more innovative - a positive situation to be in.

#### **- Membership Secretary's Report - Matt Reid**

The club currently has 60 paid up members, which is approximately the same as at this time last year.

The majority of members have usually joined/renewed by this point, but we may get some on-the-day membership applications for the Summer and Kingdom. It is suggested that, taking a leaf of DCC, it may be worth setting up a membership table at signing-on. This is something we have not done before, but is agreed that this is a proactive step and something which we could/should do.

#### **3. Election of Directors**

**- Incumbent: Ian Forgan, Gordon Milne, Robert Ness, John Rintoul**

All 4 resigned.

GMi points out that the makeup is traditionally three office bearers plus one other.

All 4 re-elected.

#### **4. Election of Committee**

**- Incumbent: Graeme Brown, Steve Brown, Alex Burns, Bill Creevy, Richard Crozier, Ian Forgan, Bob Irvine, Alan Kirkaldy, Stuart Millar, Gordon Milne, Robert Ness, Matt Reid, John Rintoul, Kevin Thomson, Don Whyatt**

BH and MW join

In absentia, Graeme Brown, Alex Burns, Alan Kirkaldy have expressed their desire to stay on

Owing to moving away, Don Whyatt steps down

2018/2019 committee is therefore as follows:

Graeme Brown, Steve Brown, Alex Burns, Bill Creevy, Richard Crozier, Ian Forgan, Brian Heggie, Bob Irvine, Alan Kirkaldy, Stuart Millar, Gordon Milne, Robert Ness, Matt Reid, John Rintoul, Kevin Thomson, Martin Watterston

#### **5. Election of Office Bearers**

**- President**

Re-elected.

**Incumbent: Ian Forgan**

**- Vice President**

Re-elected.

**Incumbent: Robert Ness**

**- Treasurer - Incumbent**

Re-elected.

**Incumbent: Gordon Milne**

**- Secretary - Incumbent**

Re-elected.

**Incumbent: Richard Crozier**

- **Competition Secretary**                      **Incumbent: Bob Irvine**  
Re-elected.
- **Membership Secretary**                      **Incumbent: Matt Reid**  
Re-elected.
- **Chief Marshal**                                      **Situation Vacant**  
None appointed.
- **Safeguarding Officer**                      **Incumbent: Bill Creevy**  
Re-elected.
- **Media Officer**                                      **Incumbent: Bob Irvine**  
Re-elected.
- **Young Persons Representative**              **Situation Vacant**  
None appointed.

Further to his and Steven Hay's completion of the MSA Level 2 Coaching qualification, RC suggests the addition of a Club Coach position(s), to act as a go-to point for newcomers wanting to learn the basics, or current members looking to improve their skills. BI - "isn't that point of a club?" RC suspects that this may become regular / a mandatory position for MSA clubs in the future, and that it may be worth "getting ahead of the curve", and that a Club Coach is present in all other sports clubs (witness BC undertaking this role in Curling). Decided to leave this for now, with possibility to revisit in future.

**6. Appointment of Auditors**

**- Incumbent: Paterson Boyd & Co.**

GMi notes that Paterson Boyd & Co continue to do a good job for the club, and that they are also the auditors for Kirkcaldy & District Motor[cycle] Club, therefore have a good grasp of what is required. Re-appointed.

**7. Written Proposals**

None received.

**8. AOCB**

**- Club Banners**

Second club banner has gone missing at Knockhill at some point. We may get a few more for Andy Wilson.

**- Membership Form**

MR suggests could be a good idea to update membership form, to indicate whether they are a driver, navigator/co-driver, marshal, which disciplines they are interested in (stage rally, road rally, autotest), etc.

RC agrees, and that at suggestion of SACC Training Coordinator, would be good to quantify our marshalling strength, i.e. have the form ask whether or not they are an accredited marshal, what grade marshal they are, how much marshalling they've done, etc.

RC to liaise with webmaster James re: implementation.

**- Rally Future Stage Rally Safety Requirements**

GMu reiterates concerns that we need to up our game in terms of compliance with new rally safety regulations, and the need to meet with Ron Cowan to ascertain what we need to do and where we need to improve [attempts thus far hindered by weather, inc. "Beast From The East"]. Concern that one of these days we are going to get an MSA Safety Delegate appointed to one of our events, and risk getting hammered if we don't improve our Rally Future / SRSR compliance. "Day is coming when everybody on a rally is going to have to be licensed [noted . Pace of change is increasing all the time."

GMu notes numerous surprising requirements, including the suggestion of drivers to be involved in organising rally, chicanes not to be used as a slowing mechanism, etc. The topic of safety car training is raised, and the requirement as of 1/1/18 for one person in each safety car to be a licensed safety car operative - John Rintoul, IF both keen to do it, but then is offset against losing a competitor. Don't necessarily need to be a competitor - only pre-requisite for safety car training is that must be an accredited marshal. BH keen to get more involved on event organising side.

RC+RN agree on idea of having a steward+clerk in same safety car.  
For Nov, RN looking at having himself plus David Hatrick (mandatory) plus stewards in one vehicle.  
RC notes Crail likely to require minimum of two safety cars, owing to being deemed a "spectator venue".

GMI suggests that we need to lobby for a safety car training session up here [since released that nearest session will be in Penrith on 24<sup>th</sup> June]. GMI notes that a PA/tannoy on safety cars may be more effective at communicating not only with spectators, but also marshals, i.e. not having to get out of car to get things done.

GMI - "Is worth asking question - have we got the human resources to be able to do the amount of rallies we do, to the standards required?" Agreed yes, and GMU - "once you get to that standard, you're covered" [work is carryover thereafter] GMU - "As a club we're averse to going to training, you can't do that now." IF agrees - "As a club we need to step up and put more effort in. We have a very good committee, we are making progress, and I think we will move with the times. To answer GMI's question, there's more stuff we need to comply with, but there is for competitors too. GMI - "This year we're doing less events, less ambitious events, therefore giving us a chance to focus on doing events better - that is where we're at in 2018"

Ron Cowan + GMU agree on the increasing need to have bespoke role descriptors, even down to junction-specific marshal instructions. IF suggests we perhaps have a separate meeting for RallyFuture and Summer planning. IF, RC, GMI and GMU to follow up.

#### **- Local Sports Councils**

Further to approach from Kirkcaldy & Central Fife Sports Council to club Facebook page, and existing encouragement from SMS to engage with local sports councils, RC suggests looking at joining options.

Annual memberships fees are:-

East Fife - £15

Kirkcaldy & Central Fife - £10

Dunfermline & West Fife - £5

Need to ascertain potential benefits, inc. access to grant funding, promotion, etc. To be looked at during a future meeting.