



AGM – 14 December 2024.

Minutes

Attended

John Bennett, Karen Train, Keith Sanders, Tony Tolley, Jason Jarvis, Nick Humphries, Tom Claydon, Mark King, Wayne Clipstone, Ian Simpson, Darren Troake, Katie Sellick, Geoff Rushe, Ryan Aldridge, Ollie Hull, Will Hull, Roxanne Hill.

Apologies

Adrian Ford, Kelly Platt & Jake Humphries

1) Introduction

Meeting opened at 8:00pm. 2023 AGM minutes read out and agreed.

2) Chairmans' Report.

John advised what a good year it had been for SWAT with an increase in numbers at events and he thanked Jake Humphries for all the good effort he had put in on promoting the club.

John also thanked the drivers for their support and making new members feel welcome.

3) Safety Guarding Officer.

Ian confirmed he had attended Safe Guarding Officer meetings during 2024 and no issues had been reported by Motorsport UK. The main focus seems to be around karting and activities where children are involved so trialling doesn't seem to be affected. Ian did advise there has been an increase in social media bullying which currently can go unnoticed so asked members to speak up if this occurs.

John thanked Ian for his continued support in this role.

4) Treasurers Report

The Treasurer advised that all events had been profitable although a couple as little as £15 and overall the club was up on the year by approx. £380. This was largely due to the revenue generated from the passenger fee which came in at £315.

We had standardise the landowners fee to minimum of £200.

The only income we received were from members annual subscription and entry fees. Entry fees go towards Motorsport UK insurance, landowners charge, equipment and event prizes. The membership fees help with annual fees and end of year trophies and the keeper trophies.

We do have a few equipment expenses to consider in early 2025 as some of it is now beyond its best. We shall be trying fibre glass canes which will hopefully be more resilient to being run over.

5) Election of Committee

All the committee are willing to stand for another year.

Chairperson – John Bennett

Treasurer and Motorsport UK secretary - Keith Sanders

Competition Secretary – Jake Humphries

Secretary - Kelly Platt

Chief Marshall - Tony Tolly

Safeguarding Officer - Ian Simpson

6) Membership

Motorsport UK require minimum of 25

Whilst we have seen an increase in entrants at events, we have allowed drivers with a membership of another MSUK to enter without joining. This has resulted in our membership only reaching the minimum requirement in 2024 so a push is required to get drivers to join if it's not publicised as a joint event.

These are spread as 11 in Class One, 14 Class Two and none in Class Three.

KS suggested free Membership to increase numbers however it was agreed Membership to remain at £20 and entry at £30.

Passengers pay £5 and require an RS Clubman license.

KS advised he'd had an issue registering your RS Clubman license so please don't leave it to the last minute. JJ mentioned it was a bit "clunky" but it did work for him.

7) Calendar

Jake had started putting a calendar together for 2024 but some venues may need to change as only suitable if weather conditions allow.

Jan – Crossways (joint event with Woolbridge).

Feb – Binegar

March – Hemyock (if weather permits)

April – Chard

May – Timberscombe

June – Bruton

July – Beech Trees

August – West Harptree (weekend event)

September – Furley

October – Yarcombe

November – Keinton Manderville (TBC)

Calendar will be finalised in due course and posted on the website.

8) Setting Out & Marshals

John advised that we are still struggling for people to come forward and set out on Saturday it seems to be the same few each time it would be nice to have new thoughts on sections. Marshals are also key to running the events and they could not take place without these important volunteers. We're not seeing many new marshals stepping forward and it may come down to drivers marshalling each other.

Drivers were suggesting some of the gates were under the 3m ruling, this can be addressed when walking the course we have a tape measure in our equipment.

John thanked those who helped this year.

9) Health and Safety

Keith Sanders advised that whilst Ian Simpson is our Safe Guarding Officer it is not a Health & Safety role.

KS noted we had an incident this year that involved IS and that it was also the drivers responsibility to point out potential hazards as they walk the course especially if they intend to take slightly different lines.

KS is reviewing H&S information we should have on display at each event over and above the safety officer poster.

10) Trophies

John Bennett introduced Stan Johnston who came along to present the trophies as it was the first year the Paul Johnston Memorial Trophy was being awarded.

The Winners for the Class trophies for 2024 are as follows:

Class 1

Winner	Jake Humphries		
Runner Up	Jason Jarvis	2 nd Runner Up	Ollie Hull

Class 2

Winner	Wayne Clipstone		
Runner Up	Mark King	2 nd Runner Up	Ian Simpson

Class 3

None qualified

Most clears for the year

Jake Humphries

The Appreciation Trophy went to:

Karen Train

The Paul Johnston Most Improved driver (presented by Stan Johnston)

Ollie Hull

AOB

Nick Humphries said thanks for the good organisation at the Binegar Trial, we managed to finish at a respectable time and people could start their journey home in daylight. We had to split into two groups but managed to complete the final section as one group giving an opportunity for drivers to share stories of their day.

Tom Claydon requested that we post a photo of the score sheet on Facebook every month, this may not be possible all the time as it does often get messy when we are trying to add up the scores or it can get destroyed if the weather is bad.

Keith Sanders mentioned that John Kirby from Woolbridge was moving to mid Wales in 2025 and that he would be missed, we wish him all the best.

Keith Sanders advised Motorsport UK are getting more demanding for additional documentation to support our registration, we need to review our GDPR. Karen Train will try and find a template to work from.

Meeting closed at 21:20.