

Boundless by CSMA Motorsports Group

Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Motorsports Group Committee

Held on the 2nd March 2024 at 1.45 pm, Premier Inn, Rugby CV23 0WE

Present

Mike Biss (MB) Chairman / Dep Motoring Leader
Bernard Ward (BW) Secretary
Madeleine Grubb (MG) Treasurer
Pete Gregory (PG) Committee
Allan Goddard (AG) Committee
Malcolm Grubb (MG-2) Committee
Mike Harrison (MH) Committee
Ian Jarrett (IJ) AWMMC/Motoring Leader
Graham Davis (GD) WAMC Rep

1. Apologies for absence

Ally Grant (AG-Br) MemComm

2. AGM

1. Election of Officers –

All committee members agreed to continue in same roles

2. Yearly Review

MB outlined the Group's 2023 activities, and reported some event losses due to poor attendances, adding that the majority on the contactable database are 'watchers' and not participants.

[this led to a discussion about the lack of membership details (i.e. group member locations) and it was agreed that MemComm should be asked to release the heat map showing these locations as it is understood that these are readily available. This would enable better decision making on the planning of events. The committee learnt that this reluctance to provide such useful and relevant information is not restricted to the Motorsports Group but is more widespread, and agreed that a collective approach should be made to MemComm by all affected groups].

AP– BW

3. EOY Finance Report

MG referred to the report previously circulated. Noting the unexpected losses on two particular events and the need for two imprests, totalling £4,000, c.f the budget figure of £3,400.

4. Group Charter

MB signed the Charter and MG would take it to Brighton on next visit.

MB to check the committee members' details on the Groups Officer Register and submit to MemComm.

AP - MB

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last meeting

Mtg 56 – 27 November 2023 by Zoom, accepted.

4. Matters arising and outstanding actions

There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the agenda items.

AP	Action	Owner	Notes
56.1	MB to circulate IJ's draft mtg notes to committee	MB	Complete
56.2	IJ to confirm if his note regarding concerns over the website clarity has been submitted to CMG and MemComm	IJ	Action by discussion
56.3	AG to confirm Castle Combe track day in July	AG	Booked October
56.4	MH to book Silverstone track day session with a club other than MGs on Track	MH	No event, directed to other clubs
56.5	Rally Day Castle Combe AG to provide costings in advance and confirm July date	AG	No advance costs, dates secured 28/29.9
56.6	MH to confirm Goodwood track day October date	MH	21 October, £250 receiving bookings
56.7	MB to monitor the re-opening of the Ford Heritage Centre	MB	No news
56.8	Prodrive visit AG to confirm date	AG	No news
56.9	Race Retro MH to obtain details and circulate to committee	MH	Date passed, no action (Event Cancelled)
56.10	Visit to Jim Stokes workshop BW to investigate	BW	Done – 30 July

56.11	QR business cards Ally to send supply to MB	AG-Br	Done
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5. Motoring Interest Group Committee

- 5.1 IJ is intending to hold the next meeting before the summer, when all motoring groups will have held their AGMs and agreed their committees.

Action IJ to call meeting when appropriate

6. Review of Previous MSG events

- 6.1 No events held since last meeting

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7. Future MSG Events

7.1 11 May - Track Day Silverstone GP Circuit (£450)

MH explained that he has advised those with MGs or similar to join in with the MGs on Track sessions, with faster vehicles to join the other session. No MSG involvement now.

MH

N/A

7.2 30 July – Visit to Jim Stokes Workshop at Waterlooville

BW has 4 entries so far – MH agreed to publicise via the trackday database. BW own attendance can't be confirmed yet.

BW

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7.3 28/29 September Rally Day Weekend at Castle Combe

Now a two-day event. AG has secured the site (trackside) with no charge for the weekend, with spaces to display 4/5 cars plus his set-up vehicle but asked for support from the committee. MB proposed that each member displaying their cars should be required to commit to spending time on the display as this Group has a Duty of Care to enable AG to have rest periods. T&S support for those displaying was discussed.

AG

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7.4 17 October Track Day Castle Combe

AG explained that the circuit has been block booked by an electric car company and there has been difficulty in obtaining bookings but has negotiated with them for 17 October at a cost of £4,400. AG was requested to set the costing cut-off at 30 cars so that an entry fee of £150 can be charged.

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7.5 21 October Track Day Goodwood

MH has agreed with MGs on Track for an entry of 10 cars

MH

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7.6 Possible multi-activity event as suggested by Club Council

After much discussion it was decided to aim for something Spring 2025. Obtaining a suitable venue would be key to running a taster event for an autotest/autosolo combined with marshal training. IJ thought it might be possible to qualify for an MSUK Training Event contribution (80%?) Before the search for a venue it will be important to establish the demand for such an event and then negotiate effective publicity in the Magazine. It was felt that MemComm should be asked to assist with the trawl of the wider membership by using their database of ~71,000 email addresses, and through the Communique and IJ agreed to include this request in his Motoring Report to CC.

Any responses would need to have the members declare their location to assist in the search for a venue (the South Midlands could be a candidate)

Action IJ to submit report to CC

Action MG2 to sound out Bicester as a venue

8. Communications and Marketing

- 8.1 Ally has reported that MSUK cards issued for 2024 so far is 46 and the number of Facebook group members is 328 – and should anyone like more of the QR cards they can be sent out direct. Adding that as Motoring Ahead is not being produced anymore, these QR cards are replacing it. There will still be a motoring email that goes out, next one is due to go on 20/03/2024.

- 8.2 MB has received a supply of the new style business cards for use by MSG and distributed to the committee. BW suggested that some be available for use at the Brookland Member Event on 11 May. MH asked if any guided tours would be operating – not known.

- 8.3 The need for raised awareness of the motoring activities was again discussed and PG gave the example of the membership renewal letter which still failed to include anything on this subject, something which could easily be rectified should Marketing be encouraged to do it. MG, as Association Deputy Chair, agreed to take this up with the relevant persons.

Action MG to raise at Board Level

Action PG to raise at CC level

9. MSG Co-ordinators

Regional Reports

- 9.1 GD reported that the Welsh Association are having physical meetings, no problems reported and there is to be a national meeting in Llandrindod Wells.
- 9.2 MB reported that he hadn't managed to attend any AEMC Zoom meetings and a substitute rep is needed.
Action – MB to try to find a substitute
- 9.3 IJ reported that the West Midlands Association championships are going well.
- 9.4 There was a general discussion about the decision by MSUK to trial the removal of the hard copy Blue Book and thereby require all to go on-line – this would have the advantage of everything being up to date and that the user can create bespoke sections for their specific activity.
- 9.5 A further discussion ensued regarding carbon offsetting and MG-2 updated the committee on his understanding of the present situation. The FIA are driving the introduction of this requirement and MSUK are governed by this. In time a Sustainability Officer will be required per club and the running of stage rallies in Wales is the first to be required to produce their carbon emission calculations. A very complicated process, but one that all clubs will need to master. MG was mindful that Boundless was not aware of these new requirements and agreed to raise the matter initially by introducing the issue to Board.
Action IJ to produce a briefing note that MG can feed into Board for their consideration
- 9.6 IJ reported that radio licence renewals may be delayed this year and it became unclear regarding who pays what.
Action MG to check on the payment responsibilities

10. Treasurer's Report

- 10.1 The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was accepted.

11 AOB

- 11.1 The benefits of physical meetings was acknowledged by the committee who felt it would be beneficial to hold the next two meetings face to face. There may be a more central location available to us such as Gaydon or the Motorcycle Museum in B'ham and MB agreed to consider a relocation, as he had the committee location details.
Action MB to consider where would be an ideal more central location
- 11.2 For next time pro-tem the Premier Inn would be booked with an earlier start with and a buffet lunch.
Action MB to book Premier Inn for Monday 24 June

12 Dates of Next Meetings

- 12.1 Monday 24 June at Premier Inn, Rugby 12 noon start.tbc
12.2 Monday 16 September venue TBA

Signed Dated

Action List - Meeting 57 - held on 2 March 2024

AP	Action	Owner	Notes
57.1	BW to approach MemComm re heat maps	BW	
57.2	MB to process Groups Officer Register	MB	
57.3	IJ to arrange Motoring meeting	IJ	
57.4	IJ to include the comms issue in his Motoring Report to CC	IJ	
57.5	MG-2 to sound out Bicester for multi-event location	MG-2	
57.6	MG to raise Renewal Letter awareness issue at Board level	MG	
57.7	MB to try for a replacement AEMC rep	MB	
57.8	IJ carbon offset briefing note to MG > note to Board?	IJ/MG	
57.9	MG to check on payment responsibilities re radio licence renewals	MG	
57.10	MB using committee locations to determine central mtg point	MB	
57.11	MB to book Premier Inn for Mon 24 June	MB	