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## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007 AT NFU MUTUAL, TIDDINGTON ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON.

### 1. Denis Bourne opened the meeting at 10.30am

Welcome and thank you to everyone for coming today. Thanks again to NFU for providing us with these facilities. All delegates are reminded that this is an office block and therefore no smoking on the premises.

### 2. Apologies for absence were received from:

Dennis Wright – P&D LRC, Andrew Flanders – Anglian LRC, Roger Hill-Cottingham – 101FC&R, Paul Walton – NERO, Alison Thompson – South Coast LROC and Mark Freeman – Somerset & Wilts LRC.

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Under Chairman's Report biannual should read biennial.

The minutes were then proposed by Paul Barton, seconded by Dave Canham, agreed unanimously and signed as a true record by Denis.

### 4. Matters arising from previous minutes (*unless covered elsewhere*)

a. Radiator Badges – Ongoing – Southern United have still to be visited by Sandra but windscreen stickers, tool box stickers and also lapel badges have been ordered. The windscreen and tool box stickers are to be donated to the members packs for the National Rally. Also at the National Rally new numbered cane tops are to be tried out with the view of supplying them to member clubs in the future as a one off gift if they are deemed suitable.

b. Child Protection Policy – The MSA make no mention of this in the blue book but have sent out an amendment to licence holders. A Child Protection Policy does appear in the ALRC 2007 Handbook.

c. Privilege Events – This was discussed and a proposal put forward to the ALRC Council to alter from three to five per year. This has been agreed and clubs notified. Simone has asked for feedback on the numbers of none ALRC entrants compared to ALRC ones. Clubs are reminded this is for a trial period only.

### 5. Chairman's Report – Denis Bourne

Denis was sad to announce the recent death of Alan Smart, following a brief illness and treatment for Cancer. Alan was the Secretary of the Discovery Owners Club; he was a real Land Rover enthusiast and enjoyed everything to do with the brand. Alan was a perfect gentleman and it was always a pleasure to meet up with him and discuss his latest projects. Denis and Sandra both attended his funeral. There was a parade of at least sixty Discovery's to escort Alan to his resting place. We offer our condolences to his wife Janet.

Denis reported that throughout the last twelve months he had attended and chaired the AGM, EGM's, the S&ORC and Council meetings. Some of the Christmas period was spent working with Sandra to assist Steve Kirby with the proof reading of the new handbook.

Denis thanked all the clubs for their support during this last year. He also thanked the Council members for their work and support, it is nice to have such a good team who are all committed to the Land Rover club scene.

During the last year Denis and Sandra represented the ALRC at both the Land Rover Enthusiast Show and the Land Rover World Show, thanks to the other members who manned the stand at these weekends.

Denis and his family had also been involved with the organisation of the 2006 Heritage Run which was greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended, thanks to Sue and Ian Foster for their help with marshalling.

ALRC membership certificates for 2007 were handed out to all renewing clubs.

## 6. Secretary's Report – Simone Birch

- a. Several e-mails received from the Camel Trophy Owners Club re attending two shows over the same weekend – Kelmarsh and Billing. Academic now as Kelmarsh has been cancelled but it has drawn clubs attention as to the number of shows being run and the fact that magazines are out to score points from each other!
- b. Enquiry from Essex LRC re two of their members becoming log book scrutineers. No CV's or further correspondence received from the club although the club secretary has stated that they are not being sponsored or endorsed by the club.
- c. MSA webshop set up for volunteers in motorsport. You will be able to have club logos etc added to items to be purchased.
- d. Request from LARA asking to information on number of events and membership totals with regard to them changing their future funding. Unable to give individual club details. See Tony's report.
- e. Findings of the MSA Motor Sports Council upholding the appeal from Matthew Pine re his vehicles rear suspension circulated to all clubs. See S&ORC report.
- f. Certificate of Registration 2007 received from the MSA together with the Blue Books and cashback of £107.61.
- g. ALRC minutes and agenda and 2006 Accounts sent to all clubs for the AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- h. The MSA have clarified membership status in the current Blue Book Page 88 of the MSA Blue Book states "Registered member of a Club. Any Member of a Club, other than an Honorary Member, who has been duly elected and accepted for membership for at least 12 months or the balance of the club's current membership year. Any form of membership that permits the holder to compete in club events, must also entitle such a member to be present and vote at General Meetings of the Club". Clubs may have to alter there criteria of membership to comply with this.
- i. Details of ACCEO Public Liability insurance passed on to Series II club and NERO. This is included in the ALRC 2007 Handbook and is available for all member clubs with very competitive quotes for public liability insurance.
- j. Rule Change Proposals sent to all clubs for voting on by AGM.
- k. I know that several clubs have had problems with how to go about rejecting a vehicle at scrutineering. There is a "Scrutineers Vehicle Reject Form" available on the MSA web site or clubs could devise their own for use to give competitors outlining the reasons for the vehicle not passing. If items wrong are picked up at club level then it is often much easier to sort out then at the larger Interclubs.
- l. MSA Motorsport Safety Fund 5 in 1 CD received together with a First Aid quiz.

### Club Secretary changes.

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- Hants & Berks RO – Angela Ellis, 26 Khandala Gardens, Purbrook, Hants, PO7 5UA. 02392 268114. [ellisrover@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ellisrover@yahoo.co.uk)

Recently there has been correspondence from a retired club secretary who had stood down but was still receiving all the information as I had not been notified of any change by his club. After a club has held their AGM the committee details should be sent to Simone so that contact details can be updated. Unfortunately this means that the details will not be correct in the 2007 ALRC Handbook and this could have been avoided.

## 7. Treasurers Report – Derek Spooner

Main outgoings were:- £2625 LARA subs, £1942 Expenses, £106.58 Flags and Trophy Insurance. £129 LARA Law Review. £108 ACCEO Membership & £400 Rights of Way Donation to Green Lane Association for setting up meeting with MP.

Incoming:- £12015 Subscriptions. £180 Logbooks. £107.61 MSA refunds

Still some clubs to pay

The Inland Revenue sent us a fine of £100 for CCMSA which has been appealed. This has now been successful. The Auditors suggest that they become the Registered Office. I don't agree myself. The Registered Office to remain as it is.

Main variance , Income up 3K due to 3years National rally in one year and expenses down £13.3K yearbooks and £5K LARA donation fighting fund , Single Payment

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Derek and accepted unanimously by the meeting. Also Four Oaks Taxation and Accounting Services Ltd were approved to prepare the 2007 accounts.

## 8. Election of ALRC Management Team

(To comply with Memorandum & Articles – one third must stand for re-election)

To the ALRC Council under the three year rotation system Tony Kempster, Paul Barton, Derek Spooner and Simone Birch were proposed by Murray Wiltshire, seconded by Zam Alexander and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Sue Foster was proposed by Dave Canham, seconded by Murray Wiltshire and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

June & Jack Green are wishing to stand down from the position of Show & Displays Co-ordinator. At this time the role will be managed by our Secretary.

To the ALRC S&ORC – Malcolm Whitbread, Melvyn Rose, Andrew Flanders and Kevin Wrigley are due by the three year rotation system to be voted on again.

As Kevin Wrigley is not a member of an ALRC club he is not eligible. Simone has been unable to contact him by telephone so she has written to him asking that he return any tags and paperwork held as he can no longer carry on as a log book scrutineer

Malcolm Whitbread is not eligible to stand as a S&ORC member as we do not know if he is a member of an ALRC club at this time.

Andrew Flanders and Melvyn Rose were proposed for acceptance by Paul Barton, seconded by Dave Canham and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

The following nominations were also made:

Colin Gaukroger was proposed by Paul Barton, seconded by Zam Alexander and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Dave Moore was proposed by Tim Linney, seconded by Steve Murphy and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

## 9. New Club Applications

New Club application – Liverpool LROC – Secretary – Samantha Leight, 1 Rawcliffe Road, Walton, Liverpool, L9 1AN. [samantha.leight@btinternet.com](mailto:samantha.leight@btinternet.com)

The clubs chairman, Paul Leight introduced himself and gave this description of club activities.

Liverpool LROC was established in April 1994 and has steadily grown; we now have just under 100 members from all over the region.

The club engages in many activities such as Green Lane driving, Vehicle shows, Camping.

Caravanning, BBQ's and off road driving at specialist sites. There is a real family atmosphere at events and at our club meetings with many members bringing the whole family along.

The club is affiliated to GLASS and we fully implement their guidelines for off-road driving.

At the Woodvale International Rally 2006, Liverpool LROC took first place in the club category as featured in LRE, LRM, and LRO magazines.

We have an active and up to date website: <http://www.llroc.co.uk> .

Acceptance of the club to join the ALRC was proposed by Ted Marsay, seconded by Melvyn Rose and agreed unanimously. They were welcomed to the Association by Denis and signed the declarations on Caravan Rallies, MSA membership and rules / Resolutions during the lunch break.

## 10. Result of voting on Rule Change Proposals

14 eligible competitive clubs voted on the rule change proposals with 3 non-competitive clubs also voting on proposal (d). There were a total of 28 competitive clubs and 9 non-competitive clubs in the ALRC able to vote on these proposals and voting forms were sent to all member clubs.

a. I propose a change to rule B.19.2.e as follows

e) Any safety equipment that does not enhance the performance or capabilities of the vehicle. This may include roll-bars, under-body protection, relocation cones, etc.

**For – 8, Against – 6**

b. New Rule: D.1.5

Vehicles shall be fitted with a braking system capable of holding them while parked. It shall be activated by a single operation and shall be external to the engine and gearbox.

**For – 12, Against – 2**

c. Section Q - Point to Point & Team Recovery Competition Regulations

Q.1. PASSENGERS

Q.1.1. *Point to Point* One passenger / navigator, over the age of 16 years, is allowed per vehicle.

Q.1.2 Team Recovery No vehicle at any time may carry a passenger.

Q.2. TOW ROPES

Q.2.1. Vehicles must not be connected at the start or finish, and all equipment used must be completely contained within the vehicles.

Q.3. ENTRIES

Q.3.1 Minimum entry for any class to be 3 teams.

Q.4 TEAMS

Q.4.1 Point to Point A team shall comprise two vehicles

Q.4.2. Team Recovery A team shall comprise two vehicles and two drivers.

Q.4.3. Each team shall nominate a captain.

**For – 11, Against – 2, Abstention – 1**

- d. Club and Individual Proposal must be discussed by the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee at, at least three meetings before being passed by the scrutineers to be proposed at the July meeting. The proposer must also attend the three meetings.

**For – 7, Against – 9, Abstention – 1**

The first 3 rule change proposals will now go to the ALRC Council for them to consider for ratification with the last one not being considered as the motion failed.

## 11. Section Reports

### a. Caravan Secretary – Simone Birch

49 permits issued for 2007.

The renewal of the Exemption Certificate for Caravanning is due on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007. As soon as the handbooks are received the application will be sent. DEFRA are also offering to tie in the Camping Exemption so that they both have same expiry date on them which will be easier than having two separate dates.

### b Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner

The Land Rover Classic club 'of Germany', have paid seems they have similar problems to us with communication..

Land Rovers of Switzerland have lost their President. He died in October last year but I only heard just before Christmas. I had a very nice letter from his wife thanking all the Land Rover owners who had been so much of his life. I plan to visit their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event later in the year. 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Deutscher Land rover club didn't pay last year but have stated they will pay the two years this year. Sweden Club also has its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be coming over to visit around 16<sup>th</sup> May, unfortunately a week before our National. Their event in Sweden is 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August. Krister Bergkknut. Their founder, came to visit me and others and spoke at our Council meeting last month. One item of concern was use of and Rover Logo. We agreed to just let things settle with LR and see what happens. I think we were all impressed on how committed they are to the brand.

### c. Non Competitive Clubs Co-ordinator – Sue Foster

First can I give you my apologies for not attending this AGM. Ian and I set of last night to stay with friends in Stratford so I could get here this morning but we broke down at Keele services with a seized water pump and had to be brought home on the back of an AA wagon.

I do not have a lot to report on this time really. The booking forms for the Gaydon weekend are now available and have been sent to the clubs. I have not heard about the Heritage run but maybe Denis has some details about that. I have put a bit in the ALRC news about the trophies that non-competitive motors could win at the Nationals, so I hope L & C get a few more entries.

All the usual show events seem to be on this year except for LRO pulling out of shows altogether, so at the moment there will be no event over the August bank holiday weekend. If any one has an idea for a venue where we can hold an All Rover weekend can they let me know please.

Once again my apologies for not attending this meeting and if any one has any questions please feel free to contact me

### d. Countryside Access – Tony Kempster

Following the loss of about 50% of vehicular RoW as a result of the NERC Act which resulted in all RUPPs in England and Wales being reclassified as restricted byways [RBs], which are not open to vehicles, GLASS proposed that LARA should engage in parliamentary lobbying involving an MP to try to protect the remaining network of vehicular RoW. The five LARA members who represent recreational drivers agreed to this proposal. However, the MCIA was adamantly against the proposal as were the MSA. The MCIA also stated they would cease their membership if LARA became involved in parliamentary lobbying.

Therefore, to avoid a break-up of LARA, the five members representing recreational drivers [GLASS, TRF, BMF, ALRC, AWDC] formed a sub-group separately from LARA, attended by Tim Stevens. The sub-group, organised by GLASS, held a series of three meetings with an MP who gave a useful insight of the workings of parliament and suggested effective ways of influencing the right people. The ALRC Council agreed to donate £400 to GLASS for their initiative in setting up the group.

GLASS has decided that they would involve the MP in future lobbying and invite other recreational organisations to join them to form an independent group that would report to LARA. The MP would charge a fee for his participation so a membership subscription would be required. I understand that GLASS, TRF and BMF have decided to form a group. The ALRC Council decided against membership as the cost would be in addition to the LARA subscription.

The AWDC has indicated its intention to 'phase out' its involvement in RoW issues. LARA is considering alternative and perhaps more equitable ways of funding its operations. The present 'flat rate' subscription applies to all members including the two controlling bodies of motor sport, the MSA and ACU. Various suggestions were put to the steering committee including subscriptions based on total organisation membership, events held, number of clubs, etc. Subscriptions will be discussed at the LARA AGM in May. Regarding the NERC Act, LARA is currently seeking a legal opinion on challenging certain aspects of the Act and the actual meaning of some of its sections. It has been agreed to include an article on LARA in the National Rally programme. Also, the ALRC Council has decided that Tim Stevens and Alan Kind should be invited to attend the National which would enable them to speak directly to club members about LARA, SPS issues, NERC, etc. Regarding the Single Payment Scheme for farmers, DEFRA has recently issued general information on cross compliance and I have suggested to Murray that this could be put on the ALRC website.

#### **e. National Rally Liaison Officer – Sandra Bourne**

The 2007 National Rally preparations is well under way and entries are coming in faster now. I have written to all the winners of the 2006 trophies requesting them to be returned to me by this Meeting. I have been given a few so far today and two have arrived through the post. I will need to contact the winners who have not returned them yet again. I have had confirmation from Blanche at N.F.U. that they are able to supply 1 – 30ft x 50ft marquee, 10 round tables and 50 chairs, they will arrive and set the marquee up on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and collect it on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. I have asked Lincs & Ches. For a contact name and number to pass to Blanche for the final arrangements to be made. Campers may stay on the site at an additional nightly fee until 12 noon on Friday. Regarding the 2008 National – Richard Banks the Chairman of Midland Rover Owners Club has been in contact by email and by telephone recently and he assures me everything is going along O.K. – Land is booked – he had a meeting with Land Rover Experience regarding a different location for the comp. Safari, it was felt Bronsil was a little close to the English Nature Offices. The 2008 National will be a normal National Rally, he praised the running of the Southern event at Copford and would like theirs to run on the same lines. Members will be able to stay on after the rally for as long as they wish at additional costs. Richard Smith, Event Director for the 2008 National Rally is present today for any questions. I am now looking for Clubs who wish to host the A.L.R.C. 2009 National Rally onwards to volunteer. Cornwall and Devon LRC have expressed an interest in hosting the rally in 2010. If any Club wishes to receive a copy of our C.D. on National Rallies please contact me.

#### **f. Press and Publicity & g. ALRC news – Paul Barton**

Paul has been very busy due to work commitments recently. New edition due out shortly, Paul requests that club keep him up to date with calendars so that they can be advertised accordingly.

#### **h. Company Liaison – Denis Bourne**

Unfortunately not a lot to report. Correspondence with Land Rover has dried up and we are hopeful that this is not indicative of their proposed support for us.

#### **i. MSA Liaison – Colin Gaukroger**

Main changes are name of Off Road Committee to Cross Country Committee. Competition Licences are now in new format of photocard licence. MSA are also now moving to a 24/7 Customer Service enquiry line.

Colin has had some correspondence with MSA regarding the tribunal regarding radius arms. Roll cages are still being discussed – at some length...

#### **j. Shows and Displays – June & Jack Green**

June and Jack Green have held this post for many years, and are now standing down. A vote of thanks was proposed by Denis and a letter of thanks from the council will be sent.

#### **k. S&ORC – Steve Kirby**

Some notes from the recent S&ORC meeting.

What is the ruling on Bumper bolts.

We decided that the scrutineers should judge if the bumper is securely attached, and if it is then the vehicle could compete.

Use of front radius arms on rear axle.

The setup used on Matt Pine's vehicle was viewed by the committee as not being acceptable. Matt appealed to the MSA who decided that the setup was allowable under ALRC rules. The ALRC was not invited to participate in the appeal. This matter is still being reviewed.

Freelander "Special" on Discovery Chassis.

This vehicle is not acceptable because a Freelander should not have a chassis. Furthermore, this particular vehicle has composite bodywork which is not acceptable. The rules permit only the bonnet to be composite instead of metal.

Enquiry from club member using rear braces attachments other than shown in the ALRC handbook and the MSA yearbook.

The committee agreed that the ALRC will issue a log book on condition that the MSA issue a certificate for the cage.

Roll-bar base-plates.

Roll-bar baseplates are now allowed to be 3mm. The following clarification was issued:-

"Roll cage base plates where the base plate is welded either directly to the chassis or a previously fully enclosed extension / turret, 3mm is permitted. Side spreaders attached in the above manner may also be 3mm. In all other cases, the plate shall be 6mm thick."

New legislation for child seat belts.

This applies to Tyros. If child is less than 12 years old and is less than 4'5" / 135cm they will need a booster seat or full child seat. Simone has more details if needed.

Rule change proposals: The closing date for new rule change proposals is 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

#### **I. CCMSA Coordinator – Andrew Neaves**

Only the usual requests from Nottingham LR Club received to date.

#### **m. Handbook – Steve Kirby**

The 2007 handbooks are now printed and have been sent to all clubs.

#### **n. Webmaster – Murray Wiltshire**

ALRC site is now up and running for the last few months, hopefully a bit simpler and easier to use.

Have an events page and all ALRC clubs are welcome to advertise their events accordingly.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

a. Challenge Events: Ted Marsay mentioned that some vehicles have diff locks fitted (none ALRC) and want to compete – can they – answer is no.

b. Tom Barton Trophy : Clubs were requested to consider nominations from their members for this trophy and submit these to Simone.

c. Rolling age for Road fund Tax exemption on vehicles: Can the ALRC help? Although we are not in a position to actively lobby at the moment we will distribute this item and the link to the government website on our website and mention it in ALRC news.

d. Tim Linney took the opportunity to thank the council and committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months, these thanks were echoed by those attending. The Chairman responded.

**13. Date of Next Meeting – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007.**

**14. The meeting closed at 14.50.**