



SAFERMOTORSPORT

# BRITISHMOTORSPORT MARSHALS' CLUB



---

---

## MARSHALS' POST

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH WEST REGION OF THE  
BRITISH MOTORSPORT MARSHALS' CLUB

The contents included in this publication do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or the BMMCLtd

[www.marshals.co.uk](http://www.marshals.co.uk)

MOTORSPORTS ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED

FOUNDED 1957

---

---

**2 - Chairman's Thoughts**

**4 - Notice of the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM of the BMMC**

**9 - Notice of the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM of the BRMC**

**10 - SW Region Committee 2016**

# The Chairman's Chat

Wendi Batterson, South West Chairman .....

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – October 2016

Dear SW Members

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the SW region held a Kart Marshal Training day at Boscombe Aviation Museum, near Salisbury. Although only a handful of marshals attended it was a huge success. As you can see we had a mock up kart on fire to put out. We all got to play with the various extinguishers including a carbon monoxide extinguisher which unless used properly can give you freezer burn if you inadvertently touch it when discharging it as it gets really, really cold. The other interesting fact about that particular extinguisher is that it can give you a static shock if you try to take it from someone without having earthed it first by putting it on the ground.

With just a small number of marshals attending we had some lively debates and discussions about flags, first marshal on scene and indeed even about report writing and radio procedure. Overall the day was a huge success and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the all those people who attended either as instructors or indeed the marshals that made it such an enjoyable day.



Our next training day event will be a speed marshal training, again being held at Boscombe Aviation Museum due to the fact they have a licensed fire ground for practical fire training. The use a licensed or certified fire ground is what will be required going forward in respect of training so as not to fall foul of land contamination issues and HSE.

I'd like to thank George Copeland for his article in last month's newsletter and again ask members if they have any stories or articles you would wish to see in our newsletters to forward them to our Newsletter Editor Kaz Connolly will look forward to hearing from you. You can contact her on [sw.news@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sw.news@marshals.co.uk)

Next year will be the Club's Diamond Anniversary, so again if you have any ideas of a social evening we could organise in the SW region you would wish to attend please send me your thoughts or indeed any other ideas you may have for marking the celebration.

All the best and stay safe.

*Wendi Batteson*  
South West Chairman  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club



Founded 1957

MSA recognised No. 120522

# British Motorsports Marshals' Club

THE marshals' club

Website: [www.marshals.co.uk](http://www.marshals.co.uk)

## Notice of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the British Motorsports Marshals' Club

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of the British Motorsports Marshals' Club Limited (previously known as the British Motor Racing Marshals' Club Ltd) will take place at the The Leeds Marriott Hotel, 4 Trevelyan Square, Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 6ET. on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 1:30pm.

### Draft Agenda

- Agree the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> AGM of BMMC Ltd dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015
- Matters Arising
- Resolutions – That clause D.2.1 of the Clubs Rules, namely:-
- “ The annual subscription for membership shall fall due on 1st January each year. New members joining on or after 1st July shall pay 50% of the appropriate subscription rate. For those joining (or renewing) on or after 1st October payment of the full appropriate subscription shall provide membership for the remainder of that year and the year after. Acceptable methods of payment are shown on membership application and renewal forms”

be amended as follows:-

“The annual subscription for membership shall fall due on 1st January each year. For those joining (or renewing) on or after 1st October payment of the full appropriate subscription shall provide membership for the remainder of that year and the year after. Acceptable methods of payment are shown on membership application and renewal forms.”

**Proposed: C Hobson, Chairman Seconded: S Woolfe, Secretary**

- Chairman's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- *Reports from fellow Directors (Regional Chairmen, & Special Interest Group Chairman) and Executive Officers will be contained in an Annual Report published on the website and circulated to all members.*
- Appointment of Accountants
- Ratification of Election of New Chairperson – *In accordance with Club Rule J.3.2 Chris Hobson, Chairman, retires on rotation and does not offer himself for re-election – As there was more than one candidate to succeed the Chairman a*

*national ballot was necessary; the members are asked to ratify the result of that ballot.*

- Annual Awards:
  - BMMC Marshal of the Year – Unipart Trophy
  - BMMC New Marshal of the Year – John Nicol Trophy
  - BMMC Cadet Marshal of the Year
  
- Any Other Business

PLEASE NOTE THE CLAUSE BELOW AND ANY SUCH RESOLUTIONS NEED TO BE WITH STEVE WOOLFE, NATIONAL SECRETARY BY SUNDAY NOV 6TH - [nat.secretary@marshals.co.uk](mailto:nat.secretary@marshals.co.uk)

**consider any resolution proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and lodged with the club secretary 28 days prior to the AGM**

**Resolutions** – The Directors of BMMC Ltd met on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and agreed to propose the following at the 2015 Annual General Meeting:

### **Changes to Articles of Association**

1. **Article 13 Force Majeure** – It was agreed that the three officers of the club should retain the right to make decisions in the face of *Force Majeure* but that a financial limit should apply at £2000 per transaction. It is therefore proposed that Article 13 be amended to read:

***Article 13 - In exceptional circumstances, where urgent decisions are required, the three officers of the club may reach a majority decision by any means; such decisions to be ratified by a majority of the other directors at the earliest opportunity. Financial decisions made in this manner will be limited to a sum per transaction agreed by the directors from time to time.***

2. **Article 17 Quorum for council meetings** – As executive officers are no longer required to attend every council meeting it would be easily impossible for a meeting to be quorate. It is therefore proposed that Article 17.1 be amended to read:

***Article 17 - 75% of the directors or their designated deputies shall form a quorum***

3. **Articles 30, 31 & 32 Expulsion from the club** – As currently drafted a member expelled from the club has a right of appeal to an extraordinary general meeting. The directors felt this was excessive and that the decision to expel members for misconduct should fall to the regions with a right of appeal to the directors. It is therefore proposed to amend Articles 30, 31, & 32 as follows:

***Article 30 - Termination of membership***

- 1) ***A member may resign from the club by giving written notice at any time.***
- 2) ***Membership is not transferable.***
- 3) ***A person's membership terminates when that person dies or ceases to exist.***
- 4) ***On termination of membership the member must, on request from a director, return all badges and regalia depicting the club logo to the club.***

***Article 31 – Expulsion from the club***

- 1) ***BMMC regions and special interest groups reserve the right to expel any member for misconduct or a breach of the rules of the club***
- 2) ***If a region or special interest group feels that the conduct of a member is prejudicial to the interests of the club or has damaged the reputation of the club, the chairman of that region or special interest group shall invite that member to resign.***
- 3) ***If the member refuses to resign within fourteen days of receipt of the invitation, the regional/special interest group secretary will invite their committee by any means to vote on the matter.***
- 4) ***If at least 80% of the committee members vote for expulsion the member shall be expelled except in accordance with article 32.***

**5) The regional/special interest group chairman will write to the member setting out the reasons for the decision and informing them of their right of appeal**

**6) A member expelled under this Article shall forfeit all rights in, and claim upon, the club and its property and the subscription of such member for the current year shall be deemed forfeit.**

**32. Right of appeal against expulsion**

**1) Any member expelled from the club in accordance with article 30.4 has the right of appeal to the directors.**

**2) The member must exercise their right of appeal by giving notice to the club secretary within 48 hours of receipt of the notice of expulsion and setting out the grounds of their appeal.**

**3) The club secretary will present the directors with the facts and call for a vote on the matter within ninety days of the receipt of the appeal.**

**4) For the member to be re-instated at least 80% of the directors shall need to vote against their expulsion.**

**4. Article 43 Proposing resolutions** – Article 43.1 requires that resolutions proposing changes to articles or club rules should be lodged with the secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> August and article 43.2 requires general resolutions be with the secretary 28 days prior to the AGM. The directors felt there should be a common deadline for the submission of all resolutions it is therefore proposed that article 43 be amended to read:

**Article 43 – Any resolution put forwarded for consideration at the annual general meeting must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and lodged with the club secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM**

**5. Article 49 Presenting Accounts** – Article 49.2 implies that the club's income and expenditure balance sheet must be audited. The Companies House Act 2006 entitles "small" companies such as BMMC Ltd exemption from "audit" and the Directors believe the club should take advantage of this. The Directors have approved a set of Financial Control procedures that are considered appropriate for the management and control of the club financials combined with the support of an independent bookkeeper. It is therefore proposed that article 49.2 be amended to read:

**Article 49.2 – The treasurer shall submit to the annual general meeting an account showing the income and expenditure for the year and a balance sheet duly prepared by suitably qualified accountants and as filed at Companies House.**

## Changes to Club Rules

6. **Rule J2.3** refers to the appointment of auditors. Whether the club accounts are audited or unaudited the process should be carried out by qualified accountants it is therefore proposed that Rule J2.3 should read:

***J2.3 to appoint, employ and remunerate qualified accountants or other servants and agents as may seem necessary from time to time; and terminate any such appointments or employment as required.***

7. **Rules K3.1 a) & b)** restricts the number of committee members in each region to 14. It was agreed that the number of committee members in a region should be left to the Chairman to determine and each member should have a right to vote either through a nominated proxy or in person. It is therefore proposed that Rule K3.1 should read:

***K3.1 the regional committee shall consist of:***

1. *Regional officers – i.e. Chairman, secretary & treasurer (optional)*
2. *Together with the appropriate number of committee members the regional officers decide are needed to serve the region.*

8. **Rule M.1.1** specifies that the national AGM should be held no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. Further, M.1.1.a implies the accounts should be audited which is not consistent with previous proposals and does not allow the Directors the freedom to choose audited or unaudited accounts. The directors agreed that Rule M.1.1 should be amended to read:

***M.1.1. The club shall hold an Annual General Meeting of the members each year but no later than the second weekend in December to:***

- a) ***Receive the balance sheets and accounts for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December previous as prepared by qualified accountants.***
- b) ***Receive from the officers of the club a report of club activities during the preceding year.***
- c) ***Elect officers of the club to replace those who have retired or are up for re-election in accordance with Rule J.3.4.***
- d) ***Consider any resolution proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and lodged with the club secretary 28 days prior to the AGM.***

9. **Rule N.4.** refers to the club's auditors which is not consistent with the previous proposals. The directors agreed Rule N.4. should be amended to read:

***N.4. The club treasurer shall report to each council meeting details of financial balances and any other financial matters, in a form approved by the directors. The club treasurer shall be responsible for annual VAT returns and for the prompt submission of year end data, provided by the club bookkeeper, to the club's accountants for statutory accounts and reports to be prepared for presentation at the club's annual general meeting.***



NOTICE OF THE BRITISH RALLY MARSHALS CLUB'S  
THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of The British Rally Marshals Club's 36<sup>th</sup> A.G.M.  
To be held at Twycross Village Hall, Burton Rd. Twycross,  
Leicestershire. CV9 3PR.  
on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Commencing at 1400Hrs.

## AGENDA

1. Apologise for absence
2. Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> AGM (29 Nov 15)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Members Propositions

In accordance to rule K3.3 and 3.4 the Treasurer and One committee post are up for renewal.

Written nominations duly proposed and seconded shall be in the hands of the National Secretary not less than 7 (seven) days before the AGM date, together with the intimation that the nominee is willing to serve.

Paid up members only of BMMC/BRMC

Members propositions should be seconded and lodged with the Secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) days prior to the AGM.

Signed John Jones (National Secretary)

Issued 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## South West Region

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Grading Officer</b>
<p>Wendi Batteson 90 Huntsmoor Road Tadley Hants RG26 4BX Tel: 0118 327 6345 Mobile: 07818 411367 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.chair@marshals.co.uk">sw.chair@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Mike Gilmore 14 Milton Close Basingstoke Hants RG24 9BT Tel: 01256 466418 Mobile: 07880 945646 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.secretary@marshals.co.uk">sw.secretary@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Chris Drew 34 Bredy Close Canford Heath Poole, Dorset, BH17 9JP Tel: 01202 657909 Mobile: 07910 933588 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.grading@marshals.co.uk">sw.grading@marshals.co.uk</a></p>
<b>Membership &amp; Regalia Secretary</b>	<b>Competitions Secretary</b>	<b>Training Officer</b>
<p>Paul Wiltshire 23 Lansdown Close Melksham Wilts SN12 7JR Tel: 01225 703419 Mobile: 07846 934919 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.volco@marshals.co.uk">sw.volco@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Paul Wiltshire 23 Lansdown Close Melksham Wilts SN12 7JR Tel: 01225 703419 Mobile: 07846 934919 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.members@marshals.co.uk">sw.members@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Alex Hodgkinson 25 Tamerton Close Plymouth PL5 4JX Tel: 01752 790684 Mobile: 07941 005049 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.training@marshals.co.uk">sw.training@marshals.co.uk</a></p>
<b>Recruitment Officer</b>	<b>Rally Representative</b>	<b>Webadmin Administrator</b>
<p>Chris Turrall 51b Station Road, Netley Abbey Southampton SO31 5AE Tel: 023 8045 7180 Mobile: 07857 484669 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.recruiting@marshals.co.uk">sw.recruiting@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Stephen Biggs 76 Copse Lane Ilton, Ilminster TA19 9HQ Tel: 01460 259208 Mobile: 07712 069558 Email: <a href="mailto:magicknight@btinternet.com">magicknight@btinternet.com</a></p>	<p>Adrian Rangepcroft 186 Woodlands Road Woodlands Southampton, Hants, SO40 7GL Telephone: 02380 293107 Mobile: 07747 855469 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.webadmin@marshals.co.uk">sw.webadmin@marshals.co.uk</a></p>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Social Media &amp; PO</b>	
<p>Kaz Connolly 21 Heron Road Benson Wallingford OX10 6DN Mobile: 07949 026899 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.news@marshals.co.uk">sw.news@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	<p>David Patrick 72 Bracken Crescent Bishopstoke Eastleigh, Hants SO50 8ND Telephone: 02380 695309 Mobile: 07739 795520 Email: <a href="mailto:sw.media@marshals.co.uk">sw.media@marshals.co.uk</a></p>	