



## **British Motorsports Marshals Club**

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

**British Motorsports Marshals Club Limited**

**Minutes of The 63<sup>rd</sup> AGM – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Held as Zoom Meeting**

### **Present**

Council Members

Nadine Lewis, Paul Wiltshire, Colin Barnes, Jayne Poston, Robert Coursey, Mike Broadbent, Bob McEwan, Chris Whitlock, Alex Hodgkinson, John Cordery, Peter Lawton, Dave Smithson, Rob Murgurian, Sean Clarke.

### **Members**

Graham Ellis, Chris Hobson, Steve Watson, Stephen Woolfe, George Copeland, June Copland, Bridget Broadbent, Tom Carroll, Anthony Curran, Tim Bendelow, Dave Eley, Chris Gwilliam, James Reynolds, Ian Buckley, Margaret Simpson. Peter Roberts. Ian Lewis.

### **Apologies**

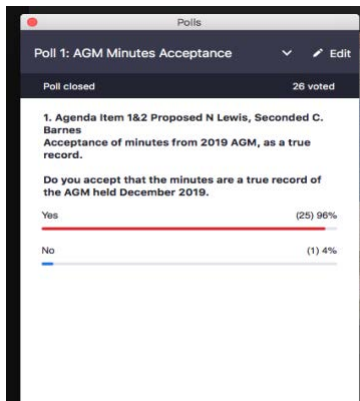
Eric Ridler, Dave Reed, Steve Hill, Mark Jarvis, Dan Ashton, Derek Murphy.

## 1, Minutes 2019 AGM

The minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the BMMC Ltd held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Nadine Lewis, Seconded by Colin Barnes.

There are 29 Council and Ordinary members present at this meeting. Two proxy votes were held by Paul Wiltshire, which were in favour of all four resolutions put before the meeting.



Result of poll shows minutes accepted by meeting.

## 2, Matters Arising from 2019 minutes

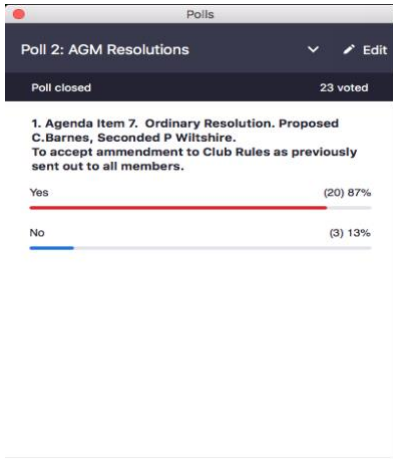
There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 3, Chairs Report - See attached

## 4, Secretary's Report – See attached

## 5, Treasurer's Report – See attached.

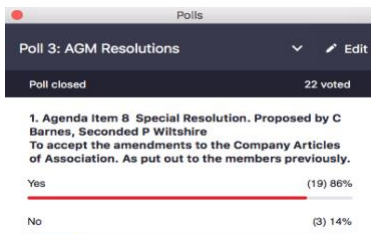
- 6, Ordinary resolution to amend Club Rules – Proposed Colin Barnes, seconded by Paul Wiltshire  
Discussion took place on the proposed changes to the Club Rules and a vote taken.



Vote does not show 2 proxy votes held by Club Secretary or Secretary's vote. So 3 votes added to yes vote = 26  
No votes 3 = total number of members present at meeting.

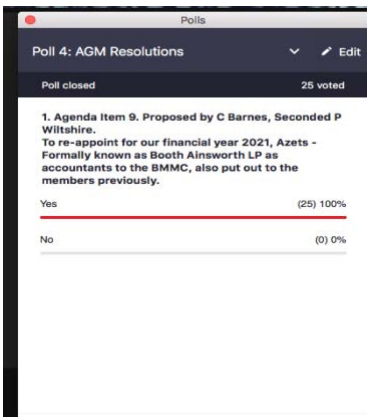
Resolution was passed by the meeting to accept changes to the Club Rules.

- 7, Special Resolution, - to amend the Company's Articles of Association. Proposed by Colin Barnes, Seconded by Paul Wiltshire. Discussion took place and a vote then taken by the meeting



Again votes do not show 2 proxy votes held by Secretary or Secretary's vote so 25 votes cast for the resolution  
No votes 3  
Resolution was passed by the meeting to accept amendments to Articles of Association.

- 8, Ordinary Resolution – to re-appoint for financial year 2021 Azets formally known as Booth Ainsworth LLP as accountants to BMMC Ltd. Proposed by Colin Barnes, Seconded by Paul Wiltshire. Discussion took place and a vote then taken by the meeting.



Again 2 proxy votes held by Secretary and Secretary's vote not shown so;  
 Votes cast for motion 28  
 No votes 0  
 One person had left meeting early.  
 Resolution passed unanimously by the meeting to re-appoint Booth Ainsworth.

Both the Ordinary resolutions and the special resolution all were passed gaining more than the required pass percentage for such resolutions.

### 9, Election of new Treasurer

In accordance with Club Rules J 3.4. Colin Barnes is standing down as National treasurer – he does not offer himself for re-election. Due to application from two candidates a vote was put to membership and Stephen Woolfe was duly elected as the new Treasurer. This appointment requires ratification accordingly. The meeting agreed to ratify the appointment.

### 10, Annual Awards

The winners will be informed at a later date by socially distancing means. The names will not be announced at this meeting so as not to spoil the surprise for the recipients.

### 11, AOB

The issue of training was raised on chat. Nadine informed the meeting that regions had submitted and had accepted by BMSTT grants for training. In what form this takes will be decided by the restrictions in place in the future because of the Covid pandemic. The plan "B" is to look at online training.

Grading was raised by chat. Nadine informed the meeting that all grades were being honoured and taken forward to 2021 by Motorsport UK, as no assessments were able to be undertaken this year.

George Copeland proposed a vote of thanks to the Council for their hard work during this difficult year in such trying circumstances, this was seconded by Chris Hobson.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 16.30

## **National Chairman's Report**

At the end of last year's National AGM I asked our IT and Communications Officers to consider how we could have an electronic AGM in 2020 to enable more members to become involved – Facebook live streaming / Zoom etc. Little did I know what was about to happen!

We started 2020 full of optimism and renewed energy.....

We marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BRMC at Autosport International in January with the launch of a new logo and National Rally Award. Sadly Autosport International will not be taking place in January if at all in 2021.

Most regions ran successful training days in the early part of the year – we even managed a National Council meeting in February at Milton Keynes and then the World paused.

COVID-19 took over every news bulletin on every channel, on every Social Media platform across the world. The numbers were depressing, the rules confusing, the mood blackening and all Motorsport ceased.

Many people have suffered physically, emotionally, psychologically and financially as a consequence of this pandemic. The devastating consequences and pressures of lockdown, people put on furlough, unable to meet with friends and family and losing loved ones to this dreadful virus.

We introduced an Employee Assistance Programme at the beginning of the year – not expecting it to be required by many – but I hope that those of you who have needed support were able to use this service and I am so grateful we put it in place when we did.

Motorsport took a back seat while we all tried to figure out how to use Zoom; juggled family and work at home; decorated our houses; spruced up our gardens; home-schooled; baked (in the sun and using the oven!). We did ok – some of the time. We struggled – lots. We kept in touch and kept each others' spirits up.

We socially distanced, we washed our hands, we started wearing masks.

Then at the beginning of May I had my first call from Motorsport UK to ask me to join the COVID-19 Motorsport Restart Panel to represent marshals.

I have to say hats off to Motorsport UK – who furloughed most of their staff – but those left worked tirelessly to put the Restart Guidance together. Along with a

number of us on the panel who had regular, often short notice meetings (on Zoom of course!) to discuss, agree and suggest the ways in which we could make Motorsport work. Everything was discussed – everything was considered and above all the safety and well-being of attendees in line with government regulations was paramount.

Some things worked. Some didn't. Some things changed – sometimes overnight. We were learning as we went along – we were subject matter experts but nobody had all the answers. And nobody had dealt with such an “unprecedented” situation before.

Within a month we had a plan and events were allowed to re-start again from the beginning of July. But still we were learning – clubs, venues, clerks, officials, marshals and competitors all had a part to play.

But...we did it!!!

Everyone so desperately wanted to get back to Motorsport that they adhered to the rules (or accepted reminders with dignity!); they read and re-read the guidelines; they followed procedures – everyone worked together to make it work.

As far as I am aware there have been no reports of the virus being transmitted at a Motorsport event – which is a testament to everyone's commitment.

And for those of you who were able to attend an event – did it feel good? To witness the competition but above all to have some human contact (socially distanced of course). The chance to catch up with friends in the orange family – to have some fun, to do what we love. I actually felt more safe going to an event than I did to the supermarket!

We even had two British Grand Prix – with no spectators; driving to post each day but still able to share a socially distanced beer on the campsite. They will never be repeated but an opportunity to be part of a unique experience.

Many of you I know were unable to attend any events – due to personal health, financial situations and trainees – can they / can't they attend decisions which left people baffled and frustrated.

And as for Wales – devastated at the lack of Motorsport I hope they come back stronger in 2021. Scotland and Northern Ireland were both able to hold some events. The confusion between the devolved powers regulations was difficult to follow but Wales and now Scotland making it illegal to travel out of the country also prevented some marshals travelling to events.

But rallying was hit hard. I thank Jon Cordery who tirelessly updated our BRMC Facebook page for all rally marshals (not just members) to keep track of

cancellations / postponements / re-arranged events. No small task but greatly appreciated by everyone across the rallying community.

At the first British Grand Prix our President Ben Edwards was able to reference the marshals on Channel 4 commentary and we had a huge surge of interest (hoping to get in to Motorsport venues for free in some cases but genuine interest from many). The Sky TV commentary team also contributed the following week! We recruited new members – but were unable to offer taster days. I thank the regional recruitment teams for keeping them informed of the ongoing situation and hope we can re-start this vital process again in 2021. Motorsport UK are providing some online training for newbies to keep them interested and advised of what happens next too.

Charities have this year taken a huge blow to their income and as such we have decided to continue to support Race Against Dementia into 2021.

Our sponsors have all agreed in these trying times to continue to support the club into 2021 and therefore ensure our overalls remain fully subsidised despite a small increase.

We have agreed to a 50% discount on our membership renewals for 2021 to reflect the reduced activities of 2020.

I thank everyone on our regional committees and Council for their hard work and dedication through a trying year. They make my job so much easier!

I thank Neil Stretton who stands down as our SE Chair and Colin Barnes who stands down as our National Treasurer for their support of the club.

Colin also has been a sage advisor to myself and Paul and I am sure I will continue to ask for his words of wisdom – even if it's just at signing on at Oulton Park!

I also would like to take this opportunity to announce that both Neil and Colin will receive Life Membership of the Club - thank you both. And Colin a small token of our appreciation will be sent in due course.

Motorsport UK have recently created an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee - an initiative we welcome at BMMC.

We are, and have always been, one club and one family; We recognise and respect each every one of our members for who they are, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexuality.

We welcome everyone into our Orange Family – we do not tolerate discrimination of any kind.

Our database shows your age (for insurance purposes only) but not your ethnicity, religion, nationality or sexual orientation; while we may not have any statistics to show or targets to meet, we embrace everyone's uniqueness and encourage you to come forward and speak up and out.

If you feel in any way that the club or its members are not aligned to this commitment in any way please do not hesitate to contact me. Equally if you would like to be involved in sharing your "unique orangeness" please get in touch.

Finally it's great to have seen so many of you electronically today and throughout the year and I hope that I can see more of you in person next year.

Thank you.

**Nadine Lewis**  
**National Chair**





## **BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD.**

### **Secretary's Report to AGM 06.12.2020**

This year there has been four National Council meetings held, two full council meetings at the beginning and end of the year, two others being directors only meetings held during the year. All of which have been held as virtual meetings using the Zoom system. There have also been additional virtual Council meetings held, unfortunately to deal with disciplinary matters. In these difficult times virtual meetings were the only way that our Council could meet. It has thrown up some technical issues. But these have been overcome and Council were able to continue it's work throughout the year. Using virtual meetings has made us look at in a very different way, how such meetings had to be structured and run. Looking forward to 2021 unless there is a big improvement in the situation, virtual meetings are looking to be continuing, but I would hope that there can be at least one meeting held face to face next year if the circumstances allow it. One good outcome with holding more virtual meetings is that there is a cost saving to the club, saving on travel and other costs which benefits the club. One task will be for me to hone my I.T skills as I can see virtual meetings will I think be used more frequently in the future, as will the use of digital storage. The cost savings for the club make it an obvious progression.

The review undertaken of the Club Rules & Articles of Association has been completed and been to Council in September. These draft documents were sent out to members with the notice of AGM for comment. They will then be presented to the AGM for ratification. The Club's Repository has been live for a while and is being populated with BMMC documentation / photos / minutes. All regional secretaries should now have access to upload to and download from the system. Just a reminder that all documents uploaded need to be in PDF format.

This second year as club secretary has gone very quickly, mainly due to the strange and difficult situation we all find ourselves in. But it has not stopped the club officials and committee's from working to provide the service our members needed. Since the September Council there has been a ballot of the members for a new Club Treasurer due to Colin Barnes stepping down from post. There were two applicants for the post. The result of the members ballot was that Steve Woolfe was duly elected to post. Steve as you know was the Club Secretary before myself. I offer my congratulations to Steve and welcome him to the Council. The SE Region also has a new Chairman. Bob McEwan being elected by the region, I welcome Bob to National Council also. To finish I wish to congratulate everyone for their efforts, also the members for their dedication to the sport and for the way they supported the club and motorsport to get things happening. For many it's been a scary and worrying year with many having to stand down for various reasons. I want to wish you all well, keep yourselves safe and lets get marshaling again next year.

Paul Wiltshire  
National Secretary



## TREASURER'S REPORT AGM 06 DEC 2020

### [1] 2019 Unaudited Accounts:

Under Club Rules I am required to present suitably prepared accounts for year 2019 as a matter of record.

The accounts, prepared by Booth Ainsworth LLP, were approved in September (delayed by coronavirus issues) and duly filed at Companies House fulfilling our statutory obligations.

The accounts along with a summary commentary have been posted on the Club's website.

I therefore propose to present only a brief recap of the headline figures, with 2018 figures for comparison, as follows: -

| <b>INCOME</b>                             | <b>2019 - £</b> | <b>2018 - £</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| ➤ Total                                   | 125,838         | 112,255         |
| ➤ Membership Subscriptions                | 44,389          | 43,190          |
| ➤ Regalia sales                           | 1,461           | 1,717           |
| ➤ Donations                               | 11,779          | 6,085           |
| ➤ Training Income                         | 27,277          | 29,362          |
| ➤ Training Expenses                       | 27,378          | 29,364          |
| ➤ BTCC Recruitment Income (Motorsport UK) | 2,815           | 2,712           |
| ➤ BTCC Recruitment Expenses               | 3,215           | 3,224           |
| ➤ Sponsorship Subsidy Income              | 24,052          | 13,916          |
| ➤ Sponsorship Subsidy Expenses            | 21,233          | 14,087          |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                           | <b>2019 - £</b> | <b>2018 - £</b> |
| ➤ Total                                   | 103,924         | 131,619         |
| ➤ IT                                      | 2,499           | 7,798           |
| ➤ Administration                          | 22,360          | 14,929          |
| ➤ VAT (Refund) Paid                       | (17,913)        | 20,566          |
| <b>SURPLUS INCOME</b>                     | <b>21,914</b>   | <b>(19,364)</b> |
| <b>BALANCE SHEET RESERVES</b>             | <b>117,943</b>  | <b>96,030</b>   |

At the 2018 AGM I reported that the long running VAT investigation was nearing an end with a £6,000 refund already banked. As you will see from the figures presented, we received a refund of almost £18,000 and HMRC withdrew all action and amended assessments made against the Club. This matter is now closed.

A contributory factor was our decision to de-register on 31 December 2018.

A final point to note is that our Reserves as at the year returned to the level of 2017 year.

### [2] 2020 Financial Performance:

Tempting as it may be pretend this year never existed, I am able to report some very positive points –

- Membership income has held up well.
- We have again received some very welcome donations, notably from GT Cup Championship, MGCC, CTCRC and WMRAC (affectionately known as the “Doghouse Owners Club”).
- Regalia sales are approaching £4,000, helped by the introduction of snoods and face masks. We now have an efficient central ordering system and Paypal payment platform accounting for over 90% of sales - this must be Eric’s finest hour. Thanks for all your very thorough work sourcing, ordering, and selling. As and when life returns to “normal” stock will be distributed to regions and we will trial a remote Paypal card reader.
- Administration and operating expenses have been drastically cut.
- Our adjusted bank position at the year-end will be circa £120,000 credit.
- I am projecting a surplus income of circa £20,000 with a corresponding increase in our balance sheet reserves.

In the light of this performance Council has been able to make two key decisions –

1. To increase the Lille clothing subsidy to £95, maintaining 100% of base cost and postage.
2. A 50% discount on all 2021 membership subscriptions paid before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

### **[3] Sponsorship:**

Despite the dreaded virus Lille Racewear has been able to fulfil orders with minimal delay and by and large their service is working very well. I am aware a small number of members have experienced issues with accurate sizing and equally Anthony Bianco has regaled me with some most humorous tales of members trying to measure themselves with steel tape measures. Let me place on record “this will never work!”

Throughout 2019 and 2020 the Club has been able to subsidise the full costs of a standard set of overalls and postage. In November we agreed some changes to Club badging and a small price increase through to the end of 2021. The base cost, with postage is now £95, and I am pleased to confirm the subsidy has increased accordingly.

When I started as Treasurer the subsidy was £40 and it is now £95 and as a Club, we must acknowledge the invaluable support of our sponsors. In 2020 our sponsors NGK, Mike Newton (TIGA), Polyfold, MGCC, Ginetta and Cataclean were joined by CSCC. A huge thank you to all.

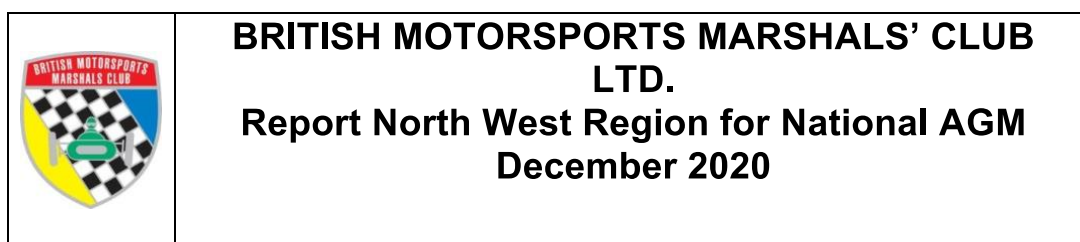
### **[4] Signing-off**

Having served two 3-year terms as your Treasurer and with Club finances and operations on a very sound footing this always seemed the right time to hand over the reins. Knowing that Steve Woolfe was available to come onboard provided reassurance there would be a smooth succession and an injection of new perspectives and fresh ideas.

In signing-off I would like to congratulate Nadine on driving the Club forward with a high level of energy, particularly this year juggling the demands of her full-time job and representing the marshalling community in umpteen Zoom meetings with Motorsport UK to shape the response to coronavirus.

Over the last 6 years there has been a complete change in the composition of the Club Directors and I would thank those past and present for the support they have given me. I will of course continue to serve the Club as its Bookkeeper.

**Colin Barnes**  
**Director & National Treasurer**  
**06 December 2020**



If like me, you went to Sunday School as a child you may remember the prayer:

*Grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot control, courage to control the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.* These words became my cornerstone as the year progressed, facing uncertainty, an invisible enemy and negativity from many quarters.

The pandemic that affected us all this year meant that the club had a curtailed season at Oulton Park and Anglesey as well as all motorsport events globally. I'm not going to labour on about the hardships that followed other than to acknowledge that everyone in BMMC NW had to make sacrifices in some manner. We have had to learn new phrases such as – social distancing, social bubbles, furlough, drive-in test centres, the Dominic Cummings eye-sight test and 5pm Prime Minister Briefings! For this, I thank you all in the manner and dignity you conducted yourselves, a credit to you all and the club.

On the other hand, wearing a mask has had its upsides. You didn't have to look at my ugly mug all the time and vice versa!

I would like to think that the committee and the NW members are armed and ready to face the challenges that lie ahead. We will be able to do this by being open and honest with each other. The plans we set out at the beginning of the year are not dead, just dormant.

We must remember though that Oulton Park was able to hold motorsport events this year, some behind closed doors - which was very strange and some which welcomed spectators. Most of the major clubs brought their championships to the circuit and we were able to enjoy some fantastic racing. Even events that threw the four seasons at us failed to deter our enthusiasm and passion for the sport. I count myself as being very lucky in terms of pursuing my hobby this year. Many others were not. However, I still have a pair of boots that are not quite dry yet!

Even Anglesey dipped its toe into the water for a trial event. Whilst it was deemed a success, external forces meant that it could not host events this year. A loss felt by many. Let's hope that 2021 allows them to open their doors again.

I would like to thank the committee for their support and guidance that helped allow us to marshal and to enjoy our hobby. Once MSUK gave us the green light to have motorsport events, the committee worked closely with organising clubs and the circuit to maximise the opportunity for as many marshals to attend as possible, whilst respecting the rules regarding social distancing, masks et al. This agile, proactive and dynamic attitude meant that more marshals were able to attend meetings, marshal in a safe environment and most important, enjoy some social contact with other marshals.



**BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD.  
Midlands Chair's Report for National AGM**

2020 What a Year

Our aims and objectives we set at the beginning of the year went out of the window when the COVID-19 Pandemic took hold.

We were unsure if we would see any Motorsport in 2020 but thanks to the hard work of many people we were able to take part in our fabulous hobby. There have been many changes to keep marshals and competitors as safe as possible.

Donington has seen several meetings in the brief time where we were able to marshal and I am proud of the COVID safe measures that were put in place. The Donington ES Team along with MSV and organising Clubs made a season almost possible.

I would like to thank members of our Committee who have worked tirelessly in their own areas to keep our Region going and helping our members. A special thanks to Derek Murphy who stepped in as Acting secretary and has done an outstanding job in getting us organised.

Hopefully in 2021 we can get back to some normality and not the new normal we have had to accept.

Name: Jayne Poston  
Date: November 2020



## BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD. SOUTH MIDLANDS REPORT to Council 06/12/2020

### Actions update

6a Recruitment Equipment - National recruitment Officer has been advised of South Mids requirements. All plans for recruitment were abandoned because of Covid restrictions though the Sywell Pits & Props meeting went ahead.

### Aims & Objectives

My first objective is to improve communications in the region:

Get the committee working together and keeping each other informed with what is going on;

Get myself known to our members, invite them to talk to me; and

Improve relations with SMT so that we can work together on mutually beneficial projects

My second objective is to get the right resources so that the committee can communicate with members:

### Items for discussion

1. Firstly I can report some further changes in the committee following our AGM in October. Christopher Hatch our web admin decided not to stand for re-election and Simon Spooner informed us that because of an increased workload he no longer felt he could spare sufficient time for a committee post but would be willing to help where he could. Happily Steven Morris volunteered to join us and we have decided to combine the Taster Day co-ordinator role with Membership Secretary and Steve has accepted that post. Our only vacancy now is for a web administrator and that will be advertised in the next Newsletter
2. Both Marion Quarrington and I are still experiencing problems with our Club email addresses. We can both receive emails but have to resort to using our personal addresses to send as it is hit and miss if the message will reach all addressees. Sean is on the case.
3. Sadly Lesley Harris passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Because of Covid restrictions no one from the region's committee was able to attend the funeral but the region donated £200 to the family.
4. The acceptance of trainee marshals at Silverstone meetings has been a bit hit and miss. Sometimes there is a requirement for 15 days experience and at other times no experience is required. During conversations with members I learnt that many trainees simply did not bother to volunteer anticipating they would not be chosen.
5. Once again I decided to telephone all South Midland members to check how they were coping when the second lockdown was announced. I did not get to speak to everyone, but those who did not answer were invited to ring me and many did, if only to thank me for caring! During these recent calls I learnt that many members are still at work and no one seemed put out by the restrictions. Of our 65 members who have no MS UK registration I discovered that the majority are registered and those who are not are genuinely not marshalling but are happy to remain members and support the club.
6. We have finally acquired admin rights to our second Face Book page and with the help of Dave Smithson have got the page properly badged up.
7. We have been concerned that the large number of pending taster day applicants and trainee marshals that have not been able to marshal in 2020 might become disillusioned and demotivated. To keep them engaged and motivated we have obtained some Motor Sport Safety Fund training videos. These have been posted on the public facing page of our website under the heading "More About Marshalling" and two "First Aid" and "Motorsport Marshalling" are on You Tube at [https://youtu.be/fk\\_r5e54UZw](https://youtu.be/fk_r5e54UZw) and <https://youtu.be/ezqKMsgm46Q> respectively.
8. Finally Stuart Pringle has agreed to participate in a Zoom Noggin & Natter (without the noggin). Date to be agreed after announcement made about post 2<sup>nd</sup> December Covid restrictions.

Chris Whitlock  
South Mids Chair

## BMMCS SE REGION REPORT TO AGM 2020

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Having only been elected to the role of South East Chair in October 2020, I am still coming to terms with all the relevant processes and requirements of the post.

The region and its activities has, like all others, been affected significantly by the pandemic and hopes that the new year will deliver some stability and normality for our members and the sport.

Monthly committee meetings now take place in a virtual format and we appear to have adapted well to this new arrangement.

The regional AGM was held on 21 October at which time the chair for the last 3 years, Neil Stretton, decided to step down both from the post and his committee role. Our Volco and long-time committee member Bryan Degerlund also announced his retirement from the committee. I had previously volunteered to take on the chairman role and committee voted in favour of my application at our September meeting.

Following a local application and interview process, current committee member Chris Humphreys was selected to take over the Volco role. The committee also welcomed new members, Bridget Rivers-Moore (web site administrator), Mark Manley and Stephen Tickner - both trainee grade marshals, following a successful voting process. Our current Snetterton representative, Tony Lacey had earlier announced he would be standing down at the end of the year and his role will be taken over by Chris Barningham. We also continue to receive enthusiastic support from Andrew Elliott in his role as representative for Lydden Hill Circuit. We will pursue our aim to recruit additional reps in other non circuit disciplines as circumstances allow.

Our regional membership currently sits around 267, a drop of around 7% compared with last year. Recruitment has been negligible with around 150 enquiries awaiting progress when we can. Our Facebook page has approx. 215 subscribers and the MailChimp mailing list around 500. The regional newsletter, Marshals' Post, has now moved to a quarterly format and efforts continue to generate greater involvement with the members and the publication.

It is likely that no annual regional award winners will be selected this year, but plans are currently being formulated for a new approach to promote this process during next season and to encourage increased member engagement.

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Bob McEwan

SE Region Chair

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**BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD.  
SOUTH WEST REGION – AGM Report - 03 December 2020**

In what has been my first turn of the handle as Chair, I have been impressed by the way the organisation and the region has conducted itself during the CV19 Pandemic. It was great to see the real regional spirit and the enthusiasm in which to get events restarted.

The region has gone from strength to strength since my appointment and the fulfilment of the secretary position. We work together well as a team and I can only thank the rest of the region for their support.

My aims and objectives for the next year have been set out and agreed by the region, they will ensure that we continue to grow into 2021 and beyond.

I have no vacancies on the committee at present, and everyone is functioning in their delegated areas.

Thank you to everyone for their support in 2020.

Name: Alex Hodgkinson

Date: 3 Dec 2020



# BMMC Northern Ireland Chair Report

December 2020

As has been the case nationwide, BMMC NI have had a difficult year. Back in January we were excitingly looking forward to a new season, totally unaware of what was to unfold.

Our season began in February with the first round of our local NI Rally Championship at Kirkistown. Two more rallies followed before lockdown insured there would be no more events until July. Here in Northern Ireland, Rally and Race Marshals have always worked extremely well together. Possibly because we are such a small region.

Racing at Kirkistown started up with a July meeting minus spectators. Two further meetings were held behind closed doors before a mini-lockdown forced the final October meeting to be abandoned on the morning of the event. Marshals were in position and racing was about to start when the circuit officials received an email from the government instructing them to halt proceedings immediately as the meeting was not an elite event. The only other events to happen here included a Hill Climb, a Rally Time Trial and a Sprint.

Looking forward to 2021, we can only hope for better things. At this stage no one knows what events will be allowed to run. A great pity as Northern Ireland was in line to run a closed-road WRC round in August.

I would just like to thank all our marshals for bearing with us during this difficult year. Due to the restrictions we have not been able to hold our monthly club meetings since March.

Seasons greetings to all BMMC members nationwide.

Robert Coursey  
Chair NI Region



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### GRADING SUMMARY FOR DEC 2019 TO DECEMBER 2020

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|  | <b>BMMC</b> | <b>Other Clubs</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|--|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| New Members                                    | 90          | 16                 | 106          |
| Trainee to Track                               | 8           | 5                  | 13           |
| Track to Experienced                           | 1           |                    | 1            |
| Experienced to Incident Officer                |             | 1                  | 1            |
| Experienced to Flag                            | 2           |                    | 2            |
| Experienced to Post Chief                      |             | 1                  | 1            |
| Post Chief to Examining Post Chief             | 2           |                    | 2            |
| Trainee to Specialist                          | 4           | 1                  | 5            |
| Specialist to Experienced Specialist           | 1           |                    | 1            |
| Experienced Specialist to Examining Specialist | 1           |                    | 1            |
| Trainee to Speed                               | 1           |                    | 1            |
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| Experienced Speed to Speed Post Chief          |             |                    |              |
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| Trainee to Kart                                |             | 4                  | 4            |
| Kart to Experienced Kart                       |             |                    |              |
| Experienced Kart to Examining Kart             |             |                    |              |
| <b>TOTAL – Excl. New Members</b>               | <b>21</b>   | <b>12</b>          | <b>33</b>    |
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#### Other Matters

- None



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1. **Annual Regalia Sales:** Sales initially appeared to be on track for another good year, until the dreaded Covid-19 lockdown. It was decided that all sales henceforth would be channelled through me until such time that normality returned. Unfortunately it looks as though this situation is going to be carried forward into the early part of 2021.

| REGIONAL REGALIA SALES TO 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020 |        |         |         |         |        |        |        |          |
|---|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| National  | Mids   | N.E.    | N.W.    | S.E.    | S.M.   | S.W.   | BRMC   | TOTAL    |
| £3249.65  | £66.00 | £196.00 | £359.50 | £238.50 | £31.00 | £00.00 | £35.00 | £4175.65 |

As can be seen from the sales above the National tally is way more than normal due to the purchase and subsequent sales of BMMC badged Snoods and Face Masks, stocks of which are quite healthy.

2. **Teamwear:** Sales reflect the current situation
3. **Subsidy Claims:**  
 As at the 31<sup>st</sup> October there have been **£9707.50** of subsidy claims paid out to our members. **£9407.50** for Overalls and **£300** for Hi-Vis Clothing.
4. **BRMC Regalia:** Launched at the Autosport Show in January 2020 a new range of Regalia and Teamwear is now available to members.

**Eric Ridler**  
**National Regalia Officer**



## BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB BRAND & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM AGM

### Review of the Year

#### Autosport International 2020

The year got off to a flying start with the launch at ASI2020 of the new BRMC logo and the unveiling of a new design for the BMMC stand which featured a much clearer and stronger brand identity.

The new BRMC identity and logo has been a huge success and has resulted in an identity for the brand which is clear, modern and easily recognised.

#### Member communications

The Brand and Communications team have maintained regular communication with members throughout the year utilising social media, the web site and Mailchimp as the primary channels to reach them.

We also launched the members' newsletter "Orange Family Matters" in February although further issues were suspended due to the pandemic.

#### Sponsor support and comms

The team has provided support to maintain regular communication of events and announcements of new sponsor agreements and benefits for members resulting from sponsorship.

#### BMMC Club Ambassadors

The Brand and Communication team continue to maintain dialogue and communication with all Club Ambassadors and announcements of new ones appointed.

#### Member factory visits

The usual factory visits to the Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 factory in Brackley and Pro-drive in Banbury have obviously not happened this year due to the pandemic.

#### Phone app

The phone app development and testing continues, despite being slowed down by the impact of Covid-19, and will hopefully be ready to roll out in 2021.

#### Looking ahead

It has been a strange year as I'm sure many other officers will be reporting but the team has plans to further develop and improve the awareness and benefits of being a BMMC member and celebrating the work done week in week out by our 2,400+ members.

Dave Smithson Brand and Communications Officer, Joe Watts and Duncan Fitz-Gibbons





## **BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD. National Recruitment Report for National AGM**

After having a comprehensive Recruitment Campaign planned for 2020 we haven't been able to hold any recruitment events Regionally or Nationally.

After commentators mentioned marshalling at the BGP we did receive some applications for taster days, unfortunately due to COVID restrictions we haven't been able to fulfil any of these requests. Looking ahead I feel we need to expand on the commentators input and make better use of the Brand Ambassadors. We need to move ahead with the times and maximise social media coverage in the absence of face to face recruitment.

We do have access to the following videos here <https://www.marshals.co.uk/about-marshalling/> to keep the interest live

Name: Jayne Poston  
Date: November 2020



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## DONINGTON EMERGENCY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2020

We started our year with snatch training in January and followed this in February with a pre-season family get together, where we presented our 'Marshal of the Year' Salver to Ashley Locke.

After the national Covid lock down delayed the start of our season, MUK issued guidelines on how motorsport could safely resume. With this in mind a group of the committee did a survey of Donington marshal's posts. They recognised areas where members of Team could be safely positioned, to be socially distanced. This was documented in a detailed report by Ian Dixon our Circuit Representative and sent to MUK for approval.

Race meetings began in July and the sign on team led by Mel Baggaley had to devise a new and safer way to check people in on race day. This they did and it has worked very smoothly.

To date we have worked twenty-two days with a further three days planned in December. Everyone has worked very hard to make things work in these difficult times.

The committee have been unable to meet during the year but we have continued to conduct business via Skype. I'd like to thank them all for their support and hard work in keeping things going through this difficult year.

Sadly this year we suffered the loss of a much loved 'old lag'. Dereck Yeomans, a regular on our fire tender for many years passed away early in the year. Unable to attend the funeral, we did arrange a guard of honour when the family scattered his ashes at Swantze. As a lasting tribute to Dereck we decided on a bench, which many members contributed towards. One member in particular, Allan Wright, contributed more than most by giving his time and skill to craft the bench which we are hoping to site at the circuit during the winter. Our thanks to Allan and everyone who gave.

This has been a difficult and challenging season but the Team have continued to deliver an exceptional service to the many organising clubs who have come to Donington Park. It never ceases to amaze me how people pull together to keep things moving on difficult days. My thanks to you all, I am very proud to work with you. Here's hoping next year will be less frightful.

Diane Hardy  
Chair, Donington ES Team Committee.

**No reports Received From'**

**NE Region Chair  
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National Membership Officer  
National Speed / Hillclimb Officer  
Competition Officer  
National Volunteering Officer  
National Karting Officer  
ABMRC Officer**

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