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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016

At THE OAKS FARMHOUSE, NFU Mutual HQ
Tiddington Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7BJ

AGENDA

10.00am

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Accuracy of Minutes from 21st November 2015.
4. Matters arising from the above minutes.
5. Chairman's report.
6. Secretary's report.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. Election of ALRC Council & S&ORC
9. New Club Applications.
10. Section Reports.
 - a. Caravan Secretary
 - b. Overseas Liaison Officer
 - c. Non-competitive Clubs / Show Co-ordinator
 - d. Countryside Access Officer
 - e. National Rally Liaison Officer
 - f. Press & Publicity
 - g. MSA Liaison Officer
 - h. Scrutineering & Off Road Committee Chairman
 - i. Competitive Events Consultation Group Report
 - j. CCMSA Coordinator
 - k. ALRC Handbook Editor
 - l. Web Master
 - m. Child Protection Officer
11. Any other business.
12. Date & time of next meeting.
13. Close of meeting.

You are reminded that items for inclusion on agendas should be submitted to the Chairman or the Secretary prior to the day of the meeting.

The Scrutineering and Off Road Committee Meeting will take place starting at 13.00.

CLUBS PRESENT – ALRC EGM 21.11.15

	Present	Apologies
ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS	Simone Birch Derek Spooner	Denis Bourne
ANGLIAN LRC	Andrew Flanders	
AYLESBURY LRFC		
BRECKLAND LRC	Andy Dennis	Allan Roberts
CHELTENHAM & COTSWOLD ROC		
CHILTERN VALE LRC		Tim Linney Matthew Fullwood
CORNWALL & DEVON LRC	Peter Alexander Guy Cashmore Fraser Parish	
CUMBRIAN ROC		
DISCOVERY OC		Janet Smart
DORSET LRC		
DUNSFOLD CSSS	Paul Barton	
EAST NORTHANTS LROC		
ESSEX LRC		
HANTS & BERKS LRO	Steve Kirby	
LANCS & CHESHIRE LROC		Colin Gaukroger
LAND ROVER REGISTER 1948 -53	Andrew Neaves	
LAND ROVER SERIES 1 CLUB	Andrew Cross	
LAND ROVER SERIES II CLUB		
LEICS & RUTLAND LRC	Tony Sinclair Antony Birch	Andrew Sinclair
LIGHTWEIGHT LRC		Sue Foster
LINCS LRC		Frank Champion
MIDLAND ROC		Richard Smith
NORTH EASTERN ROC	Mark Whaley Ian Whaley	
NORTH WALES LRC		
NOTTINGHAM LRC	Martin Talbot Sharon Talbot	
PEAK & DUKERIES LRC	Dennis Wright Simon Saunt	
RED ROSE LRC	Roger Wright	
SCOTTISH LROC		
SOMERSET & WILTS LRC		Pete Lugg
SOUTH COAST LROC		
SOUTHERN ROC	Debby Darby Charles Darby Mark Baitup Dave Canham	
STAFFS & SHROPS LRC		Zam Alexander
TOWY LRC	Harriet Booker Paul Booker	
WYE & WELSH LRC	Peter Gladman	
YORKSHIRE LROC		
THE CAMEL CLUB		
THE G4 CLUB		
101 FC&RC		
TOTAL 37	15	8

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MINUTES OF THE EGM HELD ON THE 21st November 2015 AT NFU MUTUAL, TIDDINGTON ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON, CV37 7BJ.

1. **Paul Barton opened the meeting at 10.05am**

Welcome and thank you to everyone for coming today. Thanks again to NFU for providing us with these facilities and the goodies on the chairs. Free drinks, mince pies and stollen are available and please clear up any litter into the bins. If there is a fire alarm then we must congregate in the front of the main building.

There is no planned sub-group meeting of the competitive events consultation group this morning.

2. **Apologies for absence – see attendance table.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th July 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2015 were proposed as being a true record by Dennis Wright, seconded by Andy Dennis and agreed unanimously. Signed by Paul Barton.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes (*unless covered elsewhere*). None received.**

5. **Chairman's Report –Paul Barton**

The news that the NFU is to cease its support for ALRC is disappointing but not surprising given the current insurance market especially for Land Rovers which have become a huge target for car thieves. The funding for the ALRC has been removed in the latest tranche of budget cuts. Blanche Surman was very disappointed to deliver this news. She can't believe that the NFU's long association with the ALRC is coming to an end. Last year the NFU Mutual went from 28 to 14 affinity groups and this year they are to reduce this to eight. This has been done to fund a social media campaign by the NFU Mutual.

On a positive note, we have secured the use of our meeting facilities as already agreed in 2016, however unless views change, this won't be able to be offered again in 2017. Blanche Surman was very disappointed to be the bearer of bad news.

Those of you who keep an eye on the Facebook Landy Watch group will know of the depressing numbers of vehicles going missing every day sometimes up to 40!. Fitting additional security has become very much a must do especially for Defender owners.

We are fortunate that the arrangement with NFU will allow us to use this venue until the end of 2016 and Council is already actively looking for a replacement venue. They have been very good supporters of ALRC with this venue, material help as well (marquees and tabards) and a substantial financial grant each year.

The ALRC Council are looking at future sponsorship and suitable locations for meetings.

In recent weeks, I have been personally lobbied by club members anxious about the proposed draft RTV Regulations which have certainly stirred up club members, particularly with regard to the proposed RTV Modified class, the common theme coming back to me being that the ALRC is grass roots and allowing more extreme is difficult. No doubt there will be a lively debate later today when the subject comes up at the SORC meeting and the way forward emerges.

We are aware that a number of clubs are struggling and a club that I belong to has now fallen below the 25 members number. There was a meeting last night to decide whether or not to remain a club, let alone an ALRC one. Also we know that some clubs are struggling to find committee members. I do not know if it is the effect of older members retiring or doing other things and younger members are not coming through.

6. **Secretary's Report – Simone Birch**

a. The ALRC AGM and S&ORC meeting minutes have been sent to all club secretaries, S&ORC, log book scrutineers and club delegates who attend the meetings.

Rights of Ways information has been sent to local clubs and details of club events circulated by email.

If you do not receive a copy then please get in touch as the mailing lists have been checked and all should regularly receive them by mail and possible email as well.

b. Copy of the letter from West Lindsey District Council following the Barrie Murdoch fatality and the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. No further action to be taken by them.

d. Details of insurance policies for 2016 received from the ACCEO brokers. Apologies sent to ACCEO for not attending their AGM. 2016 ACCEO renewal received and paid - £108

e. MSA 2016 registration done - £74.

Details of the 2016 Seminar for unlicensed club officials Club and Event Officials (club stewards, secretary of the meeting, C-o-C's etc.) received. Simone to attend. All MSA recognised clubs should have details of this seminar. This will have been sent to the person responsible for receiving correspondence from the MSA.

The MSA Medical Advisory Panel is conducting a survey into the effects of concussion at events.

Concern has been growing in recent years regarding the effects of concussive injury (Mild Traumatic Brain Injury – MTBI), there is now significant evidence that it may be a more serious injury than previously realised, especially in the teenage age group or in instances of repeated injury. Many sporting bodies have developed policies to allow a recovery period following an episode of concussion and the MSA is currently considering this. In order to allow us to determine the extent of the problem the Medical Advisory Panel are proposing a simple survey, I would be most grateful for your assistance and cooperation in helping with this.

If you could record the details of any competitor showing the symptoms listed on the form overleaf and return it to the Secretary of the Meeting (or for the attention of Sheila Barter at the MSA) this would be most helpful.

The survey end date is December 2016.

f. Details of a Taster day run by Wye & Welsh LRC received from Richard Hannam which may prove useful to other clubs planning similar events.

The event went as well as could be expected although the club made a loss on the day.

This was anticipated, as we always intended to run it as a 'loss leader' to encourage more people to attend.

We chose a large but expensive site that could withstand the 3 different disciplines and hired a Portaloo (we don't normally at 'club' trials.)

Our usual caterer, that attends our 'club' trials, pushed the boat out and brought a small marquee and supplied food/drinks for the Saturday night and Sunday. (Setters up and other club members camped Saturday night)

We also dropped the entry fee down to £10 per driver.

Good weather saw an entry of 31 across all 3 trials. (Normal entries can be between 10 and 20 per 'club' trial)

We printed and distributed a 'Flyer' and a set of SR's explaining the event and 'created an event' on our WWLRC Facebook page which we 'shared' with the local 4x4 and Pay & Play clubs as well as the Facebook '4x4 parts for sales' pages.

We hadn't planned 4 months ago on there being a Formula One race on the Sunday and the opening matches of the Rugby World Cup, so half our normal triallers didn't attend and expected visitors didn't appear.

Despite these, we gained 5 or 6 new members and another 10 taking some application forms.

The 'newbies' chose which event they wanted to enter, after advice. A couple joined the RTV, while the rest entered the Tyro. Blimbling standard Suzuki Grand Vitara won the Tyro by clearing all 10 sections. Although he is now having a hard time from his 10yr old navigating son to acquire a Land Rover asap!

If any club is interested in doing something similar, I've attached the MS Word docs I produced.

Of course they are welcome to use any of the material and are free to edit, change and modify them to suit.

1 – "Poster"/Flyer (printed 600 and distributed locally.)

2 – "Taster Day at Tregare" (an explanation I published in our own club's newsletter to inform our members.)

3 – "Taster Day SR's" (published in our newsletter, website and Facebook page.)

4 -- Applied for a Tyro 'Taster Day' MSA permit and a Cross Country 'Taster Day' MSA Permit (allowed 2 events at the one venue on the same day) Entrants need not be a member of any club.

5 -- Applied for ALRC Privileged event (to allow Suzuki's, Frontera's, Bob tailed Disco's, axle difflocks and tubular bumpers etc.).

6 -- Applied for ALRC Camping Permit

Cornwall & Devon LRC have held a similar event. Both clubs are hoping to run other events in the future.

Club Secretary address details / Council member / Scrutineering Change of address:
Changes to what already has appeared in the ALRC 2015 Handbook.

Club details:

Cheltenham & Cotswold ROC – email change to committee@ccroc.co.uk

Midland ROC – Sam Miller (Chair), 30 Dovecote Close, Brockhill, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6HG,
chair@mroc.co.uk. 07557 764008

Dorset LRC – Robert Shadbolt, Moss Hill, North Gorley, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 2PL.
secretary@dorsetrover.co.uk

Log book scrutineers details:

Gary Campbell and Bill Groves, NERO have both stood down as log book scrutineers.

Privilege Event Permits applied for in 2015 from the following clubs. Up to 8 allowed:

Anglian LRC (1), Aylesbury LRC (1), Breckland LRC (4), Cornwall & Devon LRC (6), East Northants ROC (5), Essex LRC (5), Hants & Berks LRO (4), Peak & Dukeries LRC (4), Southern ROC (4), Staffs & Shrops LRC (6), Wye & Welsh LRC (1).

Please remember these can be applied for by email using the form which is available on the website.

7. Treasurers Report – Derek Spooner

General

Since the EGM there has been little income and some expenses and fees are still to be paid.

Main general Income: Subscriptions £50: Logbooks £190: Sales £190.

Main General Expenses: General Expenses £1173: Directors & Officers Insurance £686: LARA Subs £1000: ACCEO Subscription £108: MSA Subscription £74.

As I mentioned Unity are changing bank accounts from Co-op to NatWest. This has now taken place. We have reactivated internet banking with Lloyds as there are no fees at present and we now have multiple authorities on the internet side which require written authorisation to change.

One Lloyds Bond matured in Nov 2015 and has been renewed to mature Nov 2016.

Council have agreed ALRC subscription for next year will be as the last year with no increase.

Therefore the Subscriptions rates for 2016 are - Competitive clubs £ 2.76, Non Competitive £0.71.

All plus the one penny per individual member flat fee. This does need to be highlighted to club members as it means that all club members are classed as individual members of the ALRC.

I will shortly be sending out the membership questionnaire for the renewals for 2016. An update of the club membership will be required.

On a personal note I have decided to stand for re-election as Treasurer at the forthcoming AGM.

Any volunteers?

8. New Club Applications

Two applications received from overseas clubs.

Team W4 LRC – member club of the West Australian 4WD Association and the Council of Motoring Clubs WA. Their rules are acceptable, have 64 members but there is an issue with their logo which has part of the Land Rover logo in shadow on it. We did ask if they had permission from JLR but they have agreed to change this to comply with Land Rover's stipulation on the use of their logo should they be accepted as members.

4x4 Enthusiasterne (The 4x4 Enthusiasts) based primarily on the Danish island of Sealand. A member of the Danish Motor Historical Society and they have 59 members.

If accepted, membership will run from now to the end of 2016.

Both clubs were proposed for membership of the ALRC by Derek Spooner, seconded by Dennis Wright and agreed unanimously.

9. Rule Change Proposals

a. The following rule change proposal has been received from Chiltern Vale LRC on the 28th April 2015. Proposed by Matthew Fullwood and seconded by Tim Linney.

Proposed Event specific Rule Change for RTVT (Section E)

Current rule reads:

E.2. TYRES & WHEELS

E.2.1. Vehicles must be entered on their normal road tyres which must be UK road legal for the vehicle on which they are fitted.

Proposed change following S&ORC meeting on 4th July 2015:

E.2. TYRES & WHEELS

E.2.1.1. Standard class vehicles must be entered on their normal road tyres conforming to the MSA designation of "All Terrain" or "Mud Terrain". (See MSA table in Green book 2015 page 258 -260 – List 5(a) and 5(b).

E.2.1.2. Vehicles not entered with tyres complying with E.2.1.1 will be deemed to be modified.

E.2.2.3. Tyres must be UK road legal for the vehicle on which they are fitted.

(Up to date listings are available from the current MSA listing that can be found on their website. Scrutineers should have a copy of these at their events)

It was noted at the last S&ORC meeting that up to date listings of tyres are available from the current MSA listing that can be found on their website. Scrutineers should have a copy of these at their events

Following on from the rule change proposal that has been received with regard to tyres used in the RTVT's, all club scrutineers have been asked to check the tyres that are currently being used on RTVT vehicles so that we can be made aware of any potential issues raised by this rule change proposal. (See S&ORC meeting minutes for wording and discussion). The information is required for the November S&ORC meeting held this afternoon.

The following was sent out to all clubs 7th August 2015.

b. Clarification To ALRC Regulation B19.1 – Recovery Points. This was highlighted and agreed at the S&ORC meeting held on the 4th July 2015 and ratified by the ALRC Council.

B.19. RECOVERY POINTS.

B.19.1. Adequate front and rear recovery attachments must be provided for recovery purposes in all events. Bumpers, tie-down rings, lifting rings or Range Rover / Discovery "tow fittings" are not adequate. Factory specification (or better) trailer hitches are acceptable. If a tow-ball is fitted, welding alone is insufficient - high tensile nuts and bolts must be used for attachment. If the recovery point is attached to a bumper, the bumper must be attached to the chassis with high tensile nuts and bolts. A clevis and pin fitting or pair of Land Rover chassis-shackles (not spring shackles) are recommended.

Factory specification recovery points, when installed and used as vehicle handbook, to the following generations of vehicle are deemed suitable for recovery up to and including RTV Trials:

- Range Rover P38A and subsequent generations
- Discovery 3 and subsequent generations
- Freelander, all generations

Towing balls, jaws and pintles used for recovery must be rated as a minimum to the capacity of the vehicle being recovered. E.g. a 3.5Te towing ball fitted to a Freelander is compliant: a 2.25Te combined ball and jaw hitch fitted to a Defender is not compliant.

c. Reminder MSA Regulation (J) 5.2.6

With the exception of racing cars and cars of periods A to D be equipped on all wheels with mudguards which present no sharp edges and cover the complete wheel (flange + rim + tyre) around an arc of 120 degrees. This minimum coverage must:

- a) Be achieved with a continuous surface of rigid material within which ventilation louvres may be fitted. The tyre must not be visible when viewed from above. When viewed from the rear, the tyre must not be visible above any point 50mm or more above the axle centre line.
- b) Extend forward ahead of the axle line.
- c) Extend downward behind the wheel.

10. Section Reports

a. Caravan Secretary – Debby Darby

105 permits have been issued so far in 2015 to 20 different clubs. There have been no reported problems at any of the rallies permitted this year.

One club has requested a permit for 2016 on a site within the boundary of a National Park. An application has been made via the Caravan Club and the decision was made yesterday to grant this application. This has taken about 8 months to be processed so any planned dates for 2017 should be applied for early in 2016.

I will continue to operate a paper process for caravan permits in 2016. Whilst I appreciate that many clubs would prefer to operate an electronic application process, the requirement for two signatures on the application and one on the permit makes this impractical at the current time.

I would like to remind clubs of the difference between paragraph 6 and paragraph 4 exemptions. All units at an event holding a paragraph 6 exemption should have an ALRC club member in residence. A paragraph 4 exemption is only necessary if you expect to have non-ALRC members staying onsite in their own caravans or tents.

All clubs requiring a paragraph 4 exemption which allows members and non-members to stay on site at a permitted event are reminded that to be eligible for this type of exemption, you do need to consult the local council and planning authority before using a site - and not use a site if the council objects. For 2016, the responsibility for this will fall to the club applying for the exemption certificate. The application form has been amended to require confirmation that this has been done.

Also, you are reminded that the permit application should be signed by the landowner (this is whoever gives permission for the use of the land) – not the club secretary and the form has been amended to make this clear.

All clubs need to be doing this to apply for MSA permits so they should usually know who to approach. This is to be looked at by ALRC Council at their next meeting and information added to the next ALRC Handbook.

The new form will be circulated to clubs with the minutes of this meeting. Please ensure your club uses the new form.

b. Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner

I attended Norsk LR Klubb 40th meet at Karmoy just North of Stavanger in July and took the Swedish LRK invoice for payment. Made very welcome and all went well and flew the ALRC flag plus banners. The Swedish and Pacific coast clubs have not renewed. This has been going on for the last two years so they have now been removed from the club listings.

As discussed at the last EGM the Namibian club have joined and agreed to modify their Logo and have paid their subscription.

c. Non Competitive Clubs & Shows Co-ordinator – Sue Foster

The show season has now finished and starts again in May next year. Billing did go back to its roots with a good turnout which I'm sure was mainly due to the glorious weather over the weekend.

Then onto Peterborough which I haven't attended before but it was a good show although I don't feel it was very well attended but that could be down to where it was sited.

I have had a meeting with Tom Caren at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon and the Heritage Run will be going ahead on the Sunday as a Classic Land Rover run. This event will take place over the weekend 24th – 26th June 2016. The Heritage Motor Centre is changing its name to the British Motor Museum.

d. Countryside Access – Roger Wright

It has been a very quiet period since the last meeting with little to report; the LARA Steering Group meeting having been scheduled for 29 September, deferred to 1 October, and again deferred until 18 November, when work duties prevented attendance. The agenda and Rolling Report were thin with little new.

Taking note of previous concerns about the subscriptions to LARA, their principal expenditure appears to be payment to Alan Kind, subject to a notional allocation to seven key projects. Membership income was anticipated to be £25200, with the balance made up of donations, principally from MSA and GLASS. Officer costs in total were projected to be about £500 less than the total income.

To provide an example of this, Alan Kind has just been down to Devon to discuss future maintenance (or lack of) of minor roads with a county council engineer. He travelled almost 1200 miles by air, train and car during, no doubt, a very long day. I would anticipate that this type of meeting with county councils will be replicated in every county as budgets are cut. Elected members will make decisions, not LARA.

Last time I raised the issue of HA80 s.33 applications, for locations where a motor vehicle trial crosses a public bridleway. Whilst the new rules are being trialled, Powys CC is endeavouring to require event organisers to provide professional (consultant) surveys and assessments on conservation / wild-life issues as part of applications. Taking this to its logical conclusion, this could require long running, seasonal based surveys using, for some species, licenced handlers (e.g. newts). A National Park authority is trying to charge substantial fees for s.33 applications. LARA is seeking legal opinion on these issues.

LARA is writing guidance on Motor Sport Events in the Countryside – including a section on the Basic Payment Scheme of agricultural grants. They also want to research illegal off-road driving and consider ways to combat it, an activity that I am aware has been considered for three decades with no resolution because we are dealing with mavericks who do not care.

Paul Barton said that the issues raised by the LARA finances continue with little change from what has been reported at previous meetings. This was discussed at the ALRC Council meeting held in October 2015 and it was decided that the ALRC could not continue to pay the current rate of subscription as there appears to be no checks or audits on what LARA spend the money on. It was decided to change the ALRC membership from a Full member to an Associate one. The last instalment payment for 2015 will be paid in December (Total £3000 paid for the year) and then the sum of £250 will be paid for Associate membership for 2016. It must be remembered that the MSA are a member of LARA and in fact pay for Full membership and pay extra so we do contribute that way as well. If a particular reason for extra money was needed by LARA we would then consider this as a special case.

Guy Cashmore stated that this decision was long overdue and it was agreed by those present that it was the right decision to make at this time.

e. National Rally Liaison Officer – Janet Smart

Mark Baitup, Event Director said that the caterers were now sorted out. Food would be available with cooked meals available from the Whole Hog. Marshals lunches will also be supplied. The comp safari and CCVT both has sponsors for the event with others in the pipeline.

The permits for the 2016 National Rally events have been issued by the MSA and the SR's will be updated shortly on the website with the permit numbers.

All we need now are the entries.

There will be a follow on rally on the site until the weekend.

Cornwall and Devon LRC have been discussing hosting the National at committee meetings over the past few months, including doing a land survey up at Newnham. Unfortunately, the conclusion is that Newnham is not currently a viable site for a national rally.

The specific reasons for this are:

1. The land owner has built a large solar farm in the fields to the south side of the estate, making the previous comp course route impossible.

2. The Forestry Commission (who lease the pine woods from the estate) are not currently permitting motorsport in the woods, due to the discovery of a rare nesting bird of prey in the woods.

With the loss of these two large areas, we don't currently think we could host a National there.

We are actively looking for alternative sites to host a National, but currently they don't have any sites.

Sites that are available to hold a National Rally on are getting scarcer.

No club has come forward for 2017 so at the moment the ALRC Council are considering going again to Stainby and running it on the same basis as 2014 with a number of clubs sharing in the event running. We know that the site will work even in very wet weather!

f. Press & Publicity – Paul Barton – Nothing to report.

g. MSA Liaison – Andrew Flanders

There has not been a meeting since the last one in May.

Rule changes for 1st January 2016:

Introduction of a Cross Country Driving Test based on scoring in manoeuvring tests. Intended to encourage newcomers to the sport and to complement the Tyro trial aimed at younger drivers and/or showroom vehicles. Drivers must hold a valid full RTA licence.

The event would require a permit. A trial of this event has been held but no wider consultation was made.

h. S&ORC – Mark Whaley

In addition to the Rule Change proposals to be finalised this afternoon for voting by the S&ORC and then issued to the member clubs for voting the following current topics are as follows:

- Removal of vehicle identification tags and examination of repaired roll cages
- Allowable engine substitutions in Modified class
- Automatic gearboxes in standard class Defenders
- The use of hydraulic brakes and using other components

i. Competitive Events Consultation Group Report – Mark Whaley

Background

As part of continual assessment and improvement the ALRC Council appointed a small working party to review and develop the current completion regulations. The aim of the review is primarily to attract and retain new members into the sport alongside allowing existing members to advance through the existing levels of competition by developing existing vehicles.

Initial Review

Initial review of the current regulations quickly identified that reference to a number of sections is required to gain a full understanding of vehicle and event regulations. To simplify the understanding of the regulations it was decided that we would split the review process into three sections, RTV, CCV and Timed events, and that we would combine both technical and event regulations in a single tabular format. This approach will help new and existing members to understand our regulations moving forward.

In addition to the amalgamation of technical and event regulations it was also felt that an additional class of vehicle is now appropriate. The proposed Classes are Production, Modified Production and Modified; the classes are aligned to the existing Standard, Modified with the addition of a more flexible class which allows more extreme modifications and running of vehicle across event disciplines.

Discussions of Proposals

The working party has now completed the process for RTV events and with the support of Council are now testing the suitability of the proposals to the wider membership. At the previous S&ORC meeting copies of the proposals were made available to those present alongside the formal issue to Club Secretaries; this is to be followed by more detailed discussion at today's S&ORC meeting.

It must be noted that more than 50% of the proposals are current and existing regulations with the new proposals centring on further definition of the modified and modified production classes where enhanced modifications to body, chassis and suspension are investigated.

It must be understood that we have opened our minds to significant changes which may not suit all members and that we are to encourage an open discussion on how far the membership wish to develop the sport. Not all the proposals will necessarily go forward.

Dennis Wright asked whether a reply had been received from the MSA regarding the letter sent regarding the fast tracking of off road scrutineers. This is to be checked with Simone sending a further letter to the MSA asking for a response.

j. CCMSA Coordinator – Andrew Neaves

There have not been any permit requests since the last meeting. Most are applied for at the beginning of the year for the whole year.

There has been a conversation with the Rover Sports Register about insurances and permits.

k. Handbook – Steve Kirby

Regular updates are being done to make the next publication easier to collate. This is done via Dropbox so all invited can review the changes.

l. Webmaster – Murray Wiltshire

No report but Murray is compiling a back-up file so that someone else could operate the website if necessary.

m. Child Protection – Simone Birch.

Details of the MSA Club Child Safeguarding seminar received with very little notice (1 week). Not able to attend as away on holiday and no alternative venue available. Apologies sent.

Cornwall & Devon LRC - Trish White attended one and there was concern raised about a comment made that the Club Child Safeguarding officer cannot take on any other role at an event i.e. Marshal, C-o-c, Secretary of the Meeting, Steward. There did seem to be more questions raised than answers. Should Trish receive any further information she is to be asked by Peter Alexander to pass this on to Simone

It must be remembered that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and not just one's person. The club Safeguarding officer does not actually have to attend the event so marshalling etc. is not really seen as a conflict.

With all the phone numbers required by the MSA to be held some clubs would need to deal with many more than one local councils when in the fact the local police would hold the necessary phone number needed. Names and phone numbers do change.

Simone is to ask Alan Page about this when she attends the meeting in February for unlicensed club officials.

12. Any Other Business

a. Derek Spooner does not wish to continue as Treasurer from the 2016 AGM. He has given this a lot of thought and feels the time has come to ask someone else to take over. He is still willing to remain on Council as the International Liaison Officer. If there are any members who would like to consider taking on this role then please ask Derek for details of what the position entails.

b. Roger Wright has marked up maps for green laning in France and is happy to pass on this information to any members.

c. Some magazines are available from the overseas clubs – the pictures are in English!

d. Derek Spooner did see Roger Crathorne at the Classic Car show and was able to chat to see what the Land Rover company is planning to do to involve clubs further as they do say this is what they want to do but very little happens. Roger is still a consultant for Land Rover so we will have to wait and see. Dealerships do seem to be marketing more towards the high end market and not grass roots level.

e. Should there be a better marketing program for the ALRC via the website to advertise club events to try and encourage more members. Council are looking at perhaps making a DVD as well that clubs could use to show prospective land owners / members what events are about. Taster days run by clubs and flyers do seem to work for some local clubs. It must be remembered that the ALRC is the member clubs and maybe clubs need to ask what can they do for the ALRC?

Dennis Wright said that some clubs are now setting up a separate club to allow non-ALRC compliant vehicles which actually look more like a Land Rover than some ALRC class vehicles.

Paul Barton said that this is now trying to be addressed by the competitive consultation to allow us to take the majority view of all clubs across all the disciplines. Trying to keep standard vehicles as said as the aim in 1996 has not fully been achieved and we do need to move forward with vehicles that are available now.

Guy Cashmore said that in a limited way the privilege event permit does allow non-members to enter events and a few do then convert to ALRC compliant vehicles. These events do not really boost actual club membership.

Some clubs scrutineer for safety before an event and leave eligibility until after the event which then would exclude any non-compliant vehicles. This also encourages some to convert to ALRC compliant vehicles.

This problem of non-complaint vehicles does seem to be most common for clubs running comp safaris. Fewer clubs are now running comp safaris – this could be down to availability to land and demand of the club membership and decision of club committees. Clubs actively running comp safari events – Peak & Dukeries, Cornwall & Devon, Staffs & Shrops.

Clubs are unsure if the new consultation document is as well as or instead of the existing rules and will the classes be affected. This will be discussed this afternoon but the intention is that the classes would remain. Unfortunately some parts of the proposal i.e. tyres could mean that there were no longer any vehicles in the standard class. The rules do not exclude current vehicles but some classes may need to be changed. This is to be discussed at the S&ORC meeting when all are present.

f. Dates for the 2016 Major Memorial Trial have been circulated to all clubs– 16 – 18th September. Booking will open in the New Year.

g. Derek Spooner said that club membership of the ALRC is currently based on whether or not a club is registered with the MSA. This then makes them a competitive club in the eyes of the ALRC. With the MSA now offering public liability insurance for club social events this is inviting more clubs who are not traditionally competitive clubs to want to join to be able to take advantage of this instead of paying much higher premiums elsewhere.

Andrew Neaves said that non-competitive clubs would be interested if an agreement could be reached with the ALRC to change the definition of competitive and non-competitive. It would be easy to check if clubs are running competitive events.

This is to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 19th March 2016

Future meetings are to combine the EGM and S&ORC on the same day. EGM – am, S&ORC – pm.

Dates for 2016.

Council – February 6th, June 11th, October 8th.

AGM / EGM / S&ORC – July 9th, November 12th.

Clubs are asked to try and avoid the dates of the general meetings for club events if at all possible.

All meetings for 2016 are to be in The Oaks Farmhouse instead of the main MFU Mutual HQ building.

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14. Close of Meeting at 11.45.