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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 16th March 2024
Venue to be confirmed in February 2024

AGENDA

10.00am

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Accuracy of Minutes from 11th November 2023.
4. Matters arising from the above minutes.
5. Forward Plan
6. Chairman's report.
7. Secretary's report.
8. Treasurer's / Membership report.
9. Election of ALRC Council & S&ORC
10. New Club Applications.
11. Rule Change Proposals
12. 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. Motorsport UK Liaison Officer
    h. Scrutineering & Off Road Committee Chairman
    i. CCMSA Coordinator
    j ALRC Handbook Editor
    k. Web Master
    l. Facebook
    m. Safeguarding / Child Protection Officer
12. Any other business.
13. Date & time of next meeting.
14. 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 11.11.2023

	Present	Apologies
ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS	Derek Spooner	
ANGLIAN LRC	Andrew Flanders	
AYLESBURY LRFC		
BLACKPOOL & FYLDE LRC		
BRECKLAND LRC	Kevin Peake	
CAMEL TROPHY CLUB		
CHELTENHAM & COTSWOLD ROC	Rob McCausland	
CHESHIRE LRC		
CHILTERN VALE LRC	Stuart Newton	
CORNWALL & DEVON LRC	Guy Cashmore	
CUMBRIAN ROC		
DISCOVERY OC		
DORSET LRC		
EAST NORTHANTS LROC		
ESSEX LRC		Heather & Mark Pycraft Ralph Coulson
HANTS & BERKS LRO		
LAND ROVER REGISTER 1948 -53	Andrew Neaves	
LAND ROVER SERIES 1 CLUB		
LAND ROVER SERIES II CLUB		
LEICS & RUTLAND LRC	Simone Birch	Donald Randall
LIGHTWEIGHT LRC		
LINCS LRC		
MIDLAND ROC	Richard Smith Richard Banks Liz Welch	
NORTH EASTERN ROC		
NORTH WALES LRC	David Mitchell	
NOTTINGHAM LRC		
PEAK & DUKERIES LRC	Dennis Wright	
PROJECT JAY PRESERVATION GROUP		
RED ROSE LRC		
SCOTTISH LROC	Neil Scott	
SOMERSET & WILTS LRC		
SOUTH COAST LROC		
SOUTHERN ROC	Dave Canham Charles & Debby Darby Ray Booty	
STAFFS & SHROPS LRC		
WYE & WELSH LRC	Ray Godwin	Adam Godwin
YORKSHIRE LROC		
TOTAL 33	13	1

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MINUTES OF THE ALRC EGM HELD ON THE 11th November 2023

1. Richard Smith opened the meeting at 10.00am and notified the meeting that we would be stopping at 11am for a 2 minute silence for Remembrance.

2. Apologies for absence – see attendance table.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st July 2023
The minutes were proposed as being a true record by Dennis Wright, seconded by Stuart Newton and unanimously agreed as an accurate record. Signed by Richard Smith.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes *(unless covered elsewhere).*
After the draft minutes were published, Ray Godwin contacted Richard Smith with regards to accuracy. An apology was sent to Ray Godwin (02.08.23), after he was named in the minutes of the EGM in a statement covering the ALRC National Rally. Ray contacted Richard S as he was not happy that this was done. This statement came from the June Council meeting minutes and was included in the draft minutes of the meeting as it appeared in the draft copy and Richard S asked for total transparency at that meeting, but unfortunately the statement was not read out at the meeting, so the right to reply was not given at the time. The published minutes cannot be changed but the matter can be discussed here. The statement was about scrutineering at the National Rally. There were issues with this at the Rally. Ray was present, but had delegated while he was around the site dealing with other scrutineering issues. The upshot is that the ALRC feel that there should be an Eligibility Scrutineer at every future National Rally to deal specifically with class eligibility as several vehicles had their classes changed. Richard felt that Ray should not have been named and asked Ray whether he wished to add anything to the discussion. Ray did speak, but the recording is unclear, except to say that he feels that the system must be changed for the future. Richard reiterated that this had been acknowledged with the decision about having an Eligibility Scrutineer. Richard apologised for any distress caused. Ray confirmed that he felt that the Eligibility Scrutineer should be completely independent from the scrutineering team, and all competitive events.

Derek Spooner raised that the minutes could have been amended before the vote, that had already taken place and that perhaps we should have made adjustments to the minutes to reflect this. It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of what happened, but that what happened should perhaps have been different, specifically, that the report should not have been included as it was not read out at the meeting which resulted in their being no discussion about the content. Therefore, the minutes are accurate, it is the actions of the meeting that were in question.

Going forward if something is not said at the meeting it will not be included in the meeting minutes.

5. Forward Plan
Mike Stone has sent out a questionnaire to the clubs about the forward plan for the RTV. He did not receive many replies. Given that this has now gone quiet, Richard can only assume that the meeting held addressed all the issues. Richard B indicated the had not seen an email, or been involved in any discussion at Club level. The email went to all Club Secretaries on 24th July (7 clubs replied) and all the attendees of the meeting. Mike Stone summarised the responses and Simone read from his summary '*It seems to me the issue is tyro is too soft and most RTV is damaging/ aggressive even though it's not supposed to be that bad. There are a core of old timers who have trialled for years and like it aggressive but that puts a lot of new people off coming to trials unless they got a battered old truck. A lot of people have a nice defender or disco and want to drive off road without ripping the ass off on rocks or deep ruts and they also don't want to bounce of trees. Most defenders are 8 grand and upwards price wise would you want to trash that on a trial? I know I wouldn't .We have several D2s who regularly trial in our club and we make sure the sections are set accordingly that they can drive it and still take it home in 1 piece, obviously mistakes happen ad that is out of our control One of the arguments was people can't afford a defender as they are too expensive … my thoughts are there are a lot of people out there with defenders already .. you need to target them to get to your events by leafleting their vehicles and other* forms of marketing - *Facebook insta (for the young uns) tiktok or whatever some of your club members are on. Word of mouth still works but the socials reach more and are easily shared'.*

This is all the feedback currently received and this may be because not all club secretaries are sharing information received by email. Dave C asked when it would be appropriate to discuss the content of this statement. He finds the statement about Tyro being 'too soft' is dangerous. Rob Causland indicated that this was why they now ran two RTV groups splitting by difficulty as Tyro angles are too strictly regulated by MSUK resulting in flat-field events. The discussion continued with views being expressed that RTV should not be set out to be damaging at any level and that the statement that RTV1 is set out to be non-damaging and therefore the inference that RTV2 could be damaging is also not helpful. A consensus of opinion was not reached with the discussion giving instances of driver error, movement between sections being an issue and car park issues. Stuart Newton said they are setting out quite a few Tyro events and they are proving to be popular. It is acknowledged that these events are difficult to set out. Rob C indicated that they adapt to their audience on the day with single sections needing to adapt for Tyro, RTV and CCV depending on what arrives on the day. The meeting was reminded that all people present; officials, clerks, marshals, competitors and non-competing members; hold responsibility for the safe and appropriate running of events. Richard Banks summarised and suggested that the wording that the ALRC use should be changed to say that RTV events, as a whole, should be designed to be non-damaging. Guy and Dave feel that this should be extended to ensure that it includes our National Rally RTV, as a showcase event. Richard S agreed with this sentiment. Andrew F stated that this will be part of the plan for the 2024 National.

6. Chairman's Report – Richard Smith

Thanks to Dennis for his application to take over as Chairman of the ALRC at the AGM in 2024. This will be discussed at Council in February 2024.

Richard has received an enquiry via email asking whether the ALRC had any facility to share information to member clubs in respect of a poor quality chassis that the sender had received. The sender was asked if he was an ALRC member but has not received any further contact. Email appears to have originated in Ireland. No further action.

Earlier in 2023 Andrew Neaves and Richard went to see MSUK and had a productive meeting about getting younger drivers into non road legal CCV motors. It is hoped that there will be some new opportunities in the new year which should present some further positive action.

At the meeting, they discussed how to get people who attend an event on the day and are not members to be able to sit in. MSUK clarified that if a Taster Permit is in place, a non-member who holds an MSUK licence can participate. Taster Permits are free unless they are utilised. When you go online to pay the permit fees you are asked to add numbers to both permits and pay accordingly. Rates are the same on both permits. This allows for drivers and passengers to participate and member clubs are encouraged to use this facility. Richard acknowledged the work that Andrew Neaves put into the proposal to introduce younger people to our branch of the sport.

Richard said that it is helpful to have regular contact meetings with MSUK but these meetings need to be during weekday working hours.

7. Secretary's Report – Simone Birch

i. The minutes for the ALRC EGM & S&ORC meetings held on the 1st July 2023 have been circulated. (14.07.23)
ii. Nomination received from Richard Entwistle, Chairman Peak & Dukeries LRC for Dennis Wright to be considered for the position of ALRC Chairman. (25.08.23). The position is decided by the ALRC Council as per the Articles of Association and will be considered in February 2024.
iii. Apologies sent to ACCEO for not attending their AGM. It was the same day as the Council meeting. (17.09.23)
iv. Quote received for renewal of the Directors & Officers insurance from Tysers Brokers - £582.96. Slightly less than last year so renewed for coming year (26.09.23).
v. Letter received from Denis Bourne saying he would like to stand down from his position as ALRC Honorary President. (26.09.23). I have spoken to Denis and Sandra Bourne and expressed our thanks for all they have both done for the ALRC. It is not compulsory to have a President but it is nice to have a President appointed. This is being considered by the ALRC Council.
vi. Invitation received for our members to join a 5-day green lane tour in Northern Island and County Donegal from Adam Stewart – Flat Cap Adventures. This is a commercial venture. They charge in the region of £850 for a 5 day wild-camping tour. (04.10.23). The ALRC does not advertise commercial enterprises FOC.
vii. Motorsport UK renewal paid for 2024. Following discussions with Claire Kirkpatrick (MSUK Club and Development Officer) all clubs now need to submit to MSUK a copy of their Club Constitution, Safeguarding Policy, Social Media Policy and also say which MSUK Regional Association they are a member of. Event permits will not be issued until this is all received. There is a template Social Media policy document on the MSUK Resource Centre that can be updated as appropriate by clubs. SB asked Claire Kirkpatrick (MSUK) about Regional Association membership because her experience of membership has not been productive, but Regional Association membership is mandatory. Membership of Regional Associations does not appear to currently offer any benefit to our member clubs, although it was pointed out that they can be a useful contact for access to military land and some do share openings into land which may be suitable for some disciplines. Simone has prepared a Social Media policy for ALRC which has been circulated and agreed by the Council so is ready to submit. When preparing the policy for L&R, Simone has inserted the ALRC ahead of MSUK in the contact line to indicate that L&R are a member of this association.

MSUK are requiring this information as they do not hold complete records from previous years and it would appear that they plan to communicate with clubs through their Regional Associations for Club and Community Development as opposed to dealing with individual clubs.

Club Secretary / Council member / Scrutineering Change of address from those that appear in the 2023 ALRC Handbook. Ray Booty – email changed to countryside-access@alrc.co.uk

Awaiting new secretary details for Land Rover Series One Club - email still secretary@lrsoc.co.uk

New log book Scrutineer:
Gordon Renshaw (Peak & Dukeries), 112 Pringle Road, Brinsworth, Rotherham, S60 5BE. Mobile: 07703 205849
Email: gordydebs@live.co.uk

Privilege Event Permits applied for in 2023 from the following clubs (Maximum allowed 8). The definition of a Privilege Event Permit is one is issued per Motorsport UK permit issued.
Breckland (2), Chiltern Vale LRC (7), Cornwall & Devon LRC (3),Leics & Rutland LRC (6), NERO(3), Southern ROC (2), Staffs & Shrops LRC (3). Most of these events have had few or no non-ALRC entries. The exception is one Chiltern Vale event who had a number of entries from Anglian ROC at their most recent event.

8. Treasurers / Membership Report – Richard Smith

The following clubs have still to pay their 2023 subscription – Cheshire LRC, South Coast Land Rover Owners Club. Nothing has been heard from these clubs in spite of attempts to make contact. Agreed at the last Council meeting to change these two clubs to 'suspended' on the club list on the website.

Membership for 2024 - Costs for subscription are to remain at the current figure of - non-competitive club member £0.71 (300 cap), competitive club member £2.76 (400 cap). In addition, all pay a 1p subscription – no cap on this, it is the total membership of a club. Simone will contact clubs and ask for membership figures for the purposes of the 2024 subscription invoicing after this meeting.

Balance in all bank accounts read out at meeting.

Debby Darby has offered to take over as Treasurer and Membership Secretary for ALRC from the AGM. Richard will provide the access details to accounts and accounting software and websites. Ralph Coulson has sent out some invoices relating to advertising renewals on the new website.

Derek Spooner asked whether Britpart still support the ALRC via the National Rally. They are very supportive of the ALRC and will continue to be advertised on the website.

9. New Club Applications. None received.

10. Rule Change Proposals.

The following rule change proposal has been received and accepted for recommendation for voting on at the 2024 ALRC AGM.
a. Proposal received from Charles Darby, Southern ROC, seconded by Richard Banks, Midland ROC
A.3.2 Minerva and Santana vehicles in their entire form are also allowed.

The following have been received and this is still in the discussion stage as the proposal has been presented in such a way that it would be a rule change proposal. Further discussion will be held at the S&ORC this afternoon about this proposal. Simone confirmed with all those present that they have a copy of the proposal in front of them from the previous minutes. It was agreed that the proposal will appear in the minutes.
b. Proposed Amendment to Class Q for RTV events. Asked for at the RTVT meeting and produced by Paul Walton, NERO.
Part 3 Competition Regulations Section L - Regulations Applicable to all Competitive Events.
Current Detail.
Class Q. RTVT ONLY: A vehicle manufactured from Land Rover parts in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations. Vehicles must retain Land Rover axles, engines and drivetrain. Vehicles must retain the appearance of a Land Rover. Please refer to the article entitled Q Class Trial
New proposed designation of Class Q.
Class Q. RTV ONLY: A vehicle manufactured using the Chassis and predominantly the panels of a Land Rover while retaining the overall appearance of a Land Rover product in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations.
For clarity, "Appearance of a Land Rover" is distinguished as approximate profile from front and side. Bobtailed, Tray back and Pickup styled vehicles are catered for here and are permitted. Dimensional detail is not relevant within this class.
There is no restriction on engine, gearbox or axle types or manufacturer within this class. Axles need not be open, although may be classified within class scoring at a club's discretion.
Clubs may wish to run Class Q vehicles at the end of each section to avoid any unfair amendment to the ground between entrant's vehicles.

11. Section Reports

a. Caravan Secretary – Heather Pycraft

62 permits issued for 2023. No issues to report. It appears there are a lot fewer events taking place than were held before covid shut the country down.

The following information received with the ACCEO AGM announcements is quite worrying for the future of camping events but it is unclear as yet how it will impact further on club events.

'You can read in the BBC article (https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-65999226) that the regulations laid down by Natural England that are impacting on our rallies have also completely stalled the Government's house building programme so we can reasonably expect some action by the Government to resolve the issue.

In parallel we have seen evidence that local authorities are working to develop a charging schedule for short term caravan and camping sites that will contribute towards the cost of the councils habitation mitigation works. As most European councils now require tourists to pay an environmental charge per person per day, we do not think that an unreasonable approach.'

This could have a knock-on effect on club rallies if a levy is to be charged by the local authority.

b. Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner

Derek attended the Dutch LR Register event in September. It is 30 years since the club was formed from the Rover Owners Club of Holland. Both clubs still exist. They encouraged to start by the ARC (as it was then). He was made welcome and enjoyed the event.

Nothing further heard from the Association of America clubs other than the 70th anniversary event went well.

Overseas events are picking up more and Andrew Cross (LR Series I Club) attended an event recently in Norway. The Norwegian Land Rover Club have an anniversary event coming up and they have asked if ALRC would like to attend. The event is far north, well inside the Arctic Circle.

c. Non Competitive Clubs & Shows Co-ordinator – Vacant

A volunteer is still needed for this role. ALRC holds literature and stands which can be used if we can find somebody who would be prepared to take this on to promote the Association's activities.

d. Countryside Access – Ray Booty

General

The recent storms have created considerable damage to green lanes and byways in some parts of the country. Some of which had only been repaired from previous damage.

There have been a couple of instances of late where 4x4's have caused damage to SSSI's which provides ammunition to those trying to prohibit motorised use in the countryside. Ray asked whether any clubs run events in SSSIs. Nobody came forward, but if any clubs do so, please contact Ray for advice.

There continues to be Facebook groups and YouTube channels that promote totally unacceptable misuse of the countryside. The social media platforms are unwilling to take down this material and the those who create the content gain monetary reward for this activity.

A petition to stop all motorised use of green lanes and byways within the Lake District National Park is being put forward by the LDGLA (Lake District Green Lanes Alliance). At present the petition is well short of the 500,000 target and it was also noted that LDGLA continue to issue incorrect and misleading information regarding motorised users whilst disregarding far more important issues affecting the lakes.

LARA Steering Committee

DEFRA Stakeholder Working Group

The cut-off date for recording lost ways remains 31st of December 2031. Government is commencing cut-off without the promised package of exceptions and safeguards which represents a clear risk where there are unrecorded or under recorded widths. This could have implications for Byways. Drafting the new regulations is a great deal more difficult and a bigger task than DEFRA had in envisaged

PINS (Planning Inspectorate)

There was a meeting in July for all stakeholders with an interest in public rights-of-way cases referred PINS for arbitration. This is a very time consuming and very expensive process.

LARA Business Plan

The new business plan is soon to be issued. Ray will check on that.

LARA Meeting with Trudy Harrison (DEFRA Access Minister)

This was a very encouraging meeting with Ms Harrison who showed a great deal of support for motorised users. There is some concern that other government ministers and department officials may not share her views. It was a very useful and productive meeting.

Landscapes Review

The second project meeting took place in July. LARA have submitted an updated terms of reference to DEFRA following this meeting. There still appears to be a lack of urgency or engagement from central and local government and meetings are hard to arrange and poorly attended.

Footnote: There is a real feeling that everyone in central government is just marking time before the next general election.

NMC/LARA Press Release

NMC have issued a statement. The statement will be uploaded to the ALRC website. This is regarding the net-zero targets for emissions and the repercussions for our sport. The press release can be seen at: https://laragb.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3ed6591ba607b5fb07a02544c&id=7f05ba8ddc&e=c5febd86baFootnote

e. National Rally Liaison Officer – Liz Welch

Liz has been in touch with Andrew F regarding logos and colours for 2024 National Rally. Liz is looking at the current trophy list with a view to slimming down the number of perpetual trophies awarded as there is a lot of duplication. This will not be actioned for 2024 National, but with a view to making changes for 2025. Letters will go out to ask for the return of perpetuals in time for the 2024 event.

2024 National Rally. Event Director, Andrew F. Andrew is keen to re-introduce mugs to add to the purchase options for the 2024 event. Catering has been booked with same set up as 2023. Skips are booked, but prices have gone up. Skip contents go to the local incinerator and can include food and dog waste. CCV clerk will be Maurice and James Flanders. Team Recovery clerks – there is confusion about who is setting out. Various sources have suggested it will be P&D, led by Gordon Renshaw or a team from Anglian Land Rover Club. Andrew will contact Gordon and finalise. Andrew has clerks in place for all events and will forward details to Simone. Land agreement will also be emailed to Simone. Land is booked at a cost of £4,000 plus a profit share. Caravan/Camping permit is in the process of being applied for with Heather Pycraft pending finding volunteers for Rally Officers. Richard Banks will be the Chief Scrutineer for the event. Rally control is the big vacancy. No club has come forward to take on this role.

Liz has noticed the generation of a new Facebook page. Andrew will go back to Dave Flack and James Sheen to close down the new one and retain a single page to avoid duplication and conflicting information being put out on two different sites.

There is no date for bookings opening. Permits need to be applied for first. Ralph and Debby are working on an online booking form on the new website.

Programme production – Andrew has this in hand with Stuart N using a local printer.

Andrew wanted to emphasise that the comp safari will be less rough than the 2019 event and will be on graded tracks for a large part. Dave Canham expressed concern about the competitive safari being held mainly on graded tracks and becoming nearer to a stage rally than a competitive safari. The permit for the event will have a maximum average speed of 30 mph which will ensure that a mixed terrain will be required to ensure that this is achieved with the fewest blockages.

Costs of entry – Andrew would like to keep entry fees at the same level as 2023 but this will be subject to discussion. Kevin supported this view but it is accepted that this will depend on the costs incurred. Andrew Neaves recommended that a cost estimate should be generated in order to reach this decision. Derek Spooner suggested that there should be an Event Fee (such as Gate Admission) which is paid by everybody, which is separate from the camping fee otherwise those staying off-site do not contribute towards the infrastructure costs. Andrew Flanders was asked to create a cost estimate in order to inform the decision. Dave Canham noted that income from the ALRC levy in 2023 was considerably short of the ALRC incurred costs and suggested that it should be part of the cost discussion.

Derek S agreed to contact Mercia radio to obtain a quote to hire 25 radios.

f. Press & Publicity – Vacant

g. Motorsport UK Liaison – Kevin Peake

No meetings since June. Tyro change – there have been no negative comments so hopefully this will be implemented by MSUK for January 2024. This is not everything the ALRC hoped for but is a positive step. If ALRC clubs are contacting Technical department at MUK it would be helpful if they could keep Kevin informed so that we can retain consistency within the ALRC and spot any discrepancies in the advice received from MSUK. This will help avoid member clubs working to slightly different views and causing issues at a National Rally. Kevin has received confirmation of his place on the Cross Country Committee for a further 3 years. Charles has one year left to run on his position which may be the maximum term. There is no further information about who will Chair the Cross Country Committee in 2024.

Kevin clarified that the changes are expected to allow drivers from the age of 13 to drive trials type vehicles as long as particular parameters are met which will be published alongside the regulations. These are believed to relate to the provision of a 'kill switch', seating suitability, non-scoring practice sessions.

Kevin Peake left the meeting.

Guy Cashmore raised the issue about whether paramedics are required at comp safaris. C&D have received an email from MSUK to say that they do not require a paramedic. Debby had received further clarification from MSUK which indicates that there is a 'top up' regulation within the comp specific regulations requiring their presence. That email was forwarded to Phil Heys for C&D's reference.

h. S&ORC – Richard Banks

Richard has amended the wording for the new Q Class proposal as a response. This removes the unlimited gearboxes, engines and axles and added a reference to mud-guards to avoid issues with tray-back vehicles. This will be covered during the SORC meeting this afternoon.

Nomination has been received from Mike Stone, Cheltenham & Cotswold ROC for Simon Day to become an ALRC Log Book Scrutineer. This has been approved by the Council so training will need to be arranged for him and the relevant documentation forwarded to him. Richard Smith volunteered to deliver his training.

Gordon Renshaw has received his training to become an ALRC log book scrutineer. His contact details are:
Gordon Renshaw (Peak & Dukeries), 112 Pringle Road, Brinsworth, Rotherham, S60 5BE. Mobile: 07703 205849 Email: gordydebs@live.co.uk

Please remember the increased fee for Log Booking starting 1st January 2024. The cost is £20 for a new log book and £10 for a revision or re-logbooking. A SAE should also be provided when applying for a log book. Payments should be encouraged to be by BACS. It was agreed that this would be sent by email to all Club Secretaries and Log Book Scrutineers.

i. Cross Country Motor Sports Agency Co-ordinator – Guy Cashmore
No activity to date but he is expecting that to change as we approach 2024.

j. Handbook – Vacant.
Simone is currently keeping it up to date. ALRC Handbook needs a re-write – unless we say you can do it, you cannot do it. This needs to be publicised or it needs re-writing to say what can or cannot be done. This was discussed at the S&ORC July meeting and Richard B is currently putting together a discussion document. Richard is awaiting feedback when the new Q Class information is circulated, with a view to making this a much easier document to read and understand.

k. Webmaster – Ralph Coulson
The new website is now live and you should see this when visiting alrc.co.uk. It does need input from ALRC officials and clubs re events and any news they want publicising. Clubs are able to give updates with any changes to their officials etc. via a form accessed at the bottom of the page. Very few advertisers have renewed for the new website which is disappointing. Currently there are 1 – 2k visitors a week to the site. National Rally information is needed to be added to the website.

l. Facebook – Adrian Neaves.
No report available.

m. Safeguarding / Child Protection – Simone Birch.
Simone attended MSUK Safeguarding webinar attended on 28.09.23 plus a day training held on 30.07.23.

Mandatory reporting of any incidents to be bought in by MSUK – there should be a Club Safeguarding Officer on every club committee, and it should be an agenda item at meetings. That said, specific incidents do not necessarily need to be discussed in full, just the actions/implications of any incident. It is noted that there are privacy issues relating to the discussion of any incident.

It is the responsibility of everyone involved in a club to promote a safe environment for all and this should be covered in the risk assessments for events.

Simone's 2024 Safeguarding Licence with Motorsport UK being processed. Simone confirmed her availability to act as the Safeguarding Officer at the 2024 National Rally.

Richard Smith reminded the meeting that it is the responsibility of individual clubs to notify MSUK with the name off their Club Safeguarding Officer.

13. Any Other Business.
Dave C questioned why paper minutes were posted to all clubs given the cost of this to the Association. Simone was not keen to offer an opt-out given the inability to be sure that emails have been received. Recent experience indicates that quite a number of emails are being 'lost' in junk folders.

14. Date of next meeting – 16th March 2024. The AGM / S&ORC meeting. Venues are being sought for a face-to-face meeting. If this is not possible, it will be held via a Zoom meeting. Derek S questioned whether the Articles of Association state that virtual meetings are permitted now that the Government dispensation has been withdrawn. The previous dispensation was only applicable during the COVID restrictions and are no longer in force. Various venues were discussed and their suitability and accessibility will also be considered.

Dates for 2024
AGM / EGM / S&ORC – 16th March, 6th July, 16th November
Council – 8th February, 8th June, 12th October. (Will move to Thursday evenings - 6th June and 10th October if February meeting proves successful)

15. Close of Meeting at 12:21 hrs.