

## MULL CAR CLUB LIMITED

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

at 8pm in the Salen Hotel, Isle of Mull

**Present:** Fred MacLean (FM), John Clayton (JC), Alan Cameron (AC), Jenny Reddaway (JR), Sandra Clayton (SC), Adrian Fitness (AF), Ian MacDougall (IM), Neil McHaffie (NM), Eddie O'Donnell Snr (EO'D), Chris Warden (CW), Kenny Wilson (KW), James Campbell (JCa), Stewart MacDougall (SM), Mark Wagstaff (MW).

**Apologies:** Duncan Brown, D Baines, N Bowring, P Stanhope, C Woodcock, I Parkin.

**Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all those in attendance.

**Minutes of previous AGM:** an amendment as an item omitted re D Brown email about Local Events and his willingness to help.

Minutes approved – proposed J Clayton seconded A Cameron

**Matters arising:** KW intimated the Chief Marshal Award had not been presented to Mary Margaret.

**Chairman's Report:** I would like to start by thanking all our club directors and active members for their continued support and commitment throughout 2019 both organising our own events and helping out on other events across the country, radios, marshalling etc! Everyone puts an extreme amount of time and dedication into their roles and without that none of this would be possible!!

We had a busy year with the Argyll Rally and the welcomed return of the Mull Rally.

We ran a successful Argyll Rally in June, with challenging stages and great feedback from the competitors, although it was challenging at times with only a small number of volunteers on the ground prepping and setting up for the event. Something we need to try and work on for future events - trying to encourage members to be more involved and hands on!

The return of the Mull Rally in October was a huge relief to everyone!!

We worked throughout the year with the rally committee to get the event up and running which overall was a huge success. Always room for improvement and any points raised have been taken on board and will be ironed out for 2020.

Looking forward to 2020...we are off to a good start!

With massive enthusiasm and dedication from Duncan especially and our friends at Saltyre rally club- we have the Mull Classic in March and our annual dinner dance. Numbers are looking very positive for both events with 36 for the rally and over 90 for the dinner dance. Again we need to push for more bodies to marshal etc.

Disappointed to lose Argyll which was set to be an exciting new tarmac event but due to new legislation and timescale we could not meet the deadlines. A massive thank you to everyone involved, a lot of time and effort had gone into the planning of the event.

Adrian & Kenny have plenty of events in the pipeline for Marshalling/radios on events off the island throughout the year. Kenny has arranged for new banners to be made up so that we can fly the Mull Car Club flag on these events, which will be good to see!

All in all a very positive start to 2020 and here's to a busy year of motorsport!!

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer sent her apologies for this evening and attached a report. (She would be unable to take any questions this evening)

Discussion (EO'D Snr) regarding the loss that appears on the accounts. This is related to Forestry Commission charges for the "Argyll Rally" where an added expense of £5k was required.

Question (EO'D Snr) Has any monies been returned from Mull Rally re Insurance. Answer: There has been no money returned re insurance.

Accounts Approved – proposed A Cameron seconded J Campbell

**Membership Secretary's Report:**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Membership so far in 2020 was 70, in 2019 it was 148 which was down from 2018 with 226 members.

**Chief Marshals Report:**

I would like to start with a big thank you to all the marshals that turned out in all sorts of weather to help the club run it's events during 2019 .

Every rally during 2019 has struggled with a shortage of marshals, there seems to be an ever decreasing bank of marshals in Scotland. The same faces are at rallies time and time again. This is quite concerning. It is an increasing fact that there is not a single club in Scotland with enough resources I.E Marshals to run an event. Without the clubs supporting each other rallying would not exist in Scotland.

Mull Rally is the biggest rally to resource and without the support from the other clubs we would never get enough marshals so it is so important that we support them through the year if we want them to support the Mull Rally. With this in mind I have started up a club night which will be held almost twice a month in various establishments around the Island. This may sound a lot but I hope it will give the younger generation an opportunity to come along to an informal meeting to find out more about Mull Car Club and it's activities. The main objective is to get more people involved with marshalling. I hope as many of you as possible will also come along in the early stages to help boost numbers.

In general the Club has been well represented at many rallies throughout the country during the last year and I very much hope we can continue that this year.

To Date I have committed to the following:

The Snowman Rally	Running a stage	Neil Mchaffie / Adrian Fitness running the stage
Speyside	Adrian Fitness / Kenny Wilson	Running the stage
Argyll	None	
Mach 1	I will assume that we will be asked to help with this one as well in due course	
Other event	Isle of Man rally - The trip to this is being coordinated by Kenny Wilson	

Then of course our own 2 events - Mull Classic / Mull Rally

I am happy to continue as Chief Marshal of the Club

Tom Wilson is Deputy Chief Marshal for Mull Rally, I would like to propose that he be named as Deputy Chief Marshal for the Club as well.

Tom Wilson and myself have become good friends over the last year (that might be down to the odd bottle of Gin). Looking back on the last year I really do not know if I would have managed without Tom. He has done so much behind the scenes with his IT expertise. Although we have the Chief and

Deputy roles, it has been very much a team effort. I think that an official letter of thanks to him from the club would be a nice gesture.

Finally last year a marshal of the year certificate was awarded to Mary Margret MaCrae for 2018 This year I would like to award this to a person that has represented the Club at many rallies doing almost every task asked of a marshal. They have gone over and above the call of duty to help the Club, given up so much of their time and have committed to so much in the last year. They have been a valuable member of the club and a credit to the Club.

Marshal of the year for 2019 goes to Kenny Wilson.

**Election of Directors:**

N Bowring available for re-election      N Bowring re-elected unopposed

J Reddaway standing down

**Election of Club Officials:**

Club Chairperson - Fred MacLean	proposed J Clayton,	seconded C Warden
Deputy Chairperson - J Clayton	proposed S MacDougall,	seconded J Reddaway
Treasurer - D Baines	proposed J Reddaway,	seconded S Clayton
Mem Secretary - CA MacLean	proposed A Fitness,	seconded S Clayton
Chief Marshal - A Fitness	proposed C Warden,	seconded J Campbell
Deputy Ch M (Club) - K Wilson	proposed F Maclean,	seconded C Warden
Deputy Ch M (Mull Rally) - T Wilson	proposed J Reddaway,	seconded C Warden
Club Secretary - J Reddaway	proposed S Clayton,	seconded A Cameron

Discussion followed where JR suggested that the Club looks at succession planning so that there would be a transition period where she would assist a new Secretary explaining the role etc.

Question (NMCH) asked if there should be consideration as to the requirement of the Club Secretary being a Director and a separate position of Minute Secretary. Further suggestion that Minute Secy could be approved at the monthly meeting.

**AOCB**

(EO'D) Discussion whether Marshals should need to pay Club Membership if they attend events. Nothing much happening to pay subscriptions for..

(AF) Quite a number of things happening and many members are attending events/rallies. If people would like some intermediate events or Club Nights then it's up to others to step forward. At present there is no free-time.

(AF) Working on adding to the website. There is much more on it now and grateful for IT support and assistance from Tom Wilson. The existing Website is limited and plain. Propose we look at new designers and upgrade. At present it costs £60 for a limited website.

(NMCH) Praised AF's efforts and continued hard-work that not everyone sees or appreciates and it is time for 'members' to take some responsibility.

(AF) Facebook being quite common nowadays was mentioned by KW and we could then seek feedback.

(AF) will chat with Tom W to determine what needs doing to drive this forward.

Registration for Marshalling will continue as is at present using Tom's IT support re Mull & Targa.

Marshal numbers is a difficulty we will continue to face and thank all those who do support all events and encourage others to come forward.

Chairman finished the meeting inviting anyone who wants to organise an event / club night to come forward and ask.

No further business the meeting closed at 21:23hrs