

ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2019

At

**THE IBIS HOTEL, DIRFT EAST, PARKLANDS, CRICK,
RUGBY, NN6 7EX**

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AGENDA

10.00am

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Accuracy of Minutes from 6th July 2019.
4. Matters arising from the above minutes.
5. Chairman's report.
6. Secretary's report.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. New Club Applications.
9. Rule Change Proposals
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. CCMSA Coordinator
 - j. ALRC Handbook Editor
 - k. Web Master
 - l. Facebook
 - m. Membership Officer
 - n. 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 06.07.19

	Present	Apologies
ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS	Simone Birch	Denis & Sandra Bourne Derek Spooner
ANGLIAN LRC		Andrew Flanders
AYLESBURY LRFC		
BLACKPOOL & FYLDE LRC		
BRECKLAND LRC		
CHELTENHAM & COTSWOLD ROC		
CHESHIRE LRC		
CHILTERN VALE LRC	Stuart Newton, Matthew Fullwood, Tim Linney	
CORNWALL & DEVON LRC		Fraser Parish, David Jeffrey
CUMBRIAN ROC		
DISCOVERY OC	Janet New	
DORSET LRC		Andy Wilson
EAST NORTHANTS LROC		
ESSEX LRC	Mark Pycraft	Heather Pycraft
HANTS & BERKS LRO	Steve Kirby	
LANCS & CHESHIRE LROC		
LAND ROVER REGISTER 1948 -53	Andrew Neaves	
LAND ROVER SERIES 1 CLUB		Andrew Cross
LAND ROVER SERIES II CLUB		
LEICS & RUTLAND LRC		Steve Limb
LIGHTWEIGHT LRC		Sue Foster
LINCS LRC		Richard Howard, Lee Houltyby
MIDLAND ROC	Richard Banks	Ruth & Richard Smith
NORFOLK LRC		
NORTH EASTERN ROC	Mark Whaley, Andy Scarr	
NORTH WALES LRC		David Mitchell
NOTTINGHAM LRC		
PEAK & DUKERIES LRC	Dennis Wright, Martin Ambrey	
RED ROSE LRC		Roger Wright
SCOTTISH LROC		
SOMERSET & WILTS LRC		
SOUTH COAST LROC		
SOUTHERN ROC	Mark Baitup, Dave Canham	Debby & Charles Darby
STAFFS & SHROPS LRC	Adrian Neaves	
THE CAMEL TROPHY CLUB		
WYE & WELSH LRC	Peter Gladman	
YORKSHIRE LROC		
TOTAL 37	11	9

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MINUTES OF THE EGM HELD ON THE 6th JULY 2019 AT THE IBIS HOTEL, DIRFT EAST, PARKLANDS, CRICK, RUGBY, NN6 7EX

1. **Andrew Neaves opened the meeting at 10.00am**

Good morning everyone and welcome to our meeting venue for AGMs, EGMs and SORC meetings.

As you came in you should have logged your vehicle registration number at the front desk and identified you are attending this meeting which is a site security measure. Fines are in place for those that do not register and it is a separate company to the hotel so they not able to get any charges cancelled.

The corridor to this meeting room provides access to the toiles and a free coffee bar.

Booking for lunch can be made before 11.00.

No fire exercises are planned for today so if the alarm should go off then we need to make our way to the front car park please to await further instructions

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

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th March 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 20189 were proposed as being a true record by Dave Canham, seconded by Mark Whaley and agreed unanimously. Signed by Andrew Neaves

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes (*unless covered elsewhere*).**

5. **Chairman's Report – Richard Smith**

Following the resignation of Paul Barton after holding the role for nine years, at the Council meeting held on the 15th June 2019 Richard Smith was elected as the new Chairman. This is a positon that is decided on by the Council and not voted on at the AGM.

Morning all. Firstly my apologies for not being here, but when we booked Goodwood Festival of Speed I was unaware that I was going to take over the helm from Paul.

I would personally like to thank Paul for all his hard work within the ALRC for the last 20 years. I hope to live up to his and Dennis Bourne's legacy and keep the ALRC moving forwards. As you are all aware there are lots of new products leaving the factory and we, as the ALRC, need to look to the future and change in order to encompass new products and continue to enjoy our motor sport.

Needless to say, if you have any ideas regarding moving forward and changes that you would like to see in the ALRC, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you.

I have attended my first outing as ALRC chair by going down to the Cornwall & Devon LRC charity event, a great weekend with a very friendly club, very good sections for trialling, and a great horse racing event. Thanks to them for their warm welcome and hospitality.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting or catching up with you at some of the many events going on in the next few months, including the 50th anniversary of the Majors Memorial Trial at Eastnor in September.

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. Details of club events circulated by email.
- b. A letter detailing changes to the ALRC Council and ratified rule changes has been sent to all club secretaries and emailed to other ALRC official contacts.
- c. Email received from Keith Bellwood, Chairman from Nottingham LRC suggesting that clubs may be able to share landowner details to help with clubs finding land to use – not all landowners want to deal with clubs other than those they already allow on their land. Clubs may be able to share events.
- d. Email enquiry from Cranford house School Trust, Moulsoford, Oxfordshire looking for any Land Rover suitable for a display in November - desert, arctic or expedition trip vehicles wanted.
- e. Reply received from Andrew Cross, Land Rover SOC, on the subject of club membership. They feel that the decision made for the clubs to hold onto their own information will work as an interim measure but would like the ALRC Council to consider refining the ALRC club membership arrangements to achieve a better long term outcome. We are not sure how this can be achieved. We need to look at this again to see if it is possible to make the clubs the members and stop individual membership but this could affect event entry. This could perhaps be done for the ALRC limited company only and needs investigating. The ALRC Company could perhaps own the ALRC club to make this work. This is to be checked by Derek to see if it is an option and discussed in October's meeting.

Changes of Address:

Club Secretaries:

Peak & Dukeries – Change of address for Ashley Armitage – 29 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield, Newark, NG22 8LL. Mobile phone number only – 07931 101313.

Norfolk LRC – Hannah Jarvis, Silver Birches, Woodgate Road, Swanton Morley, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4NU. 01362 637260 / 07761 491410.
hannah@nlrc@icloud.com

Leics & Rutland LRC – Steve Limb has become the club delegate when attending meetings.

Council Members:

Richard Banks (SORC Chairman), 217 Brownhill Green Road, Coventry, CV6 2AS, 07894 275908. richardbanks195@btinternet.com

Stuart Newton (Member without Portfolio), 9 Blackthorn Drive, Luton, Beds, LU2 8ED, 07941 753131, snewtons16@ntlworld.com

Log book Scrutineers:

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Matthew Fullwood, 2 Moorhills, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0NF, 07912 410771, matthewfullwood@gmail.com

It does appear that a lot of information i.e. letters and general minutes do not get passed on by the secretaries to the club members. Letters and the meeting minutes

are added to the ALRC website as well. A precis of key points is to be publicised so that members can look at the complete meeting minutes

7. Treasurers Report – Richard Smith

All is ok and accounts up to date everyone paid and preparation is underway for next year's National Rally. A deposit for the land has already been paid – to be discussed under 10.e. National Rally.

8. New Club Applications - None received

9. Rule Change Proposals

a. The following two proposals were linked for voting on at the 2019 March AGM.

Section E - Road Taxed Vehicle (RTV) Trial-Specific Technical Regulations

E.2.5. For Modified RTV class, up to 35" maximum inflated diameter tyres may be used.

E.2.6. For Modified RTV class, if the stated tyre width (stamped on the tyre sidewall) is equal or greater than 285(mm) or 11.50(inches) then deep dish rims with greater than a 4"/102mm offset (between the outer flat of the nave plate and the external face of the bead area) are permitted.

These regulations have been ratified by the ALRC Council on the 15th June 2019 for implementation on the 1st January 2020.

b. General Vehicle Regulations

Section C - Modified Class Vehicle Regulations

C.8.3. 100" wheelbase with Defender or Series bodywork is permitted. All other minimum dimensions as per a Series 1, please refer to the Vehicle Sizes Chart. The silhouette as viewed from the side must still resemble the shape of a Land Rover. Bobtailed rear bodywork is not permitted.

This regulation has been ratified by the ALRC Council on the 15th June 2019 for implementation on the 1st January 2020.

c. After discussion at the ALRC S&ORC meeting held on the 16th March 2019 the ALRC Council ratified the following addition to the ALRC Competition Regulations which takes immediate effect.

Part 1 General Vehicle Regulations

Section B – Standard Class Vehicle Regulations

B.19 RECOVERY POINTS

B.19.3. A pair of Land Rover factory specification D rings are deemed suitable for recovery up to and including RTV trials. (Implemented 16th March 2019)

d. Following on from a discussion at Southern ROC about membership criteria and membership cards needing to be shown at signing on for events there has been a discussion between Paul Barton and Ian Davis, Motorsport UK about the wording in the ALRC Handbook.

L.4.1 currently reads:

L.4.1. Current membership card of an ALRC member competitive club and Motorsport UK competition licence, when required, to be shown at signing on.

It looks like the "when required" applies to both an ALRC club membership card and Motorsport UK competition licence when in fact it just applies to the Motorsport UK licence. An ALRC membership card is always a requirement.

To make it clearer the following has been suggested – it involves the moving of the comma only.

L.4.1. Current membership card of an ALRC member competitive club, and Motorsport UK competition licence when required, to be shown at signing on.

This would also clear up the issue of membership cards and the need for them for Tyro events as regulation L applies to all competitive events. An ALRC club membership card is the minimum required for all competitive events with a Motorsport UK competition licence also required for speed events. An ALRC membership card is proof that you are a member of a bona fide club recognised by Motorsport UK and allowed to take part in a competitive event.

A Tyro Trial is not a promotional event which just introduces members to cross country driving but is a competitive event held at beginners level.

This rule change was ratified by the ALRC Council on 15th June 2019 for immediate implementation.

e. At the 2019 National Rally there was an issue about a driver also acting as a passenger for another driver i.e. a parent entering and also acting as a navigator for a their child. This had been allowed in previous years so was allowed this year but the following regulation technically does not allow for it to take place.

L.5. INTERCHANGE OF PASSENGERS (Not applicable to gymkhanas & Tyros.)

L.5.1. A passenger / navigator may accompany only one driver.

L.5.2. A driver may not act as a passenger / navigator for another driver. (Implemented 12th June 2010)

When the rule was changed in 2010 it was the intention that neither L5.1 nor L.5.2. would apply to Tyro events but this is not entirely clear in the regulation.

The following changing in the presentation of the regulation was ratified by the ALRC Council on 15th June 2019 for immediate implementation.

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Andrew Flanders is to check with Motorsport UK to see if this can be added to their regulations if it is not already covered.

f. National Rally SR's – Brake lights on comp motors. Motorsport UK P 60.2.1 requires them unless the ASR's say otherwise. The ALRC regulation D.1.3. only applies to RTVT.

At this year's event there were some vehicles entered in the Comp Safari that did not have brake lights fitted and we think that the ALRC regulation D.1.3.is being used to bypass the Motorsport UK regulation.

It is seen as a safety issue if vehicles do not have brake lights in a Comp Safari.

When you have vehicles of different classes doing different speeds and no way of reacting to vehicles in front with no braking warnings being given.

The following wording was agreed unanimously at the ALRC Council meeting held on 15th June 2019 and added to the future Comp Safari National Rally ASR's.

CS20. Brake lights are mandatory and they must be rearward facing and mounted as high as is practicable within the bodywork confines.

“Officials refer to Article 10” will become CS21.

ALRC Regulation D.1.3. is the following:

D.1.3. Only RTV trials vehicles must comply with all Statutory Regulations as to Construction and Use and lighting; all other classes are exempt. (See current Motorsport UK Yearbook reg. P.60.2.1)

This should read all other events, not classes. The wording is to be further discussed at the S&ORC meeting this afternoon.

g. Proposed amendment to Rule B.19.1 Recovery Points – See attachment (9 pages) from Al Reaney & Simon Saunt (S&ORC), Peak & Dukeries LRC.

Copies of this will be available for discussion at the S&ORC meeting held this afternoon.

h. Proposal to amend the Rule change process. The following proposal is being submitted by Southern Rover Owners Club Ltd.

The rationale:

To try and avoid some of the more extreme proposals, a vehicle rule change proposal needs to pass through the initial stages of the ALRC Scrutineering & Off Road Committee and then the Council before it goes out to the clubs for voting. However, it is perceived by some that a proposal that passes these stages has effectively been endorsed by S&ORC and Council when in fact it has not.

To this end it is being proposed to amend the process so that any recommendation from the S&ORC and Council are published along with the proposal.

The following refers to page 144 of the current ALRC Handbook.

Proposal

Current wording:-

f) A proposed vehicle regulation change shall be considered at the July meeting of the ALRC S&ORC and at the next meeting the proposal shall be determined either as acceptable or nonacceptable.

Following this determination, it shall then be considered by the next meeting of the ALRC Council. If acceptable it shall be notified to the Member Competitive clubs who shall vote on it at the next AGM.

New wording:-

f) A proposed vehicle regulation change shall be considered at the July meeting of the ALRC

S&ORC and at the next meeting the proposal shall be determined either as acceptable or nonacceptable.

If deemed acceptable the vote from the S&ORC will be recorded with the proposal, along with any comment / recommendation the S&ORC may wish to make regarding the proposal.

Following this determination, it shall then be considered by the next meeting of the ALRC Council. If acceptable it shall be notified to the Member Competitive clubs, *along with the S&ORC voting and comments*, who shall vote on it at the next AGM.

To be effective immediately.

Proposed on behalf of Southern Rover Owners Club by Dave Canham

Seconded on behalf of Southern Rover Owners Club by Mark Baitup

This was discussed to get the consensus of opinion from those present at the EGM. Mark Whaley made the following points.

All the information regarding comments made on rule change proposals were available in the minutes of the meetings and these are available on the ALRC website for all to read.

If the voting from the S&ORC was listed, plus comments from the ALRC Council then this may influence members thinking and remove any independence of thought. Each club should make up their own mind as to whether or not they agree with any proposal. Clubs should be discussing any proposals with their membership.

Dave Canham said that there have been numerous times when proposals have been discussed and not supported by the S&ORC but still thought that it should go out to the clubs for their vote to decide the outcome. This has then resulted in some regulations being adopted but then they require further changes when they highlight other necessary changes not previously thought of.

It must be remembered that there is no stand-alone ALRC – the ALRC is made up of its member clubs and it is right that they should be given the decision making on the regulations. The responsibility of the regulations does lie with the clubs and not the Council or S&ORC.

If members do not read the minutes would they understand the reasoning behind any votes or comments attached?

We need to look at how we can persuade the clubs to become more involved. Not all clubs are represented on the S&ORC or Council and many do not attend meetings. If club secretaries do not circulate the meeting minutes to their club members, they in turn do not know what is being discussed so cannot comment.

Even when the information is available to members via the minutes, most do not want to get involved with any discussion or decision making.

Some rule changes have been submitted by members in the past, but they have then not followed through by attending meetings to discuss the proposal. Members must attend meetings to support their proposals unless there were mitigating circumstances...

This rule change proposal does not change any time scales for a rule change proposal but just affects what information is sent out to the clubs when voting is asked for.

If a precis of discussions was sent out with the rule change proposals it make encourage discussion in the individual clubs. A percentage of the views of the S&ORC could perhaps be given but this was thought to not be a good idea.

In the S&ORC meeting minutes from November 2018 it was stated that although as rule was voted For by members of the S&ORC, this did not mean that they were necessarily in favour of the rule but did support it going to the clubs for voting on. This should be highlighted on future voting forms. Also add the following wording – Please discuss within your club prior to voting and refer to the previous S&ORC meeting minutes.

On the voting forms for the AGM there are just For / Against / Abstain boxes and no rationale or discussions are included – these have already appeared in two sets on minutes.

Some proposals do not appear to have been discussed by any member clubs if they come from an individual.

The Rule Change Proposal process is to be discussed further at the next meeting taking into account the discussions listed above.

The current worded proposal was voted For 3, Against 6. This needs representing in November. Dave Canham is to look at the wording and the ALRC Council will also discuss at their next meeting.

It is not a rule change proposal but how the process is actually conducted.

10. Section Reports

a. Caravan Secretary – Heather Pycraft

Caravan permit applications are being dealt with as they come and there have been no issues reported for the 2019 events held.

b. Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner

Of the membership renewals sent out to date fourteen overseas clubs at the beginning of January, payment received from twelve to date. I have sent reminders to the other two and will chase again.

The Norsk LR Klub has its 45th Anniversary event advertised, including on the ALRC website and has an event this year near Alesund on 16th - 21st July 2019.

We have had an invitation for 30th May – 1st June 2020 to celebrate the Deutsche LRC's 45th birthday in Steinhagen on the Offroad Gelände near Stralsund.

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

Since our last meeting three shows have been attended. Thanks go to Richard and Stuart Vickers for sorting the passes and stand out at Gaydon. I think it was quite a good show. Tom Caren came across on Sunday afternoon and asked Ian and myself if we had any suggestions for next year. We suggested giving caravans and motorhomes the option of pitching on the new car park or the banking.

I attended Live Promotions show at Driffield which was quiet with not many traders present. This could just be because it was a change of venue from Edinburgh earlier in the year which meant traders couldn't change venues at short notice. Only 19 clubs attended.

This year I attended the Billing Off Road event in June instead of Kelmarsh as this show was poorly attended last year.

The Billing Off Road show was enjoyable and was also attended by a few more ALRC clubs.

The next and last show of the year will be at Peterborough in September.

I have put a request in to Live Promotions for a stand at Peterborough and will hear in July if we are successful. They have now changed the criteria for passes requiring the driver and all passengers to pay £10 per person fee up front. I have to submit the usual driver, passenger and motor details along with the non-refundable or transferable payment at the time of the booking. This is to supposedly stop the internet based clubs from entering. They then email the named passes to me which I can send out or forward on. If I have email addresses I can probably get them sent direct.

We can have up to 10 vehicles on a stand and I will need all the details by the end of July.

The show organisers now want members to pay to display which in a way is sorting their show out for them. The £10 is cheaper than actual entry costs. There is no fixed stand area but is based on the number of entries made. Up to 10 vehicles are allowed. Some clubs cannot commit to entries in advance. It may be that clubs go one year and are then replaced by others the next year. The show organisers obviously expect to make money from the events.

What is the benefit of the ALRC attending the shows? – It flies the flag and enables member club stands to be visited but this only applies if member clubs continue to attend the shows. Now there is a cost involved this may drop off.

The Peterborough Show is the one that the most public attend but the other shows are all dwindling off.

It may be that camping is no longer allowed on the stand and there may be an additional charge for this. (Gaydon was no charge for the stand but camping was £10 per person per night = £40 for the weekend).

The shows starting by clubs wanting to get together without competition and as a way of clubs socialising.

Chiltern Vale LRC have started doing other types of shows – i.e. multi make events like classic car shows and steam fairs and this is also resulting in new membership.

This may be an opportunity for the National Rally to try and attract more stands with day visitors encouraged as well. At the moment there is very little footfall during the day when the competitions are being held but there would be in the evenings etc. It might attract more non-competitive clubs but some may not travel. Land size and costs may be an issue.

d. Countryside Access – Roger Wright

I chose not to attend the LARA AGM and Steering Committee Meeting on 22 May owing to the ratio of distance / cost and time in relation to likely input, so I report on the minutes.

There is still no Government input to Working Groups owing to the long-term diversion of DEFRA staff to Brexit. Wales is becoming increasingly independent of England in terms of policy.

There was discussion of LARA's future as to whether LARA is duplicated by other organisations; the others lack the overview and the ability to produce policy and guidance.

LARA is to issue guidance over S33 Best Practice. This is particularly pertinent in view of actions by Powys and latterly Derbyshire Councils.

Illegal access and misuse of land is becoming a serious problem. The MOD are concerned about such use of parts of Salisbury Plain where large groups have been playing on land including SSSIs, including training areas. A long-standing motorcycle event in Powys has been cancelled after illegal trespass in Dyfi Forest.

The proposed diversions of BOATs for the A303 bypass at Stonehenge are likely to have barriers to exclude illegal users, but which will also exclude 4x4 vehicles.

There were no discussions on the Tilberthwaite lanes in the Lake District where excessive use by a commercial 4x4 guiding company destroyed U5001, making agricultural access very difficult.

To supplement the LARA report, in respect of the Tilberthwaite and other lanes, LAND ROVER MONTHLY published an article in the May issue describing their trip, led by another 4x4 guiding company, using nine lanes. They may have used the U5001 while it was subject to restraint, drove along 400 metres of bridleway with no public vehicular rights, drove two 110's along a lane that has been long known to be unsuitable for such vehicles and elicited vocal criticism from other users for high-profile labelled expedition-equipped vehicles. I wrote to Patrick Cruywagen, the LRM editor, and got a very pleasant reply admitting a level of ignorance over rights of way issues; he could have added map-reading skills. I asked for corrections to be published but I am not aware of any yet. I have invited him to join one of my club laning trips but I am still awaiting a reply. The magazines do now seem to give out a lot of information on green laning which is not always correct.

e. National Rally Liaison Officer – Janet New

It was the best return of trophies before the event this year and also more Concours trophies were awarded which means they do not require storage space!

2019 – Whaddon worked very well as a National Rally site with good camping and easy access to the competition ground. Thanks must go to Anglian LRC and Chiltern Vale LRC for putting on a very good event which was enjoyed by all who attended. Both clubs were appreciative of all the help they received from the Council members, other clubs and including Charles & Debby Darby.

The feedback from club members attending has been good and we will be able to go back to the site for another event with improvements already planned for wider gateways etc.

2020 – Bilsington Priory Estate, Priory Road, Bilsington, Ashford, TN25 7AU. This site has been used by Southern ROC but it is primarily a site used by Southern Counties Offroad Club who are happy to help with the National Rally.

This event is being run by Event Director Charles Darby and members from various clubs have come forward to help organise the event. All events are covered for C-o-C's.

Rally can start on the Wednesday, 20th May 2020 though no rally control till Thursday. The pink Ladies team from Southern ROC will cover this.

Comp Safari - Southern Counties ORC. They are not an ALRC club but it is their land that Southern ROC have started to use. This is not seen as an issue as it will also free up Southern ROC members to enter. It will not be a Southern Counties event with their members entering, unless they are members of an ALRC club as well.

At present there is not thought to be the land available to hold a Team Recovery but this is still being looked at in the second wood. The land has no deep ruts at present and we do not really want to overuse any area. There are footpaths in the woods and we do not want to leave obvious scars which will be visible to all and that will take many years to recover.

The days for the events have still to be worked out as it will depend if there is a wedding booked at the Priory on the Saturday in which case we will run the RTVT on the Saturday as potentially there will be fewer entries so less noise generated. We are still in discussion with the landowner on this as they may decide to not take a booking for a wedding and be more involved in our event.

Bookings – Easter is late next year – 12th April 2020.

Closing date to be Wednesday 6th May 2020 – Bank holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May and not Monday 4th May as would be usual but we cannot accommodate a later cut-off date to be able to organise competition numbers etc. (Clubs may not be aware of this Bank Holiday change).

For this year's event Debby had to process about 100 bookings in the last three days which makes for a lot of work at the last minute.

We are currently looking at producing an electronic booking form that will work with the various spreadsheets that are run by Debby. This would make the production of all the paperwork much easier. Payment via PayPal will be possible with an automated reply being sent. This may be a problem for overseas bookings but this could be sorted for the small number it would affect.

A thank you must go to Jonathan Jones, Midland ROC who has helped Ruth in the setting up of the PayPal testing.

We are just tweaking the form to make sure all the correct information is being asked for and picked up.

This would then be available to any club that hosts a National Rally to use.

ALRC levy – change to £5 by the ALRC Council as all costs have increased substantially over the years and there has been no increase for many years? Losing the sponsorship of the NFU has obviously had an impact on the revenue from the National Rally. The levy is used for the upkeep of the annual trophies which can be costly with new bases and re-silvering being needed. There is also all the items that the ALRC now provide for the running of the event which have increased over the years.

Following letter sent to all clubs re the future of the National Rally the following replies have been received:

Letter from Lincs LRC stating that they feel the format should remain over three days with the RTVT, CCVT and Comp Safari being well attended and the team recovery a highlight for spectators. Adding more of a show may attract more of the non-competitive clubs but they feel that non-compliant vehicles may need to be included more as that is what the younger Land Rover owners seem to have. Possibly introduce a winch challenge event of some sort.

They say that the National Rally seems to have lost the personal touch of the host club with all following the same format but do realise that it is almost impossible to find volunteers to commit to organising such events and so much is done for so many by so few.

Email from Blackpool & Fylde LRC – could an event be held further North. They would be interested in helping to run a gymkhana event.

Offer from Richard Rowley and David Gregory, Midland ROC to act as C-o-C's for any CCVT at any National Rally.

Many questions about the numbers and requirements etc. for the event from Ian Stuart, Scottish LRC.

North Wales LRC do not want to jeopardise their August event by running a National Rally.

Peak & Dukeries have offered to help host or run a future event. They think they would have an issue in accessing land big enough from the ones they currently use. There were some of their members who were concerned about the rising costs of the event but they are keen for the format to remain the same.

We are welcome to use Stainby again to hold a National Rally event in the future. The ideal would be to have sites we can use all over the country and then rotate them.

Andrew Neaves proposed a vote of thanks to Anglian LRC and Chiltern Vale LRC for hosting this years National Rally. This was seconded by Simone Birch and agreed by all.

f. Press & Publicity – No report

g. Motorsport UK Liaison – Andrew Flanders

Nomination sent in for Richard Banks to join the 2020 Motorsport UK Cross Country Committee. Decision expected in September 2019.

For a member to be considered to become a Motorsport UK Cross Country Scrutineer all will need to submit a CV to Motorsport UK which will be supported by a covering letter from the ALRC. We are not sure as to the timescale that this will take place in. No replies have been received from previous letters sent by Simone. Up to date CV's from interested log book scrutineers who would like to be considered to become a Motorsport UK Cross Country Scrutineer will be required so they can be submitted with as recommendation from the ALRC as well- these need to outline current activity at events.

No report has been received from Andrew Flanders as the minutes of the last Motorsport UK Cross Country Committee have still to be released and matters cannot be discussed until then.

The committees have been reduced in size and the maximum tenure of nine years seems to be being applied. Andrew Flanders has currently served for seven years on the Cross Country Committee.

Dave Canham said that the reduction in the committee numbers could also be attributed to members not re-applying to remain on.

h. S&ORC – Richard Banks

The main thing that has happened since the last meeting is the National Rally which gives a chance to check a large number of vehicles.

There was a problem with smoky diesels entered in the Team Recovery. A letter has been sent to the relevant club as pictures are available on social media showing the vehicles shrouded in black smoke which is not a good advertisement for our motorsport.

New logbook scrutineer – Martin Ambrey, Peak & Dukeries LRC. Training to be given together with Matthew Fullwood and Adrian Neaves today.

Lee Houlty, Lincs LRC will also receive training later this year when his contact details will be made available. He unfortunately has a prior engagement (30th wedding anniversary) to attend today.

Graham Pink, Peak & Dukeries LRC has been asked to stop acting as a log book scrutineer and he has been removed from the listing on the website. Please do not contact him on scrutineering matters.

Q Class – Very little change in the vehicles being added with more of the same vehicles already listed being entered in events.

Letter received from Richard Howard, Lincs LRC saying that the committee of Lincs LRC feel that the stopping of Q for CCVT and Comp Safari is a backward step and they would like the ALRC to reconsider this decision. He did acknowledge that there had not been much data fed back from club but said that interest was growing. He went on to say that the difference one entry can affect whether the club makes a loss or profit at an event. Richard Howard was invited to come to today's meeting but unfortunately was unable to attend.

Dennis Wright said that when the Q class was originally proposed, it was for RTVT only. This was changed to CCVT and Comp Safari at his suggestion that was agreed at the time. Having the feedback from the clubs it was not shown that there were very few entries in CCVT or Comp Safari. This could have been down to clubs not returning the information after the events but it was decided after the trial period to just continue with Q class in RTVT. Information was asked for at every meeting but very little was received even though we were aware from social media that vehicles were being used.

At the Majors Memorial Trial there was a Q class team entered with two of the vehicles being very close to ALRC specifications. One, cut too short at back and the others with different bumpers would have probably complied.

The clubs that are running an off road club alongside an ALRC one do not send in reports as they have no need to run Q class at their events.

Not all clubs are in a position, or want to run a parallel club but this has obviously distorted the figures.

If we had the figures from the parallel clubs as to what vehicles that would be in Q class were attending events it would give a better idea as to what was around and being used by ALRC members.

Q Class was for new ALRC club members with the vehicles they already owned, not for existing members to build new Q Class vehicles or other non-ALRC club members. The main discipline that brings in new members is the RTVT.

It was said that if children are encouraged to start with JTV's and Tyros they should follow the Land Rover route in the future. Club running other classes not listed in the ALRC Handbook at their events is not allowed for under the ALRC regulations. No

additional classes should be added. On signing up to become an ALRC member club, it is agreed that the regulations of the ALRC will be applied.

There is a rule change proposal that would need to be followed to allow Q class to be used in other events, other than RTVT.

i. Cross Country Motor Sports Agency Co-ordinator – Andrew Neaves

No permits issued since last meeting.

j. Handbook – Steve Kirby

Any errors spotted please contact Steve Kirby.

A rolling update is made when changes are highlighted.

k. Webmaster – Ruth Smith

The website usage continues to grow. In April there were 1245 users and 5176 page views. Over the period May 11th to June 10th we had 1779 users and 10,258 page views; however this obviously was a period of high interest due to the National Rally and will drop in the coming months. On average 65% of visitors are new, as opposed to returning visitors.

I have received many new event notifications that I have added to the calendar page, and when it is an event 'of note' I have also added this to the News Update page, as well as mentioning it on our Facebook page. Interestingly, our FB page refers on average 12% of all traffic the website receives, so that is working!

We have generated £400 income in the last couple of months, with three more companies being added to the Marketplace area: Adventure Tours China, Dick Lovett Land Rovers, Torque GT and NWS Motor Services. We have also been paid for another entry, West Country Motor Homes.

Following on from this there has been a query from Paul Walton, NERO secretary asking if names and addresses are passed onto advertisers on the website.

This is not done by the ALRC but of course club secretaries details do appear as a listing and are in the public domain, as are ALRC Council members, S&ORC and log book scrutineers.

Over the last month the National Rally pages have been the most visited (no surprise there!), followed by the Calendar, News Update, Member Clubs and Marketplace pages in that order. The National Rally results are now on the website along with galleries of images from the event. Unfortunately we don't have many prize giving images, and no bike trial pics at all, but if any more are sent to me I will add them in. A lot of clubs are sending in event information which is good as the calendar page is being used more.

More information will be added on the 2020 National Rally pages as it becomes available.

Debby and I are working on an e-commerce form for next year's event, which takes payment via debit/credit card or PayPal account and puts it directly into the ALRC's PayPal account. The form will generate confirmation emails which go to both the customer and also Debby. The back end of the software gives access to an Excel spreadsheet which holds all the information that is input by anyone completing the booking form online (part from their banking details!). Debby can then import this information into her Access programme for everything else she needs to do.

Hopefully this system will help with taking bookings and dramatically cut down on the paperwork and chasing up of missing details that Debbie currently has to do.

Regarding the software, I have donated one of my form licenses to the cause, however I have had to pay £40+ VAT for 12 months online support in order to help get things working and see us through the event.

I. Facebook – Adrian Neaves

The Facebook page currently has 730 members to date, with new members been added on a weekly basis.

In the last month there have been 108 posts, mostly concerning the national and how well it ran and how people enjoyed themselves. So well done to all the organisation team.

m. Membership Officer – Murray Wiltshire

All clubs have paid for 2019.

n. Child Protection – Simone Birch.

Review of ALRC Child Protection Policy – no change required.

Confirmation from Stuart Haviland, Motorsport UK that a Club Safeguarding Officer may take on other roles at a competitive event. They may not act as a Steward or take part in events but can act in other roles, including a Judge of Fact if this is allowed for in the regulations.

11. Any Other Business.

a. Changes to the London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and Ultra Low Emission Zones (ULEZ).

These come into effect in October 2020 and October 2021 respectively and may affect people going to Steve Kirby for log booking as he lives in the LEZ area.

Further details are available at <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/low-emission-zone/changes-to-the-lez?intcmp=52426>

b. Log Books and change of ownership / address

This information of change of ownership should be added to the back page so that the correct information is there so that if they are handed in at the start of events they can be returned to the correct person.

Some members are entering on paperwork and not actually obtaining a log book so no comments can be made. This is not allowed continually for in the rules and should ideally only be done for a single event before a log book is applied for.

Should the fee for log booking be paid at the first or second inspection? This was thought to be a good idea and will be discussed by the ALRC Council at their next meeting.

The tags should be fitted at the first inspection as that is the vehicle identity to give traceability

Members entering the National Rally should ensure that they have a log book prior to the event or present photographs and relevant fees at the event so Dennis can process the paperwork immediately after the event.

c. Change of Directors for ALRC, ARC and CCMSA

The three Directors for all the ALRC run companies are Simone Birch, Andrew Flanders and Richard Smith with Derek Spooner as Company Secretary. All changes have been made with Companies House. The registered address has been changed to the new accountants Mills Pyatt, 11 Kingfisher Business Park, Arthur Street, Lakeside, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8LG.

Andrew Flanders is also to be added as a signatory on the bank account – at present Simone Birch, Richard Smith and Derek Spooner have access with two signatories required for each transaction.

d. Promotional Events and Motorsport UK Permits.

When clubs plan to run a Promotional Event using a Certificate of Exemption from Motorsport UK that must declare if they are planning to allow non-members i.e. members of the public to drive at the event so this can be added to the permit. There are several regulations in the Motorsport UK Yearbook – D.5, P.9 and P.47.2.1. which are confusing as P.46.2.1. states that a membership card is required which obviously someone from the general public will not have.

12. Date of Next Meeting – 16th November 2019

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

All meetings take place at the Ibis Hotel, Crick, Rugby, NN6 7EX.

Please make sure you register your vehicle details at the hotel reception under “Conference” to avoid a parking fine.

There is ample parking and food available if required although you are able to eat your own food in the meeting room. Free coffee is also available. Access from driving routes are also good.

Meeting dates for 2020:

Council: 8th February, 13th June, 10th October,

AGM / EGM / S&ORC: 14th March, 4th July, 14th November.

13. Close of Meeting at 12.05