

FINAL MEETING 9TH MARCH 1987

No rally gets everything right but this event had more than it's fair share of problems and we are meeting to list the things that went wrong in the hope that future events will not suffer from the same problems.

The meeting will start at the beginning of the event and and discuss each item through to the end. We MUST limit time spent on each item.

In addition we have a letter sent to the Competitions Secretary from the ANCC following a report to the ANCC from Mr. Kelvin Brown, the Steward of the Meeting regarding the Three Swans P R work which must be discussed fully and a reply drafted for submission to the Club General Committee.

1. PR WORK The ANCC letter to be read and discussed with a reply drafted.

2. CLOCK SETTING The Chief Timekeeper wanted to play rugby at the time the clocks required to be set although he agreed to set the clocks after discussion. The clocks were set at C.B.'s with the aid of the BEEB. The assistant did not at that time have sufficient knowledge to set the clocks on his own, but should have in future events.

3. NOISE CHECK Those sent to sell competition numbers found they were the only club members there with no marshals, but only after a chaotic situation with cars everywhere happened. Why no marshals??

No drivers. 6 - Motor club members to be opposite who were the route. Noise official
 4. SCRUTINEERING *mess lot going - We were marked by the Noise official - 4 marshals required in addition to check back of commensal again! D.P. 1/12 offered 12 marshals 198*
 5. START AREA, *Retreat closed before all groups arrived*
 VENUE *Cafe closed before we were finished.*

PARKING some was bad and caused access to private property to be blocked. One car had to be bumped out of the way.

Car park marshals must be instructed to keep clear any private access points.

Spies should be reported for competition. Not the ideal venue.
 SALES OF GOODS *sold some (but not all!) of the info.*

MARSHALS SIGNING ON *lost of marshals! done mostly by Peter ranging round not many seen & marshalled*

THE START This is where problems really started. Last year, information was thrust at the competitors on the start line, the Marshal had help and copied the instruction to separate pieces of paper and had his assistants go down the line to show competitors. This was initiative, but theoretically wrong as any valid instruction MUST be signed by the COC.

This year the same thing happened, 2 minutes before the start. The same Marshal informed the COC what was likely to happen but he chose to ignore the warning. With NO ONE to help, (everyone had gone except the Entries Sec who didn't want to be involved), delays started such that by car 9, 2 minutes lateness was incurred leaving the start line. By car 90, 34 minutes lateness was incurred. The start marshal gave a full written report to the Clock Collection car.

The delays caused some very unpleasant scenes, the start marshal informed competitors that the COC was aware of the problem and that adjustments would most probably be made. That was the only way to appease some crews.

This must NEVER happen in the future. The reroute could, and should have been included on the route card or, at the worst be posted on the notice board.

Crews were heard to be saying what a great event, no notices to read other than entry list changes.

(More later in RESULTS)

11. OTHER COMMENTS

CLOCK COLLECTION Noted that ²³ one clock (for the finish MTC) was left at the finish when ALL clocks should have been in the hands of the Timekeepers. It was their responsibility to collect them. Did the timekeepers come to the finish, (CB requested them to do so) DISGUSTING!

All officials in future must be aware of their responsibilities (many are defined in the Blue Book) and that their duties do not end until everything has been cleared up.

PRIZE PRESENTATION Scheduled for 20th March at the Clubhouse. Competitors informed. £5 donation to each crew for travelling expenses. Crews to ring SRW if cannot attend. Alma Clark may be involved with refreshments, SRW also offered. - give with help if nec.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- claim for expenses
- letter f thanks.

All organisers to be made fully aware of their duties before they accept the job. We do not want people looking for a good thank!

Deputy COC should be appointed.

off.
All cars should be more checked before being allowed to leave the start!

help to write to all marshals thank them.

TT to do letter for Venue thank give to SRW.

Cas 1 - accident loved to death & 20 more weeks, visited by DJ
2 weeks ago Bedford Royal H. in hospital

Copies of these minutes to be distributed to

Sector marshals to know of recovery of routes

£25 to go to Ragwort (SRW)

Index & £900

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Dear Jim.

re Three Swans Rally 24th/25th January 1987

At a meeting of the Rallies Committee on 12th Feb. 1987 the Observers report on the above event was read and discussed. Regretably it judged that the event was unsatisfactory on several counts. Accordingly therefore I have been asked to write to you the club (as opposed to the Clerk of Course) to inform you of our findings.

The Committee feels that the most unsatisfactory finding is that of the P.R. work and its associated 'register'. The register which was given to the observer was totally incomplete and inconsistent and was in breach of the ANCC rules laid down for road rallies. So incomplete and difficult to interpret was it that he had to rely on the word of the clerk of the course that all the P.R. had been completed. A most unsatisfactory situation I'am sure you will agree.

As I am sure you will realise the purpose of the register is to show that the required P.R. work has been carried out and to further provide the observer and C of C with a means of a) checking that the work had been done and b) pinpointing potential problem areas. Most other clubs manage to produce registers which contain ALL the required information and this alone suggests that the rules are not unreasonable.

You must also agree that with the climate as it presently exists P.R. work is fast becoming the single most important factor in event organisation. Failure to comply not only results in serious public disquiet towards yourselves but can also spoil it for other more reasonable organisers.

The committee also considers that there appeared to be insufficient communication between the organisers and that a well briefed and capable deputy to the C of C is appointed as it was also felt he may have taken on too much himself.

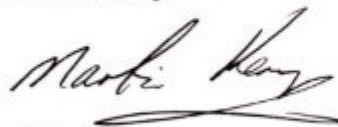
If as an alternative the problem was of organising team 'incompatability' then the club should seriously consider a re appraisal of that team.

As you may now realise the 1988 event will be placed under close scrutiny by the rallies committee.

Finally may we seek your assurance that 1) the clubs future reports will comply fully with the rules and 2) you consider all the points noted.

Thanking you in anticipation on an early reply.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Martin Kemp', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Martin Kemp.
Rallies Secretary.