

National Rally initial planning meeting – 14th August 2024

Present: Simone Birch, Tony Birch, Ralph Coulson, Debby Darby, Matt Daubney, Richard Entwistle, Steve Limb, Hazel Mellish, Kevin Peake, Donald Randall, Helen Randall, Gordon Renshaw, Jonathan Sharpe, David Summerfield, Jamie Walker, Liz Welch, Mick Wing, Dennis Wright.

Senior Officials	
Stewards of the Meeting	Antony Birch, John Osborne?, Richard Smith
Event Director	Donald Randall
Secretary of the Meeting, Safeguarding Officer	Simone Birch
Entries Secretary	Debby Darby
Director Site Services	?
Event Safety Officer, First Aid Cover	Simone Birch
Chief Scrutineer	Dennis Wright
ALRC Eligibility Scrutineer	Kevin Peake
Bookings & Results Co-ordinator	Debby Darby
Chief Marshal	Andrew Birch
CCVT Clerks of Course	Ben Parkes & Lewis Parkes
Tyro Clerk of Course	?
RTVT Clerk of Course	Christopher Birch & Adam Coles
Comp Safari Clerk of Course	Tim Gibson ?
Team Recovery Clerk of Course	Steve Limb (may change to Donald Randall if seat belt rule changes)
Bike Trial	Lauren Bruce & Hazel Mellish
Concours d'elegance	David Mitchell
Comp Safari Timekeeper	?

Official changes can be made before the event if necessary. Initial C-o-C's and time keepers to hopefully be confirmed after Eckington.

Charles Darby may be able to act as a steward if he decides not to enter – to be decided nearer the time but John Osborne will be asked by Donald so that we have three listed.

Timing equipment is available at P&D and their timers may be willing to do it at the National Rally. Live timing is used which makes it easy for everyone. They usually operate from a tent. To be checked at Eckington. LLRC have a timing van if needed

Tyro has not got a C-o-C as yet – we may have to ask another club but will ask our club members first. P&D will be busy with the CCVT, LRLRC are already heavily committed to the RTVT and rally control so maybe LLRC may have someone able to lay out.

It was queried if it was worth putting on a Tyro for so few entries, some of those from this year will now be eligible for the RTVT. It does seem to attract the older drivers now more. It does need to be a full event

Land is also a problem at Stainby as it could encroached on the RTVT land – could perhaps lay out in the second camping field plus the field used for the comp pits. If not, it is on a different day so could perhaps use some ground from the RTVT with co-operation of the C-o-Cs.

Could make a decision after a site visit.

A MSUK scrutineer from Spalding may be available for the Comp Safari – Kevin to ask.

Scrutineering Team - Clubs to go back to their members to ask for volunteers for a scrutineering team.

Paramedic cover for the comp - makes sense to use Chris Gwilliam as he lives close to the site.

Could a remote control car event be set up – to ask if Freddie Flanders is available that would be ideal – Gordy to ask at Eckington.

Planned Days

Saturday – CCVT – 8.00. Tyro – afternoon start?

Sunday – RTVT – 8.00. Team Recovery – 14.00. Bike Trial afternoon. Concours d'Elegance.

Rally control will need to be covered during the weekend – hope to have a rota. Electronic booking in will be available which has been trialled this year and worked well. LRLRC has a tent that can be used.

Car Parking to be charged for – payable by all who attend for the day. A sum up machine can be used. Lincs have two that can be used.

Marshals. The booking form has been adapted so that all competitors and marshals can sign on in advance with Andrew Birch going to co-ordinate marshals for the events so he will be in touch with them beforehand.

Marshal lunches will need sorting.

Caterers need arranging – Liz has contact details of this years caterers and bar – not sure if the bar has already been booked? – to be checked if they are available. Liz to speak to them again to try and organise.

She has a caterer for the Majors who may be able to travel to Stainby. The fish and chips was popular.

Toilets – need to get prices for 17 toilets, 1 disabled, 3 elsan points plus a shower block. Toilets need servicing as well. Mick to talk.

Water – new taps need to be fitted to existing pipework. Will need to get the pipework cleaned. Antony to see if Lee can help.

Skips need booking – may be an issue with food waste and dog waste now that rule regulations have come in since last time we were at Stainby. Ok if it goes to incinerators. May have to go outside of the local area. All waste in North Nottinghamshire is incinerated.

The price is expensive. Cheaper to get ordinary skips as opposed to roll on ones.

Jamie to price up the cost in the next few weeks.

Marquee – same as this year, already booked with tables and chairs.

Pricing for events – It has been agreed by the ALRC Council to drop the ALRC levy as the financing of the National Rally has changed with the ALRC covering all the costs and any profits made then going to the hosting clubs. This will also mean that each individual booking form will not incur an extra £5 charge.

It has been agreed keep prices as at this year for bookings made by 31st March 2025. Prices will then increase by £5 for every event.

Camping - £65 / £70, Tyro £25 / £30, RTVT & CCVT £40 / £45. Team Recovery £60 / £65. Comp £80/ £85

A confusion has arisen by the extra vehicle passes paid for this year.

A free vehicle pass is available for those booking camping, a second free pass is available for an entry. This is to be made clear by Ralph on the booking form.

Camping field to be sorted out the week before.

Campers this year – 222. We should have enough pegs for pitches from past events.

If more pegs or stakes are needed these can be arranged through Lincs.

Signage and tape – part of the lake will be marked with rope and prominent signs. Mick has pig irons plus blue rope and Hazel has more of that which can be used.

Rally program – Ralph is happy to produce this provided he is given the information to go into it early enough.

Sponsorship – can hopefully get some sponsorship to help with the rally packs. Britpart produced the bags for this year. Liz is happy to talk to them and others to try and get some support for the event. She will talk to Tomcat as well.

To talk to club members to see if any have ideas.

Jamie said there is a company that he works with that may supply stone should we need it for gateways. He will speak to them and copy Liz into any email sent.

Club Stands – hoped that Camel Trophy Club may attend. It might encourage others as the shows are pricing costs too high to attend. Only camping needs paying for with club stands free.

The Land Rover Series One Club already attend and host the concours.

Trade Stands. It would be nice to perhaps get some trade stand at the event. Donald to approach JSG, Mick to talk to Rimmers, a firm selling Fire extinguishers are going to Eckington so Gordon will ask them.

Stonecircle selling T-shirts will attend.

Logo – 4 had been circulated to the clubs only today so they could make a decision on which one was liked. They have been designed by Andrew Randall.

The seven sided one was the one preferred by most as it looks different. The Land Rover needs simplifying with the rope and some detail (door handles, windscreen wipers etc). removed. ALRC, not ARLC and two different tyre treads need changing. Donald to talk to Andrew.

Mick wondered if it could be produced as a badge to sew onto any garment.

Liz to produce samples when the logo has been tweaked.

Colour for this years clothing to be Black, Light Grey and Royal Blue. White stitching on the black and royal blue and black on the light grey.

Radios – Simone to check that Derek has booked them for the event. Liz to ask Kev if he is happy to cover the role again.

Trophies – ALRC centres are used on these. Over 150 trophies are presented with class trophies and perpetuals.

Would it be possible to have a lockable container / box trailer/ van that could be left near to the marquee so that it is easier to store and prepare the trophies for prize giving.

Mick is to see if he could get a price from the toilet suppliers or elsewhere.

Jon Weston may have something on the farm – Tony will talk to Jon.

A PA system is needed for prize giving.

Next meeting on **9th October 2024**.

If necessary an email can be sent to everyone who has attended this meeting if a decision needs to be made before that.