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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS 18th October 2016

Held at the Lion and Lamb, Great Canfield

The meeting commenced at 20.30

Attendance

Members

12 were present representing 8 clubs as follows: -

Clive Grounds	Training /Cambridge MC (Acting Chairman)
Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / Wickford AC (Acting Secretary)
Tony Michael	Comp Sec & Web Site / Chelmsford MC
Tony Clements	MSA Reg.Cttee. Rep.
Paul Barrett	Rally Co-ordinator / Chelmsford MC
Mike Biss	Boundless by CSMA
Keith Pettitt	AMSC
John Boot	West Suffolk MC
Mark Banham	Kings Lynn & Dist MC
Pete Richards	Peterborough MC

Guests

Tania Brown	RDO – East Midlands / East Anglia
Matt Endean	MSA Rallies/ Auto & Rally Cross Committee

Welcome

The Acting Chairman Clive Grounds, welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed all present of Brian Hemmings' secretary role being undertaken by Stanley Graham, due to Brian's illness. Also the absence of the chairman Gary Nichols who is on holiday. Stanley gave an update on Brian's progress and suggested he is contactable by e-mail. The group all wish Brian a speedy recovery.

Apologies

Brian Hemmings Secretary (Anglia Motor Sport Club), Gary Nichols Chairman (Chelmsford MC), Loyd Gerken (Technical), Noreen Ward (BARC – Midlands), Geoff Hodge (Falcon MC), John White (Autocross Coordinator/ Green Belt MC), Sara White (HCAC Coord ./Greenbelt), Melanie Camp (Greenbelt MC), Tony Burchnall (Eastern Counties MC), Alan Barnard (West Essex MC), Richard Wakeling (Mini Cross Drivers Association), Chris Deal (Sprint / Green Belt).

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 26th July 2016 were reviewed and unanimously agreed to be a true representation of the meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Keith Pettitt (AMSC), and seconded by Tony Clements (Chelmsford MC)

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

As the chairman was on holiday and no information was forthcoming, there was no report.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer had provided a report indicating that the current accounts stood at £11,513.77 with no outstanding commitments. The sponsorship money of £600 from Jelf had been paid. Thanks go to Paul Barret for chasing.

Secretary's report

Correspondence has been received as follows:-

Copies of minutes and notices from other associations. i.e. Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, South East, Central Southern and South West.

Monthly newsletters from Sevenoaks & DMC and ACU Eastern Centre.

There have been applications for membership as follows: -

Border MC

Disabled Racing Drivers Club

Both had paid and were accepted.

One club appears to have changed it's name to Boundless by CMSA!

Autocross Report

No report. There appears to be little interest within the AEMC clubs and therefore AMEC will not run a championship next year.

Stage Rally Championship

The event at Wethersfield on August Bank Holiday Monday went well. The new safety and spectator rules were introduced. All events will have to follow in 2017. There was a longer than intended gap during the summer. Rockingham and Brands left in the championship. Plans for 2017 will try and address this to create a more even schedule. There are 7-10 proposed events on the calendar at present.

ASEMC are happy to run jointly again.

Sprint Championship

No report

MSA / Regional Committee

The notes from the meeting had been circulated before this meeting and there were no queries raised.

Matt Endean provided an update from the Autocross and Rally committees identifying that the rally tracking system had been agreed and details will be available soon. (Anyone interested, let me know and I will get the details from Matt and pass them to all clubs. SG)

Auto-x is the biggest growth area in the South West and the North East, but not in the Anglia region!!

Rally-x is developing regulations for space-framed vehicles.

mentioning in particular the discussions ongoing around autocross and that there is a working group looking at ways of getting into rallying, which he is leading.

Matt clarified the rules for Safety Cars on rallies. He stated that they are required on Single Venues. As of 1st January 2017, one of the crew needs to have been on the Safety Car Course. Also, the Safety Car has to be deployed if there has been a change in the route.

Auto-solo etc rules have been re-written. There was then a discussion. Pete Richards suggested that the new rules contained contradictions over passengers etc. Mike Biss pointed out that the new rules gave the organisers the opportunity to allow passengers if they wanted to, but must identify them in the SRs for the event.

RDO (Go Motor sport)

Tina Brown introduced herself as the RDO for the northern part of our area and representing Go Motorsport. She reminded the meeting about the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Club of the Year Award. She pointed out that no club is "Too Small" for these awards and all clubs should put forward candidates.

She was keen to show our training day was working and that WSMC had been successful in linking colleges to draw in new members running taster events.

There are marshalling incentives which will be presented by Suze.

Training

Clive confirmed the numbers for the Training Day were good. It is a pity that there are few youngsters. Clive is still hopeful to arrange a Safety Car Training session as one of the modules.

Communications

No report.

Promotional Event 2016

Plans to organise a Go Motorsport Live! East event in 2016 have had to be cancelled as a result of difficulties in finding a workable date at the venue. The potential to run an event in the first half of 2017 is looking hopeful and this is being progressed

Next Meeting

The next Delegates meeting will be: -

17th January 2017 at the Lion and Lamb,
Great Canfield, CM6 1SR

START TIME 20.30

There being no further business the chairman thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 9:10pm