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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN MOTOR CLUBS
19th Jan 2016**

Held at the Lion and Lamb, Great Canfield

The meeting commenced at 20.00

Attendance

Members

13 were present representing 10 clubs as follows

Gary Nicholls	Chairman / Chelmsford MC
Stanley Graham	Vice Chairman / Wickford AC
Tony Clements	MSA Reg.Cttee. Rep./ Chelmsford MC
Paul Barrett	Rally Chshp. Co-ord /Chelmsford MC
Chris Deal	Sprint Chshp. Co-ord / Green Belt MC
Tony Michael	Web /Chelmsford MC
Alan Barnard	West Essex MC
Mike Biss	CSMA
Neil MacDonald	BMW Car Club
Mark Banham	Kings Lynn &DMC
Keith Pettitt	West Suffolk MC
Geoff Hodge	Falcon MC
Brian Hemmings	Secretary / Anglia Motor Sport Club

Visitors

Matt Endean MSA Rally/ Auto Cross Committee

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Matt Endean to the meeting

Apologies

Apologies were received from;- Stuart Kingham (Treasurer – Wickford AC), Loyd Gerken (Technical -Green Belt), John White (Autocross Coord., -Green Belt), Sarah White (HCAC Co-ord), Melanie Camp (Green Belt), Noreen Ward (BARC Midlands), Martin Newson (SCCoN), Richard Wakeling (Mini Cross Drivers), John and Christine Sharp (Boro 19), Tony Burchnell (ECMC).

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 20th Oct 2015 were reviewed and unanimously agreed having been proposed by Chelmsford MC (Tony Clements) and seconded by Wickford AC (Stanley Graham).

There were no matters directly arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Chairman's Report

The chairman offered congratulations to Anglia Motor Sport Club for being awarded 3rd place in the MSA 2015 Club of the Year competition.

He also commented on the success of the recent "interclub" 20 20 rally run by the club, citing both examples as evidence of the continuing success in growing successful club level motor sport in the region with cross club working and co-operation as a basis.

In response AMSC expressed thanks for the comments and indicated that as a consequence of the success of the 20 20 it had been agreed to plan a similar event for 2017.

Treasurers Report

In his absence the treasurer had supplied a summary report as follows.

The Association cash accounts currently stand at a total of £10,354.

There are however payments in progress associated with the 2015 Stage Rally Championship which will when finalised will result in an account of £9609.

Renewed Association membership currently stands at 17 clubs. Notification has been received from one club who will not be renewing as they have disbanded.

It is anticipated that all other clubs will renew.

Those clubs who have not yet renewed were urged to do so at the first convenient time. If there are any queries or the invoice has gone astray can they please contact the treasurer or secretary.

Secretary's report

Correspondence has been received as follows:-

Copies of minutes and notices from other associations.

Monthly newsletters from Sevenoaks & DMC and ACU Eastern Centre.

Requests to distribute notifications / regulations for associated club events.

Applications for membership:-

There have been no requests for membership.

Autocross Report

The Autocross coordinator had provided a brief report in his absence as follows.

Regulations for the Autocross Championship have been completed and are in the process of final ratification prior to submission to the MSA.

The series comprises 4 double header events giving a total of 8 rounds with the first round planned for July.

An observation was made from the meeting for awareness that a revised timing for submission of championship requests is in place for 2106.

Sarah White has also indicated that she wishes to resign from her role as HCAC (Home Counties Autocross Championship) coordinator with effect from the 2017 season. It was suggested that as the association AGM is due in April the task of appointing a replacement should be tackled then.

Stage Rally Championship

A report was provided on the 2015 Jelf Motorsport AEMC Stage Rally Championship.

This was completed successfully at the Rockingham event in Dec.. No problems or issues were raised with the results when published and Roland Brown and Terry Luckings were awarded First place overall with David Smalley and Robert Ginn coming in second place.

The presentation of awards will take place at a joint awards event with ASEM. This is being held at the Brands Hatch Place Hotel on 18th Feb. 2016

The MSA Registration for the 2016 championship which is once again being sponsored by Jelf Motorsport is in place.

The championship commences with the CMC Brands event at the end of Jan. which will be followed by a further 10 qualifying rounds.

New for 2016 will be an online registration process for championship contenders.

Sprint Championship

The presentation of the 2015 AEMC Sprint Championship Awards was confirmed as being at the same event as the Stage Rally awards at the Brands Hatch Place Hotel.

The funding arrangements for the event were queried for information. The current assumption is that the AEMC portion of the costing will be funded effectively through the Sprint Championship at a similar cost to previous years. This to be confirmed with AEMC. ACTION PB / CD

The regulations for the 2016 Championship have been submitted to the MSA and registration is awaited. Once again the championship will be sponsored by Essex Extreme Ltd. The number of rounds is reduced slightly to 16 for 2016. This is largely a consequence of difficulties in agreeing acceptable dates at North Weald which has resulted in a reduction in the number of rounds there. On line registration will also be in place for this championship.

MSA Rallies Committee Update

Matt Endean indicated that there had been no recent meeting and therefore no new information to report.

He indicated that the roll out of the Rally Future programme had continued with the marshals on line accreditation scheme having been very recently launched.

A comment was made from the meeting that it had become apparent that there was a Rally Forum being held in the West Midlands. As the original understanding was that these would be held with the support of all regions and as there had been no contact to date it was asked if the situation in respect of involvement from the region could be determined.

MSA Regional Committee

There had been no further meetings and therefore no additional information to disseminate.

Go Motorsport

It was announced that a new RDO had been appointed to cover the East Midlands which includes much of the AEMC region. Tania Brown took up the role earlier this month and had indicated that she would seek to attend the next AEMC meeting. Richard Eggar is continuing to be involved but is now concentrating on a reduced scope of activities.

Clubs were reminded that the series of seminars for club officials starts at the end of this month. All clubs were urged to make the most of the opportunity by registering representatives to their local event. The most local sessions for the region are 7th Feb in Kent and 20th Feb at Peterborough

Rally marshals were reminded that they would need to ensure their registration was valid for 2016. A number of individuals had registered late in 2015 in order to become aligned with the Rally Future initiative. It was highlighted that if the registration had been processed in 2015 and a registration card showing that year issued it is necessary to apply for a 2016 renewal. It was highlighted that this can be done through a very quick and simple "on line" process.

An approach that is being recommended through the Go Motorsport organisation is for clubs / associations to attend suitable local community shows e.g. agricultural shows. An initial discussion at the meeting couldn't identify any suitable events in the region. Clubs were asked to look for opportunities and to make contact with an RDO to progress planning if any are identified. BMW Car Club identified that their annual show normally held in August would be a strong candidate. This to be followed up.

Training

The arrangements for the Rally marshals Training Day on the 6th Feb. were reported as being in place. To date 68 marshals have registered to attend.

Clubs were urged to check that they didn't have members who would wish to attend as additional numbers could be accommodated following an extension in the facilities to provide more capacity.

Communications

Stanley Graham reported due to other pressures progress had been limited indicating that hopefully an initial report would be available prior to the next meeting.

Web site

Development of the web site is continuing to make progress. Tony as webmaster was congratulated on the "look and feel" of the site which is continuing to evolve.

A query was raised as to the level of risk of data being "stolen" or modified maliciously. It was indicated that as with all information processes there is some risk but actions are in place to minimise this. There is no really sensitive information held on the site and therefore it is considered that the situation is acceptable.

2016 Events Calendar

The 2016 events calendar has been maintained and updated on the AEMC website and therefore represents a listing of events in the region through the year.

However it was explained that maintaining an accurate file of information that is coming from multiple sources and is subject to change can be challenging. A request was therefore made for all clubs with events to check the calendar on the website to ensure that it accurately reflects their latest information. If there are any events missing or entered incorrectly or with incorrect dates or details it would be greatly appreciated if the clubs could highlight the errors to the webmaster or secretary in order that they can be corrected.

Promotional Event 2016

A meeting is scheduled to be held with the venue manager at Snetterton in early Feb. to progress the potential of staging another Go Motorsport Live East event later this year. It was reported that conversations have already taken place and have been very positive. The current task is to find a date that would be effective and mutually acceptable to all the parties that would be involved.

Any other Business

No topics were raised.

Next Meeting

The next Delegates meeting will be on the **26th April. 2016** at the Lion and Lamb,
Great Canfield, CM6 1SR

Please note this meeting will be preceded by the AGM

There being no further business the chairman thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.